

Waterford Foundation Points of Pride

- Awarded \$14,375 grant funding from the Waterford Foundation and Mary Lou Simmons Legacy Endowment for the Sweet Reads Summer Bookmobile program. The Sweet Reads Bookmobile provided endless opportunities for children to reach throughout the summer to lessen summer reading loss.
- In 2019, awarded 117 classroom, school, and district-wide grants in the amount of \$71,820 to support innovative and creative instructional ideas and programs.
- In 2019, awarded eight (7) Don & Margie Arsen Early childhood Grants in the amount of \$3,685 to support early childhood programs.
- Awarded seven (7) education scholarships to high school students in the amount of \$12,000. The Al Dittrich, Edward J. Kuhn, Dale Martin, and Marcus Marcero scholarships are funded through private donations.
- Waterford Kettering and Mott graduating high school seniors, 25 from each school, were honored by the Waterford Foundation's Select Fifty recognition program. Students are selected based on their academic achievements, leadership, and citizenship.
- Each semester, Waterford Durant High School students were honored with a luncheon for significant improvements made in their academic standing.
- Margie and Don Arsen were recognized at the Waterford Foundation's Annual Golf Outing for their many years of volunteerism, involvement with community organizations and boards, and for their personal contributions. Both have made a significant impact on teaching and learning and have touched the lives of countless students.
- Kettering High School Teacher Monica Bandlow was selected as the 2018 Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year. Waterford Teacher of the Year is sponsored by the Waterford Foundation and Suburban Ford. Bandlow received free use of a vehicle of her choice from Suburban Ford for two years and was honored, along with other nominees, at the Excellence in Education reception.
- Mary Lou Simmons, long time Waterford educator and principal, bequeathed over \$500,000 to the Waterford Foundation. A Mary Lou Simmons Legacy Endowment in the amount of \$250,000 was created and earmarked for literacy and arts enrichment for Waterford School District students. \$20,000 to \$25,000 will be awarded annually for district wide programming for students. The remaining \$250,000 assisted in the development of the Mary Lou Simmons Waterford Promise, which will provide funding for post-secondary education to Waterford School District students.
- The Waterford Foundation, through the Mary Lou Simmons Performing Arts Experience, brought Dave Bennett, a clarinet virtuoso, to the high schools to facilitate a musical workshop for students.