

Dear Friends:

As the Hallsville ISD Education Foundation begins its sixth year of operation, it is vital that we not forget the reason for our existence. Before the creation of the Foundation, it had become evident that in our state's conservative economy, most Texas school districts no longer had discretionary funds for services and activities that exceeded minimum needs and requirements. The situation called for finding new resources to assist in building and increasing excellence. A plan was needed to provide funding to support programs and activities that are beyond the budgetary means of the school district. A group of dedicated individuals embraced the same belief that Michaelangelo expressed so long ago--"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but rather that it is too low and we reach it." The decision was made that HISD students would never suffer from a lowering of expectations due to budget constraints. We moved forward and created the HISD Education Foundation!

A group of thirty people in our community accepted the responsibility of serving on the first Board of Directors. Longview Bridge & Road immediately pledged \$15,000, becoming our largest founding donor. (Six years later, they still remain our largest donor.) Other businesses and citizens of our community stepped forward with pledges and we were on our way.

What have we done along the way?

- *Awarded over \$70,000 in grants to classrooms*
- *Solicited equipment/materials from outside entities for classrooms*
- *Developed an Alumni Organization who revived the Distinguished Alumni Award and began the annual All-Class Reunion*
- *Constructed a Brick Plaza at the entrance to the High School as a fundraiser and as a way to honor alumni and friends*
- *Began an investment program which has been resulted in the Foundation having a balance of over \$ 118,000.00 with Edward Jones---money to be used for our kids.*
- *Established an annual golf tournament that not only brings in money for innovative classroom grants, but also serves to publicize the Foundation and its purpose*

It is our obligation to serve as prophets by looking into the future to see the world of tomorrow into which our children of today must fit, and then to be sure we open the doors needed for them to be able to fit successfully into the future. We can't simply wait and hope opportunity will knock for our students; but instead, we must commit to building doors ourselves.

After all our students today are our leaders of tomorrow!



Neta Craig

*"One Hundred Years From Now...
It won't matter what kind of car I drove,
What kind of house I lived in,
Nor how much money I had,
But the world may be a better place because I was
important in the life of a child." - Author Unknown*

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SHOWS BOBCAT PRIDE

The HISD Alumni Association hosted the Annual All-Class Reunion in September, preceding the Homecoming football game. Dinner was served to over two hundred guests.

Distinguished Alumni Danny Manuel and Brian Bunt were recognized. Both men spoke, and Mr. Manuel provided musical entertainment for the event.

Last year, there were 8,000 alumni in our data-base; this year there are almost 15,000.

Alumni are what has made our school the most coveted in East Texas. The huge building boom we are experiencing is more evidence that parents want their

children in this school district. It is truly important that our alumni stay connected to our school.

All alumni are encouraged to share thoughts and suggestions and to keep us informed of class reunions and other happenings. It is our job, as Alumni, to energize and re-energize our existing and future alumni. The Alumni Association should be the center around which all alumni activities revolve.

This organization is the framework on which all graduates can hang their hats, through membership and involvement.

Please keep us informed of class reunions and other happenings.

Getting involved is one of the easiest ways to give back to a place that helped form who you are today! *Let's Continue the Tradition!*



Distinguished Alumni Recognized at Homecoming Reunion

Two Hallsville graduates, Danny Manuel, Class of 1965, and Brian Bunt, Class of 1982, were named Distinguished Alumni of HHS. They were honored in September at the All-Class Homecoming Reunion and during half-time ceremonies of the Homecoming football game.

Danny Manuel served as band president and interim band director as a senior at HHS. Danny also served as song leader and youth director at the Hallsville Church of Christ while a sophomore at HHS. He attended Kilgore Jr. College, Tyler Jr. College, and Northwest State University. He has served as minister at Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine for 35 years. He is the host and moderator for the "Give Me the Bible" TV program, as well as, the "Good News for Today" program. He is a published author.

Brian Bunt attended Kilgore College, Texas A & M, and Baylor University School of Law. Brian is an attorney and senior partner of Bunt and Wright, PLLC in Longview. He is a certified mediator, and his Court Licenses include Federal District Courts for Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of Texas, and U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Brian is also president of Strong Tower Music Group of Fortress Production, Inc. He serves as a Deacon at Mobberly Baptist Church and Chairman of the Mayor's Committee of Higher Education, along with serving as Texas A & M University Political Science Department Advisory Board Chairman.

