



2022-2023 Year End Report

Board of Trustees 2022-2023: 30th Year of Operation Founded: 1992

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PEP staff member Becky Parke, Foundation Services Coordinator

I) 2022-2023 Summary

PEP celebrated 30 years in 2022. Founded in 1992, PEP has established itself as a key partner to Glenbard High School District 87. The following Press Release included the following about the event.

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DuPage County Educational Foundation Celebrates 30th Anniversary with PEP Rally

GLEN ELLYN, IL.— Since 1992, a historical educational foundation has awarded more than \$2.3 million dollars in teacher, family and students grants, as well as student college scholarships in DuPage County. And this fall marks PEP's 30th anniversary of making a difference in Glenbard High School District 87 and its elementary feeders. PEP, which stands for Partnership for Educational Progress, is hosting a "pep rally" to honor its namesake and reenergize its commitment to school districts with lively, energetic entertainment. The 30th Celebration PEP Rally will be held on Sunday, September 18th from 1-5pm at Ackerman Sports Center Turf Field (800 St. Charles Road, Glen Ellyn, IL. 60137). All are welcome to this family event and celebration!

"We are so excited to celebrate PEP's past, present and future in promoting academic excellence across DuPage County and improving education to more than 24,000 students and 1,700 teachers. And we're just getting started!" said Erica Nelson, PEP Chair and Trustee. The 30th Celebration PEP Rally will feature music and entertainment from students across PEP school partner districts, booths from community stakeholders, games, food trucks and more. Financial contributions to PEP engage students, enhance, and enrich learning, and provide modern and exciting educational opportunities for all.



PEP is a volunteer-run organization, directed by a voluntary board of trustees. It is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization. PEP awards grants to educators, schools, and districts within the Glenbard High School District 87 and its feeder schools. We also act as a fiscal agent supporting partners with education programs and initiatives.

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Highlights included members of the Glenbard West HS Marching Band engaging with children trying instruments and “conducting”, Dr. David Larson, Superintendent Glenbard District 87, Dr. Melissa Kaczowski, Glen Ellyn District 41, and Dr. Emily Tammaru, Superintendent CCSD89 attended and made brief comments on PEP’s partnership with the Glenbard schools, performances by the D41 Kids Foundation show “Lion King”, Glenbard East High School INCubator program information table and program advisor Don Prochilo, a community Art project by art students at Glenbard West, kids games, cotton candy, popcorn, a raffle of Glenbard High School t-shirts and local service organization information tables:

Glenbard Early Childhood Collaborative
Business INCubator GBEast HS
D41 Kids Foundation
Supplies for Success and Karen’s Closet
CREO DuPage
PEP

Approximately 200 community members attended

- Becky Parke completed her fourth year as the PEP Foundation Services Coordinator. Becky’s contributions and knowledge go far beyond the part time hours of her role as the voice of PEP and key associate with our PEP Fund Partners. She continued this year further streamlining internal processes with PEP’s SchoolPay donation tool and outreach to fund partners. Last year Becky increased communication with the Glenbard High School Counselors to improve the scholarships process and again improved those relationships by starting earlier (December) before the spring scholarship events to coordinate the 19 student scholarships PEP manages. She designated time to onboard one new HS Counselor about PEP and our partnership. She facilitated the formation of several new memorial scholarships.
- PEP Glenbard Scholarships were awarded to 28 students for the 2022-2023 school year ranging from \$500 to \$2000 and totaling \$27,250.00.
- PEP’s fiscal year runs June 30-July 1. Current balance for PEP Board Unrestricted Operating Assets is: \$20,941.89. PEP Restricted Money Market Fund (Edward Jones) \$21,183.16. Unrestricted operating profit and loss is a net positive income of *\$140.84 July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023.
***Expense Note:** A one-time expense of \$2978.00 for PEP’s 30th Anniversary “PEP Rally was approved by the board. This was made directly out of the Glen Ellyn Community Bank PEP



Checking/Saving Account.

- A salary increase was unanimously approved for the Foundation Services Coordinator and a bonus of \$500.00 for additional administrative and fund partner outreach support during PEP's 30th Anniversary celebration September 2022.

