

peoria public schools *foundation*

IMPACT Newsletter August 2019

President's Message

The PPS Foundation has many exciting plans for 2019-2020. Recently, our team adopted *Carpe Diem!* as our mantra for this school year. We're definitely going to take note of all the opportunities around us and make the most out of the present moment. Please check out the video message below to find out more about what's happening with the Foundation.



Best selling author, Marc Eliot, speaking with Peoria High students



You Won't Want to Miss this Fun Event!



The Foundation has been providing new uniforms and essential clothing items for PPS students in need for over a decade now. With \$10,000 needed to be raised this year, our Back to School: Brats & Brew event kicks off this fundraising goal. Thanks to our generous sponsors (Associated Banks, Mosquito Authority, and the Peoria County Regional Office of Education) the whole ticket price of attending this event goes directly towards this goal.

Attendees of the event will be treated to a brat from Alwan and Sons, Kitchen Cooked chips, Uncle Bob's ice cream, and two beers or sodas. DJ4U will provide music for the night. Tickets are \$40 and encouraged to be bought in advance but can be purchased at the door the night of the event. Attendees of

this event must be 21 years or older. A cash bar will also be available.

We are also very excited to announce a new “Rookie Teacher” award to be given out at this year at this event. Come find out which PPS teacher has been selected as the recipient! For those who cannot attend the event, donations to the uniform fund are welcomed and can be submitted online [here](#).

[Click Here to Buy a Ticket to Brats & Brew!](#)

Meet Ella Dancey, a New Horizons Staff Member!



My name is Ella Dancey and I'm a Richwoods alum and current Bradley Junior studying Community Development Event Planning and French. I'm super excited to start working with the Horizons program to educate kids on different career options and give back to the school district that set me up to succeed. At Bradley, I work on the Assessment Scholars team and as a technician with BU Tech Crew. I am also on the board of the Bradley USITT chapter and enjoy gardening and finding new coffee shops in the area. I'll be working with Horizons classes at Calvin Coolidge Middle School, Roosevelt Magnet School, and Sterling Middle School.

Congrats to Stan Hangen - A PPS Foundation Hero!



Stan Hangen, Family and Community Liaison at Manual High School, received our brand new PPS Foundation Heroes Award. Stan is truly a **SUPER HERO** every single day, constantly advocating for our PPS students. This award will be given once a month to an unsung hero or shero in our schools. All sheroes and heroes will be recognized at our Appreciation Reception that will be held on May 14, 2020. Congratulations Stan! We love you at the PPS Foundation.



**Teachers and staff, do you have an idea
for the classroom that needs funding?**



To apply for any of the grants in our program, click the links below:

[Classroom Grant Application for 2019-2020](#)

[Field Experience Grant Application for 2019-2020](#)

[**New this Year!** STEM Grant Application](#)

[**New this Year!** Classroom Innovation Grant Application](#)

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