Congratulations Class of 2019!

On June 20 the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund held a special graduation party. This party was in honor of the NOSF Class of 2019. This class of graduates consisted of 100 eighth grade students who are graduating from the program this year and going on to high school. The party was held in the Ward Pavilion at Wildwood Metro Park in Toledo.

The class of 2019 is NOSF’s 19th eighth grade class to graduate since the program began. This class of scholarship students received a total of $359,000 in scholarships. There are 16 children who have been in the program since kindergarten including Emerson Glanz who was pictured on the event invitation and billboard.

Also invited to the party were the NOSF Board of Trustees including Chair Dick LaValley who acknowledged and congratulated the parents of the graduates for their commitment to education. Ann Riddle encouraged the graduates to stay in touch and keep NOSF updated on their progress. She said it is great to be able to share that information with those individuals who support the program.

Ms. Riddle concluded the program by inviting the guests to support NOSF with a 20 for 20 gift. This year NOSF is asking graduates, current parents and friends of NOSF to make a gift of $20 in honor of NOSF’s 20 years of awarding scholarships.

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund wishes all of its graduates the Best of Luck as they continue on their educational journey.
Friends and Families Had a Ball at This Year’s Raise the Cap

The 7th annual Raise the Cap event hit it out of the park. The event netted over $40,000 for scholarships thanks to many event sponsors including Grand Slam Sponsors: The Aurora Group at Morgan Stanley, Harms Realty, LLC., and LaValley LaValley Todak & Schaefer; Home Run Sponsor: Checker Distributors; Triple Sponsors: Cardinal Services, Christ the King School, Virgil and Pam Crots, Toledo Area Parent News, Howard Hanna Real Estate Tom and Nancy Kabat, Projects Designed & Built, Johanna and Philip McWeeny, Mitchell Family Foundation, First Insurance Group/First Federal Bank, RL West, Ursuline Sisters of Toledo, St. John’s Jesuit High School & Academy, Joe and Kim Sofo, Arrow Print & Copy and St. Ursula Academy.

There were a number of Double Sponsors that provided a fun evening for a scholarship family with their sponsorship. They included: Anne Marie and Tom Blank, Brieschke’s Bakery, Crown Family Fund, Dick and Kathy Faist, Anthony Gallagher, HART, St. Joan of Arc, Rehmann, Sandra Hylant, Niehaus Kalas Hinshaw LTD, Toledo Lucas County Public Library, The Blade, West Side Montessori, ESD, Regina Coeli Parish and Phil and Barb Weaver.

The event started in The Roost with an All-American buffet dinner and a chance to get your picture taken with Muddy and Muddonna at the photo booth. Following dinner, guests found their reserved seats and enjoyed the game. It was a perfect night for a baseball game and raising money for scholarships.

NOSF Goes to the State House

NOSF parent Hilary Largent and Ann Riddle traveled to the State House in Columbus this past May to speak to the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education regarding 8th grade eligibility for EdChoice. Every year, the Ohio Department of Education identifies public schools whose students are eligible to receive EdChoice scholarships to attend qualifying private schools (chartered nonpublic schools).

Unfortunately, that did not include 8th grade students graduating from private schools. Ms. Largent shared with the subcommittee her challenges to provide the best education for her daughter. She noted that if she wanted her daughter to qualify for an EdChoice Voucher, she would have to send her to her designated public high school for a year.

Largent’s daughter Laila, has attended Regina Coeli School since kindergarten with a Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund scholarship and graduated in June. As a single mother, it has been a struggle for Ms. Largent to send her daughter to the school. She also attended Regina Coeli and wanted her daughter to be able to go there. Laila is planning on attending Central Catholic High School in the fall. Ms. Largent knows it will be a major draw on the family budget but she is willing to make the sacrifice.

On June 3, 2019, the Ohio Department of Education notified the EdChoice Providers (participating private schools) that nonpublic school students who completed grades 8, 9, 10, or 11 would be eligible to apply for an EdChoice Scholarship for 9, 10, 11 and 12 so Laila would be eligible.
Graduates Making an Impact

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You can go to https://tinyurl.com/NOSFALUMNI

NOSF Welcomes Two New Board Members

Earlier this year Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund welcomed Jan Tidd and Catherine Carroll to the Board. Jan Tidd is the owner of Arrow Print & Copy and has been a long-time volunteer with the annual Raise the Cap fundraiser. Catherine Carroll is an educator and counselor and currently serves on the United Way Women's Initiative, Compass Addiction Services, and Zepf Mental Health and Addiction Services. NOSF Governance Chair Rita Martin said of these new members, “We are delighted to have these two women join the Board. They both have many great qualities and are wonderful additions to the board.”

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Congratulation 2019 Graduates!

Natalie Frost graduated from Maumee Valley Country Day School. She will be studying Psychology on a Pre-Health track at Flagler College in Florida. She hopes to be a psychiatrist. She has a strong interest in musical theater, the backstage tech part. With the intensive program at Maumee Valley, she had the opportunity to do two independent studies merging the two interests. She was a cheerleader for varsity basketball for four years, played tennis her freshman year, and played lacrosse for her senior year.

Audrey Gawrych graduated from Emmanuel Christian School. She graduated high school with 15 college credit hours through The University of Toledo and Owens Community College. She plans to attend Owens this fall, majoring in Nutrition.

Justice McDonald graduated from Springfield High School this spring. Ms. McDonald will be attending the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona and majoring in Pre-Law with a minor in Elementary Education. She has decided to go into law because she has always had a passion for helping others in their time of need. She participated in the Miami University Summer Scholars Program where she earned six college credits toward her major. After college, she hopes to go on to law school and eventually open her own practice while helping and serving others along the way.
Night at Imagination Station

Thanks to the generosity of Yarder Manufacturing, who purchased the auction item at the 2018 On Track for Education: A Night on the Polar Express, students from NOSF and HOPE Learning Academy were able to have an exclusive evening at Toledo’s own science museum Imagination Station on April 11. Over 300 parents and children visited the museum for free for an evening. They could visit all the exhibits, eat pizza in the cafeteria and watch a live interactive demonstration of Combustion.

Alumni Networking Event at Patron Saint

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund hosted its first alumni networking event on Thursday, March 28 at Patron Saints Brewery. It was a good opportunity to meet other graduates and enjoy a local brewery. Thank you to NOSF alumni Kristine Below and Mylicia Rangel for their assistance in organizing the event. Be sure to watch for an alumni service event in the fall.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 8 for this year’s On Track for Education: A Night on the Polar Express event. This festive holiday event raises money for the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund and HOPE Learning Academy. Visit www.Ontrackforeducation.org for more information.