



DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2025

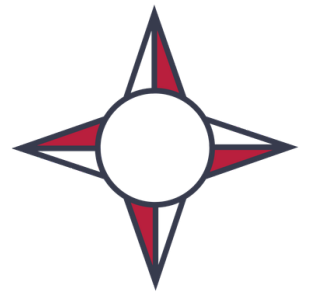
# ANNUAL REPORT



*The DCG Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization committed to supporting DCG students in their pursuit of higher education through financial scholarships generated in partnership with community philanthropic and fundraising initiatives.*

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



As I reflect on the past 10 years since the DCG Education Foundation was formed, I'm reminded what a group of committed, community members can do when they share a common purpose.

Through the initial donation from the Burnett Family Trust, a small group of leaders from each community worked together to create the framework of what is now the DCG Education Foundation. The vision of that original group continues today through the efforts of many volunteers, both at the board and committee level. That vision is to provide our DCG students with financial support as they embark on the next chapter in their lives, whether that is learning a skilled trade, attending a community college, or a university.

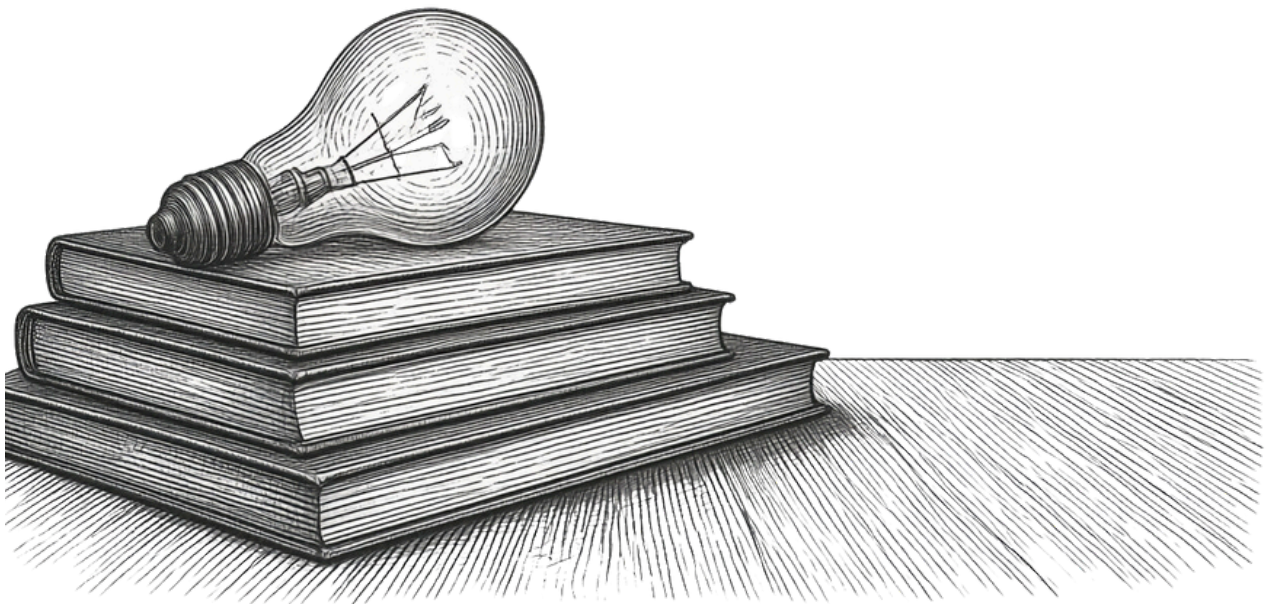
In 2025, 10 years since the Foundation was formed, we have awarded over 1100 scholarships totaling just shy of \$1.4 million! This is an amazing testimony to the generous and supportive community that is Dallas Center and Grimes.

Our scholarship strategy is simple, we want to provide as many opportunities as we can for DCG students to pursue their dreams. To achieve this strategy, it takes people willing to donate their time and resources, with the goal to pay forward to the next generation.

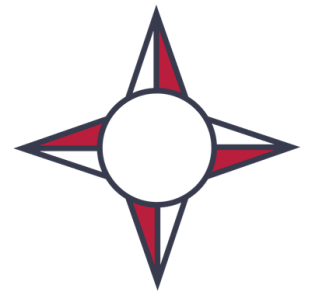
Our annual report provides a glimpse at the impact this Foundation is having in our community and for our kids. For all who've been involved in our efforts, we say THANK YOU! If you're just learning about us, we'd love to have you join us - as we have more and more opportunities to impact the future!

