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# YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

## Foundation News

The Ypsilanti Community Schools Foundation (YCSF) was officially established as a non-profit in January 2007. The mission of the foundation is to advance the promise of success for all students through the generous and distribution of resources to be used to enrich teaching, inspire learning, promote excellence in education, and reward dedication to these tenets through grants and scholarships.

**To achieve our mission, the foundation is committed to four objectives:**

- The recognition of students who work to their highest potential.
- The recognition of faculty for exemplary, innovative teaching.
- The engagement of Ypsilanti Community Schools' administrators and staff as partners in this mission.
- The engagement of community partners for help in achieving this mission.

### YCSF Board

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- Blast From the Past Newsletter
- [Link to the YCSF Website](#)

# YCSF Scholarships!

Students eligible for these scholarships must:

- Meet the GPA required by the individual scholarship and for the last three semesters have shown progress;
- Demonstrate strong verbal and written communication skills;
- Place a priority on education;
- Possess diverse interests as indicated by participation in a variety of high school activities;
- Show evidence of citizenship and community service;
- have character traits that include maturity, integrity, self-discipline, responsibility, motivation, dedication, achievement, and commitment.

## 2022—Scholarship Awardees

First Name	Last Name	HS	Scholarship	Scholarship
Rawia	Alrefaai	YCHS	YCS Resilience Award	
Salma	Bhonhariya	WIHI (YCS)	Brave Women	
Aegan Safa	Blanc	YCHS	Dr. James and Vivian Hawkins	William R. Shadford Memorial
Jal'wan	Browning	YCHS	Ypsilanti Community Schools Award	
Jayan	Gregory	YCHS	Ypsilanti Community Schools Award	
Destiny	Hall	YCHS	CFA-First Presbyterian Church	Fiona McTague-Dorsey Matched
Desiree	Harris	YCHS	Ypsilanti Community Schools Award	
Kayden	Hawkins	WIHI (YCS)	The McDonald Family	
Nyla	Hood	YCHS	Ofili Family	William R. Shadford Memorial
Aamina	Hussain	WIHI (YCS)	William R. Shadford Memorial	
Cheyenne	James	YCHS	William R. Shadford Memorial	
Ashton	Jenson	YCHS	Forever Brave	William R. Shadford Memorial
Aminata	Kaba	YCHS	YCS Impact Award	CFA-The Links of AA & Mattie Smith-McCartney
Jayla	Lyons	WIHI (YCS)	Community for All-Covington	William R. Shadford Memorial
Alina	Maes	WIHI (YCS)	William R. Shadford Memorial	
Abigail	Middaugh	ECA (YCS)	YCS Resilience Award	
Abd-rahman	Niangadou	YCHS	William R. Shadford Memorial	
Ibrahim	Niangadou	YCHS	Ypsilanti Community Schools Award	
Labruan	Patton	YCHS	Pastor Victoria Swanson-James Memorial	
Lindsay	Timbs	YCHS	William R. Shadford Memorial	
Taniya	Toliver	YCHS	Ypsilanti Community Schools Award	
Janita	Tubbs	YCHS	Community for All-Gragg	
Janiya	VanBuren	YCHS	William R. Shadford Memorial	
Randy	Young	YCHS	YCS Resilience Award	



### Donations to YCSF

Thank you for your interest in supporting the students of Ypsilanti Community Schools through your donation.

See page 3 for more donation information.

(YCSF Address and Online Sources)

# YCSF Min-Grants

## Congratulations Mini-Grant Awardees

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### YCSF Mini Grants Awardees for 2021-2022 School Year

Kimberly Johnson  
Patricia Joi Jenson  
Lauren Fardig-Diop  
Bahjee Chea  
Yung Hwang  
Crystal E. Harding  
Raquel K. Welch-Johnson  
Kayla VanEgmond  
Vanessa Neil  
Chef Aaron Gaertner  
Lisa Farmer  
Michelle Rose-Armstrong  
Mary Dunn, RN  
Abigail Woodman  
Sherry Spinelli  
Maggie Pilath  
Kier Ingraham  
Cherisa Allen  
Kallista Walker  
Amina Hassan



You can help us continue our mission by donating funds to the scholarship and mini-grant programs. Donations can be made in several ways:

