



THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE ANNOUNCED AT THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL

Welcome to our Newsletter

Included in this issue are articles about our activities so far this year. We have also included some hyperlinks to access some web based information – just highlight the link while holding down the control key and then click on the link. You are also invited to visit our [web page](#) or [Facebook](#) page.

You are cordially invited to attend any board or committee meeting to be more involved with our activities. Just drop us an email to let us know you plan to attend. Our next scheduled Board Meeting is 1:00PM Monday, September 21, 2015. An Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for 1:00PM Monday, August 17, 2015. Our meetings are at the school in the principal's conference room.

Garinger's New Principal

Mike Drye has moved to Hawk Ridge Elementary as Principal.

As of July 1, Garinger's new Principal is Dr. Kelly Gwaltney.



Kelly was previously the chief school performance officer for CMS. As part of the Beacon Initiative, Kelly will spend a week at the University of Virginia in July to begin coming up with two-year goals for Garinger based on student achievement and school culture.

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Congratulations to last year's scholarship recipients.

The twelve 2014 scholarship recipients applying for grants for their second year completed their first year with a 3.34 GPA.

The program will also help to determine what data to use to track progress and to develop a 90-day plan to begin accomplishing these goals.

Kelly has an extensive history as a teacher and a principal. She served as principal at Mallard Creek High before moving into administrative roles and was the Gaston County Schools principal of the year in 2006. She has also served as a zone superintendent and chief human resources officer for CMS.

Teacher Initiatives

The Foundation has raised \$2,500 in restricted funds to help with teacher appreciation events and initiatives including a breakfast, luncheon and several other items to recognize teachers. The Foundation had 18 pavers engraved for the walkway to the Vietnam Memorial to recognize teachers and staff members with over ten years of service.

Scholarships

On May 18, at the Garinger Honors and Awards Program, the Foundation awarded 15 \$2,500 scholarships to members of the Class of 2015. Each recipient was presented with a KIA bracelet with the name of the fallen classmate the scholarship honored engraved along with the name of the recipient. We will be posting photos from Honors and Awards Day on our web site and additional information about the recipients.



Hamp Hager and Ron Tucker present a scholarship certificate to Brianna Geddis

Of the 15 recipients from 2014 we have 12 that will be applying for a \$2,500 scholarship for their sophomore year. Their GPA's averaged 3.34 and two were 4.0. We believe the mentoring program led by Jane Suitt (Class of 1964) was very helpful to these recipients. We are proud of the scholastic achievements of these 2014 recipients.

Scholarship Funds

The Foundation has fully funded this year's scholarships. There is approximately \$15,000 in unrestricted funds currently on hand towards the scholarship needs for 2016.

Glenn Cook Memorial Service and Paver Recognition.

Larry Walker and Don Thompson, members of the Foundation's Memorial Committee, organized a Foundation memorial service for Glenn Cook, a KIA from the Class of 1963 on May 31. You can view video about the memorial service on May 31 on [wbtv](#).



Glenn Cook Memorial Service

The Foundation also hosted Glenn's sister, Jan Cook Bradley (Class of 1967) on May 30 to install the Glenn Cook paver on the Memorial Pathway. Jan was also presented with a memorial paver and a KIA bracelet. You can read about the May 30 event in the Charlotte [Observer](#).

Vietnam Memorial Pathway and Plantings and KIA activities

The Foundation has constructed a pathway from the school's front entrance to the memorial with a circular pathway around the memorial with decorative plantings. A bench wall sufficient to hold a class at the memorial is included. The Foundation has engraved a number of pavers on the pathway to recognize the school's long history and also pavers for the 19 principals that have served the school since 1909. You can view a video about the [pathway](#) on the web.

For anyone interested in ordering a paver, a paver order form is available on our website.

Graduation Pledge Campaign

The Foundation has raised \$5,500 in restricted funds in order to fund a student pledge campaign. Each student participant will sign an unconditional pledge agreeing to finish high school no matter how hard the obstacles. Each participating student will receive a pledge bracelet and be eligible for several awards for participating. This campaign is scheduled to begin in September 2015.

Building 200 and 300 Gardens

The Foundation has raised \$1,500 in restricted funds towards improving the interior gardens and other planting areas. Plans are being made to add student seating in the interior gardens to provide teaching opportunities for classes in the gardens.

Baseball Field and Facilities

Several individuals from The Foundation have helped upgrade the baseball facilities and equipment this year. Additionally, funds were raised to help support some team social activities.

Additional Information

If you want to be included on our email list for board meeting agendas, board minutes, and financial statements please let us know via [email](#) and we will be happy to add you to our list.