*Lori Thomas*

Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation  
Board President



# SCHOLARSHIPS



At the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation, we believe every student deserves the opportunity to pursue their dreams—whether that means attending a university, community college, or trade school. Through a strategic, community-driven approach, we fund scholarships that ease the financial burden for DCG graduates.

Our scholarship program is powered by local businesses, dedicated sponsors, and passionate community members who come

together to make higher education accessible. Our balanced funding approach includes:

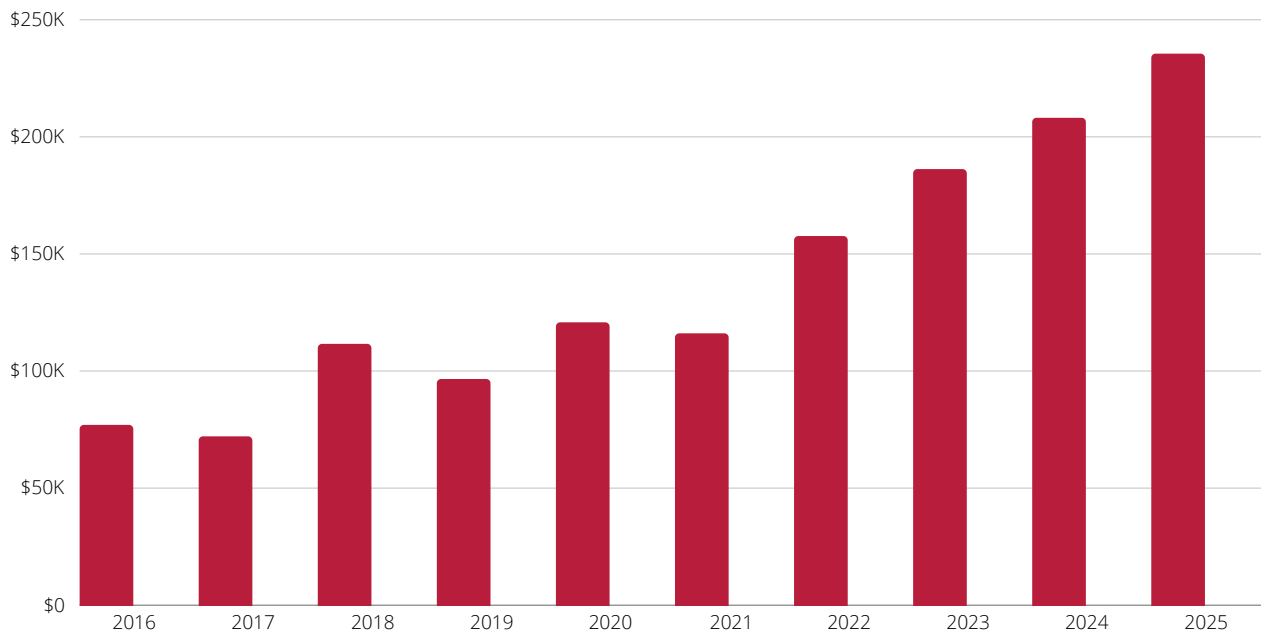
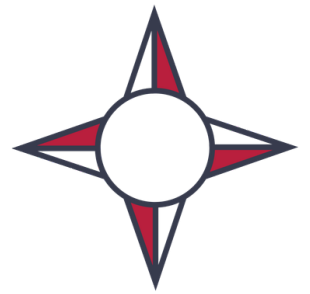
- Business & Organization Sponsored Scholarships
- Foundation-Managed Scholarships
- Community & Fundraising events

Learn more about our strategic approach that allows us to grow the number and value of scholarships awarded each year on our website:

[www.dcgeducationfoundation.org/scholarship-strategy](http://www.dcgeducationfoundation.org/scholarship-strategy)