**Donations via check can be sent to the YCSF at:**

Ypsilanti Community Schools Foundation  
PO Box 980453 Ypsilanti, MI 48198

### Online Donation Resources

#### Network for Good:



Click on link below or use the QR Code

[Link to Network For Good](#)  
QR Code

#### YCSF Facebook



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## Art Therapy for Kids - Building Confidence & Self Expression

- Build & boost confidence and self-esteem
- Used to captivate and express how awesome and brilliant a person can be
- Learn creative techniques to overcome shy feelings
- Improves concentration and builds emotions and social skills
- Enjoy art as a family, enhancing communication
- Brings a smile with a slice of creative fun

Filling out the form for a Mini-Grant is as easy as creating

## Mini-Grant Comments

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

Thank you so much! This will be so helpful in creating opportunities to practice social emotional behavioral skills

Thank you so much. I am looking forward to meeting the YCSF Board and expressing my sincerest gratitude!

Thank you very much!!!  
How exciting! Thank you! I can not believe it!! Thank you for the congrats!!  
Oh wow...thank you so much!!

Thank you so much for this great news

Thank you so much! This is definitely a great start. I appreciate

## Photos—Art Therapy— From one of the Grants

Self-Care Challenge: SEL-Centered Projects Inspired by Art Therapy Designated for Students Returning to In-Person Learning



# Watch for 2022-23 Mini-Grants Information in the Fall!

## Blast from the Past

Dr. James Hawkins had a great vision by organizing the Ypsilanti Community Schools Foundation. It seems the earliest mini-grants were given in 2001. This one is announcing a "Giant Leap for the Foundation." It says that in January 2007, the Foundation became a federally - recognized educational non- profit organization after 18 months of preparation. But all in all there were two different Foundations, the one from 1995 or 1996 to 2007 and then one from 2007 on. Below is a copy of one of the 2007 Foundation Newsletters called "Imagine":

**See a Blast From The Past -Foundation Newsletter**

imagine

### The Newsletter of the Ypsilanti Public Schools Foundation

2007 Classroom Grant Awards



*Advancing the promise of success through philanthropy*

### The Foundation takes a Giant Leap Forward

In January, 2007, after 18 months of preparation by the Board, the Ypsilanti Public Schools Foundation became a federally-recognized educational nonprofit organization. Opening doors to unlimited external support through gifts, grants, and bequests, the Foundation is embarking on a journey that will ensure the promise of our students' success for years to come.

Joanne Hartmeyer joined the staff June 1st as Executive Director, bringing with her 18 years of experience in nonprofit management. And Carol Gannon, Foundation Secretary, is happy to help answer your questions. The Foundation Office is located in the High School behind the Auditorium.

The office is staffed on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to 5:00 and on Fridays from 9:00 to Noon. Stop by and see us! Or call us at 734-714-1080.

**imagine** is the newsletter of the Foundation. Published quarterly, we hope that you enjoy reading the news of the successes, events, and activities of the Foundation. We will bring you news of our generous donors, and the exciting awards we are able to provide because of people just like you!

### Become a Member, Get a Bear!

We are working hard to build our Membership Roster and we'd love to count you among our Members! So for a limited time only, new members who join at the Crystal membership level (\$50) or higher will receive a YPS Bear with their membership! Sporting a purple sweatshirt with the Foundation logo and the word "imagine," it makes a great conversation piece - or gift for your child or grandchild attending Ypsilanti Public Schools!

Annual memberships begin at \$25 and increase by sponsor levels of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1,000. Benefits include recognition at the Annual membership event and the joy of knowing you made a difference! Call Today to Join!



*"The act of philanthropy is a spiritual act, an expression of caring for one's fellow human beings. It is a belief in the future and that the future can be good. It is investing in that future. It is helping to make the dream come true."*

Arthur Frantzreb

**YCSF Newsletter  
will be published  
quarterly.**

If you have not signed  
up for our newsletter,  
the link is below.

Have a great rest of  
the summer.

## Coming Events!



**Look for our  
table at the:**

- ♦ **“Jazz in the Parking Lot” event  
— July 22, 2022—6:00—9:00 pm**
- ♦ **F.A.C.E. and Back to School  
Bash — August 20, 2022 — 8:00  
am—3:00 pm**

**SIGN  
UP FOR OUR  
NEWSLETTER**

A large, stylized icon of an envelope, rendered in a light brown color with white outlines for the flap and corners.

Ypsilanti Community Schools Foundation sign-up for foundation happenings!  
Stay Up-To-Date with latest news and events from YCSF, Join our emailing list - Never  
miss an update.

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