II) Accomplishments 2022-2023

-PEP welcomed back CCSD93 and Marquardt District 15 to active board partnership and membership. This has been a great addition to PEP's Board and engagement with each school district. Dr. David Hill, CCSD93 Superintendent and Dr. Jerry O'Shea, former Marquardt SD15 Superintendent guided these efforts working with PEP Chair, Erica Nelson and Foundation Services Coordinator, Becky Parke.

-CCSD93 established the "D93 Kids Foundation" The D93 Kids Foundation's mission is: Supporting students to maximize their potential. Your donation will support the most vulnerable children throughout Community Consolidated School District 93 to receive school supplies, warm outerwear, and resources for unexpected personal emergencies that arise such as house fires or immediate mental health service needs.

-Lindsey Diehl, PEP Board member-at-large and Director of Communications for Marquardt SD15 developed PEP's social media presence giving us greater visibility and outreach opportunities through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

-Website updates throughout the year to improve use and increase visibility of PEP Fund partners—<https://www.pepglenbard.org/>

-Review / Update PEP fund accounts that were vacated by the original donor and oversight for annual student scholarships.

-Budget oversight to set priorities for 2022-2023 to increase PEP's outreach as a 501c3 and increase partnership activity.

-The **Make A Memory Foundation** secured a grant from the DuPage Foundation Board of Trustees in the amount of \$9,200 to be used to support the creation of the Perennial Native Garden at the Lake Ellyn boat house courtyard. This was done through a PEP 501c3 NFP designation. Additionally, efforts by Ron Aubrey, Make A Memory Fund partner helped secure two new courses in Horticulture and Sustainable Urban Agriculture for students in Glenbard D87.

- PEP was awarded a DuPage Foundation \$3000 grant from the Webb-Hutter Foundation. This grant is for operations. The PEP Board will be applying funds for the development of outreach materials with PEP fund partners. PEP is grateful to Joyce Webb for years of support with the DuPage Foundation and the commitment to local non-profit organizations.



III) New PEP Fund Partners / Scholarships in 2022-2023

PEP 's ability to respond quickly to community members who wish to honor or memorialize a family member in the form of a student scholarship or grant for an educator is central to our purpose. In 2022-2023 several new scholarships were formed for Glenbard student awardees. We are honored as an organization to provide this important opportunity. We are grateful to the families who entrust their loved ones memory in the form of these scholarships.

In memory of **Chris McClain, retired Assistant Superintendent for Facilities, Finance and Operations**, Glenbard District 87, four \$1000 student scholarships were established by Legat Architects and four

\$1000 student scholarships by Performance Services, Inc. who worked with Chris and Glenbard D87. In 2023 \$8000.00 was gifted in his memory to eight students, two from each Glenbard High School.

1. Chris McClain Legat Architects Arts and Architecture Scholarship
2. Chris McClain Performance Services, Inc. Scholarship
 1. Glen Ellyn public servant and County Board member **JR McBride** was established by his family.
 2. **Clyde W. Dewalt Memorial Science Scholarship** at Glenbard West High School
 3. The English Department at Glenbard West High School established the **Henry J. Firley Writing Award Scholarship**
 4. **Paul E. Hadley Student Leaders Who Unite Memorial Scholarship at Glenbard East** awarded to students who demonstrate leadership in building connections between students of varying racial and socio-economic backgrounds.

IV) Next Steps

-The PEP Board of Trustees is focused on how PEP's 501c3 status may be leveraged to support educational equity across PEP partner school districts through grant applications. PEP's updated Mission Statement reflects the long-term commitment as we enter our 31st year of operation and we recommit to supporting all students and educators.

Mission: *The Partnership for Educational Progress (PEP) promotes excellence in the Glenbard community schools in DuPage County, IL. As an educational foundation, we provide financial resources to foster and support learning for all students today and tomorrow.*

-Outreach to the Glenbard Elementary Feeder Districts to encourage representation on the PEP Board and to seek ideas and recommendations to apply PEP's 501c3 status in support of educational initiatives



that align with PEP's Mission and By-laws.

-The "PEP Connect" Subcommittee is directing an outreach to the Assistant Principals of Student Services at the four Glenbard High Schools to educate them on what PEP's 501c3 can offer and creative opportunities for programs and to address student needs.

-Outreach communication design to tell PEP's story are in development for distribution in 2023-2024.

Submitted on behalf of PEP Board of Trustees 2022-2023

Erica Nelson, MA - Chairman, PEP