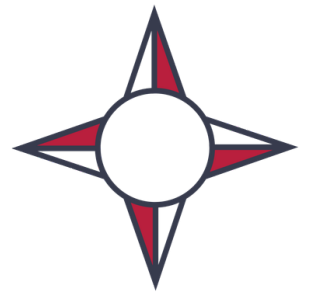


# SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY



| Year | Dollars   | Scholarships | Donors |
|------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| 2016 | \$77,000  | 59           | 17     |
| 2017 | \$72,100  | 70           | 24     |
| 2018 | \$111,600 | 109          | 37     |
| 2019 | \$96,600  | 99           | 41     |
| 2020 | \$120,800 | 101          | 48     |
| 2021 | \$116,100 | 120          | 45     |
| 2022 | \$157,650 | 125          | 51     |
| 2023 | \$186,250 | 124          | 47     |
| 2024 | \$208,150 | 128          | 47     |
| 2025 | \$235,550 | 168          | 49     |

# TESTIMONIALS





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TESTIMONIAL

“Thank you DCG Education Foundation for the generosity of your scholarship. This will help tremendously in relieving some of the financial burden that comes with college. This scholarship will allow me to experience college to its fullest while pursuing my majors and playing soccer. Thank you again!”

**MIGUEL RANFELD**  
DCG CLASS OF 2025





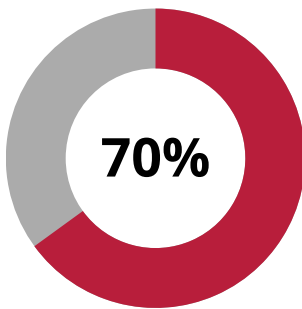
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TESTIMONIAL

Thank you so much for awarding me this generous scholarship. As an incoming college student majoring in Environmental Studies and a member of the track team, I'm incredibly excited for the journey ahead this fall. Your support will definitely help me pursue my academic and athletic goals with greater focus and less financial stress. I truly appreciate your investment in my future.

**MADALYN SCHMITZ**  
DCG CLASS OF 2025



## DID YOU KNOW?



By 2027, it's projected that 70% of U.S. jobs will require education or training beyond high school.

-Unlocking Career Success, U.S. Departments of Education, Labor and Commerce, 2023



The average debt of 2023 college graduates is \$29,300

-SoFi, 2025

Studies continue to show the #1 reason college students leave school is financially based. While the cost for college education continues to rise, the scholarships provided by DCGEF and our communities can work to address these rising costs and allow more of our local students to pursue their post-secondary learning journeys.

# SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERS IN 2025



Thank you to these important sponsors and partners to the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation. Without their generous contributions we would not be able to provide the support and positive impact to so many individuals.

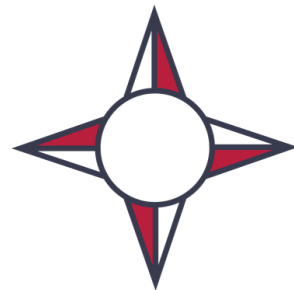
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Adam Dreezen Memorial  
Andrea Sabus State Farm Agency  
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Bill Ellerman Family  
Brian J. Soukup Memorial  
Burnett Memorial  
Celebrating Unsung Heroes: Ann Rolow  
Charter Bank  
City State Bank  
CleanWorks Autowash  
Dallas Center Rotary  
Dallas Center-Grimes Education Association  
Dave Crawford Real Estate  
DCG Baseball Club  
DCG Education Foundation  
DCG Softball Club  
DCG Track & Field Club  
Friends of Fine Arts  
Girl Scout Troup 463  
Glen Brewer Memorial  
Golden Rule PHCE  
Grimes Chamber & Economic Development  
Grimes Hy-Vee  
Grimes Lions Club

Grimes Plaza Veterinary Clinic  
Inspiring Dance  
Jacob Nockels Memorial  
Jessica Kramer Cancer Foundation  
John Thomas Memorial  
Kelly B. Memorial  
Kid Station at Heritage  
Kids Korner  
Kramer Wealth Advisory  
Luke Sigler Memorial  
Mann Orthodontics  
North Ridge School Age Child Care  
Paul & Eleanor Little  
Pink Couch Wellness  
Premier Insurance Group  
Raccoon Valley Bank  
Ron and Jodean Rosenberg  
Seidl Services  
Shaffer's Auto Body  
Shindler, Anderson, Goplerud & Weese, P.C.  
Steve Keller Memorial  
Support Overcomes Stigma  
The Overcomer Award - Kacy Webster  
VisionBank

*Thank you!*



# EVENTS



Annually, the DCG Education Foundation hosts RED (Raising Education Dollars) events designed to provide the local community opportunities to support the foundation's mission.