Fifth Annual Golf Tournament June 6, 2007

We thank our sponsors, our donors, and our players who helped us to raise money "fore" the students of Hallsville Schools. The Education Foundation's fifth annual golf tournament was a huge success. Held at Wood Hollow Golf Club, the event—which included a golf tournament, awards presentation, and door prizes—raised funds for future operating expenses. Area businesses supported the tournament through hole sponsorships and door prize donations.

Drinks compliments of The Made-Rite Company/Dr. Pepper and donuts compliments of Classic Donuts.

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Flight 1-1st Place: Keith Honey, Gilbert Moreno, Jay Dean, Kevin Walker; **2nd Place:** Donnie Golden, J. Criss, Chuck Bridges, Brandon Goswick; **3rd Place:** Roger Adams, Bobby Chadwick, Ben Hardin, Billy Wyatt

2nd Flight-1st Place: Ted Estep, Gary Lovelace, Mike Tucker, John Crane; **2nd Place:** David Plunk, Rodney Barthelemess, Mike Smith, Mike Burks; **3rd Place:** Joey Bice, Lee Atkins, Jr., Lee Atkins, Sr., J. Cox

Closest to the Pin—Kevin Walker
Longest Drive—Travis Chrietberg

**In April, 2007, the Hallsville ISD Education Foundation awarded
\$15,370.30 for 5 grants , impacting 3,605 students.**

Grants Awarded

“The Classroom for the 21st Century”- \$1,799.00

The purpose of Interactive Response System purchased is to have a fast, fun interactive method to assess the learning of students. Through the provided handheld device and software, the teacher instantly knows the level of understanding of every student in the classroom. Students who may not venture an answer orally will enter their answer using this technology.

Grant Impact: 256 Students Campus: Intermediate

“Write Right Away” - \$3,000.00

The Mobilepresenter involves all students in the lesson. Individual students or groups of students can solve problems or set forth ideas on the handheld instruments which then projects the ideas or solutions to the large board at the front of the room. This allows everyone’s ideas to be visible at once for discussion.

Grant Impact: 600 Students Campus: Hallsville Junior High

“One Size Really DOES Fit All”- Differentiation Stations”- \$869.00

This grant establishes work stations to allow students to use multiple approaches to problem solving/reading, thus becoming more independent workers and thinkers

Grant Impact: 44 Students Campus: Intermediate

“Earobics Literacy Launch” - \$4,755.00

This is a computer program which automatically adjusts the level of instruction to each individual student’s skill level and progress pace. It features a home-to-school connection website which gives parents access to interactive games to play with their children which are based on the skills being taught in the classroom. Skills are based on the five critical components of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Grant Impact: 300 Students Campus: Elementary

“Teens Playaway with Literature”- \$4,947.30

The purpose is to reconnect teens with literature in a new teen-friendly format for the purpose of improving reading skills, fluency, and exposing teens to classic and contemporary literature. The literature is contained inside a device much like an IPOD or MP3 and is worn around the neck. Students can listen to the material while traveling, at home, waiting in line, etc.

Grant Impact: 2405 Students Campus: Junior High & High School

Mission Statement

The Hallsville ISD Education Foundation will generate and distribute resources to the Hallsville Independent School District for programs and projects that enhance the quality of education and provide students with opportunities to become contributing citizens.

**Hallsville ISD Education Foundation
2007 Net Worth Statement**

Income

Beginning Balance, 1-1-07 \$32,067.51

Revenues

Donations/Fundraisers \$35,330.41

Interest Income 305.10

Total Revenues \$35,635.51

Expenses

Operating Expenses \$ 2,760.31

Fundraiser Expenses 4,122.69

Grants 15,370.30

Endowment Investments 13,500.00

Total Expenses \$ 35,753.30

Ending Balance: **\$31,949.72**

Assets

Edward Jones Endowment Fund, 12-31-07 \$118,918.47

Foundation Checking, 12-31-07 31,949.72

Alumni Checking, 12-31-07 354.87

Total Assets \$151,223.06

Liabilities

Total Liabilities \$ 0.00

Net Worth \$151,223.06

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- works to increase private support for education activities in Hallsville ISD.
- benefits Hallsville ISD students and staff personnel by supporting activities not funded by tax dollars.
- fosters creative approaches to education.
- awards Foundation funds through a volunteer Board of Directors made up of business, community, and education leaders.