## RED DINNER AND AUCTION

The annual formal dinner and auction is designed to engage the community by providing an opportunity to socialize, enjoy great food, bid on unique and compelling auction items, and have an entertaining and enjoyable evening experience.

In 2025, through the amazing support of the Dallas Center and Grimes communities, the annual RED Dinner & Auction, raised \$81,000 toward DCG student scholarships!

This event is scheduled directly ahead of the holidays and provides a great opportunity to socialize with friends, work on your holiday shopping list, and invest in the future of the students of the DC-G School district.

A special thank you goes to our sponsors and partners supporting our annual fundraising effort.

## RED DINNER AND AUCTION SPONSORS

<https://www.dcgeducationfoundation.org/2025-red-event-recap>

## OTHER EVENTS

- Grimes Governors Days Run - June
- Dallas Center Fall Festival Run - August

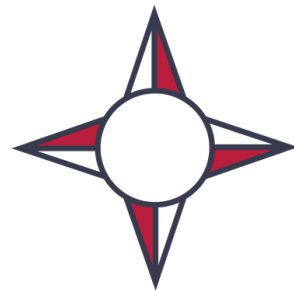


## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

- Attend the dinner and auction — bring a group of friends
- Donate an item from your business or personally
- Volunteer
- Make a direct donation
- Email:

[dcgeducationfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:dcgeducationfoundation@gmail.com)

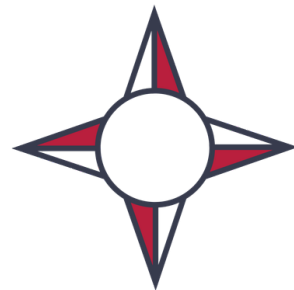
# FINANCIAL SUMMARY



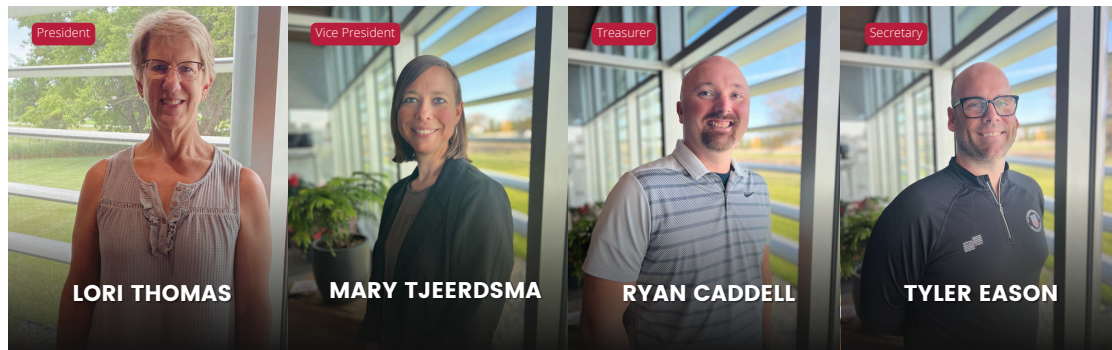
| Public Support & Revenue  | 2024    | 2025    |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Scholarship Contributions | 165,940 | 148,309 |
| Fundraising Income        | 61,139  | 24,750  |
| Grants                    | 5,000   | 5,000   |
| Investment Income/Loss    | 55,397  | 60,245  |
| Total                     | 287,476 | 238,304 |

| Program Services & Expenses  | 2024    | 2025    |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Scholarships                 | 208,150 | 235,550 |
| Management & General Expense | 8,564   | 9,137   |
| Fundraising Expense          | 17,300  | 18,241  |
| Total                        | 234,014 | 262,928 |

# THANK YOU



## 2025 BOARD OFFICERS



## 2025 BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE



(Not Pictured) Dr. Scott Blum, DC-G Superintendent – School Representative

## 2025 COMMITTEE LEADS

### Finance

Chris Watkins  
Ryan Caddell

### Marketing

Tiffany Hamil

### Scholarships & Grants

Jeanine Voelker

### Events & Fundraising

Becky Bonefas

Along with these valuable committee leaders, we have numerous community members that volunteer their time and talents - contributing to the success of all communications, events and activities.

We would not be able to fulfill our mission without these volunteers from our community. Please consider sharing your time and talents with DCGEF. [dcgeducationfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:dcgeducationfoundation@gmail.com).

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