

Galena High School Five Star Boosters

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From the Principal

By Jay Salter, Principal, Galena High School, rjsalter@washoeschools.net

Happy New Year! We hope the Winter Break was restful and joyous for all. If you are new to Galena this year, then you need to know that February is an important month for our students and families. Here's some things you will want to know:

- Students started receiving information on Course Selection for the 23-24 school year in the last two weeks of January.
- Students will choose Academic Courses in February for the 23-24 school year.
- Counselors will work with students and families to select the best courses for each student based on goals.

Additionally, we pride ourselves on hiring, training, and retaining the best teaching staff in the District. Over the course of the past two years with the pandemic, rezoning, retirements, and other staff shifting, we have struggled to maintain the necessary numbers of highly qualified instructors. However, we've diligently maintained relationships with the College of Education at UNR, Grand Canyon University, Western Governors University, and have found some wonderful Student Interns who are making their teaching debut this Spring at Galena, and we hope to keep them on the staff for the next year.

Galena is growing! Our projected student number for next year is 1304. This equates to 43 Certified Teaching allocations. This is partially good news, however, for the past 2 years, we've been allocated 44.5 teachers that were supported by Federal ESSERS Grant funding: That funding has expired, and we will be losing 1.5 teachers for next year. Therefore, we are looking at some alternative options to keep the teachers we've brought to Galena at Galena.

FEBRUARY 1ST COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE AT GALENA HIGH SCHOOL-VARIANCES AVAILABLE!!!

The "Open House" is a combined informational opportunity for students and families new to Galena to learn about our school, or for those existing families and students to ask questions about programs directly from the teachers, coaches, and administrators. This night is a combination of the previous AP/College Night, 8th Grade Parent Night, CTE/STEM Nights, etc.

If you have friends or family who are looking for an amazing small school for their students, we are looking to bring some students in on variances for the 23-24 school year. By bringing some students in on variances, we can keep some of the amazing teachers we have at Galena and help to build and maintain some of our programs like CTE/STEM, Music, Art, etc. "The Open House" format is completely self-paced, and people may come and go as they please. The Galena Culinary classes are providing baked treats and the following information will be available:

- Incoming 8th Grade Parent information
- Academic Programs and Course information
- Athletic Programs information & Clubs and Activities
- AP & Dual Credit opportunities
- Course Selection and Counseling information
- 23-24 school year Variance forms and information

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to email me at: rjsalter@washoeschools.net

Five Star Booster News

By Michelle Simmons, Booster President, ghsboosterpto@gmail.com

Hello Galena families and staff,

We are more than half way through the school year and we want to thank everyone who has become a member of the 5 Star Boosters/PTO, renewed your membership and/or contributed to our No Fundraiser, Fundraiser. We are extremely grateful for your contributions.

Here's just a few examples of how we've been able to use your contributions this year:

- We've given the Galena Den \$1500 for the purchase of a Cricket and press. It will be used to create Galena t-shirts that will be given out as rewards and to increase school spirit. Leadership will also be able to use the equipment to create class t-shirts. We've given the Strategies class \$1500 to purchase supplies. We've donated \$350 in gift cards for staff incentives. We also contributed \$1000.00 toward the Santa Wrap. So far we've collected over \$12,000 from the sale of the Extra Curricular Pass. Those funds are allocated to Galena athletics and fine arts. We are in the process of soliciting department leads for a list of their needs and wants.
- In December, we held a Teacher Appreciation event where all teachers and staff were treated to home baked goodies along with gift cards to various stores in our area.
- Our Senior Events committee handed out Finals Survival Kits in December and cookies in January. They are planning something sweet for Valentine's Day. We are also in the process of planning a Safe and Sober Grad Night at Disneyland.

Our Dollars for Scholars Social and Auction is on February 4th. The money raised at this event goes directly to our Senior Scholarship fund. You do NOT need to have a Senior to attend this event or bid on items. More details can be found on the next page.

Galena 5 Star Booster Positions. We are actively looking for individuals who would like to fill board positions for the 2023-2024 school year. Grab a friend and share a position. Please email me if you would like to learn more. **Our next Booster meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 5:30pm location tbd.**

Be sure to check out our [Galena High School Parents Facebook page](#). We update it often, so please check back often for announcements and other Galena information.

Thank you again for your continued support.

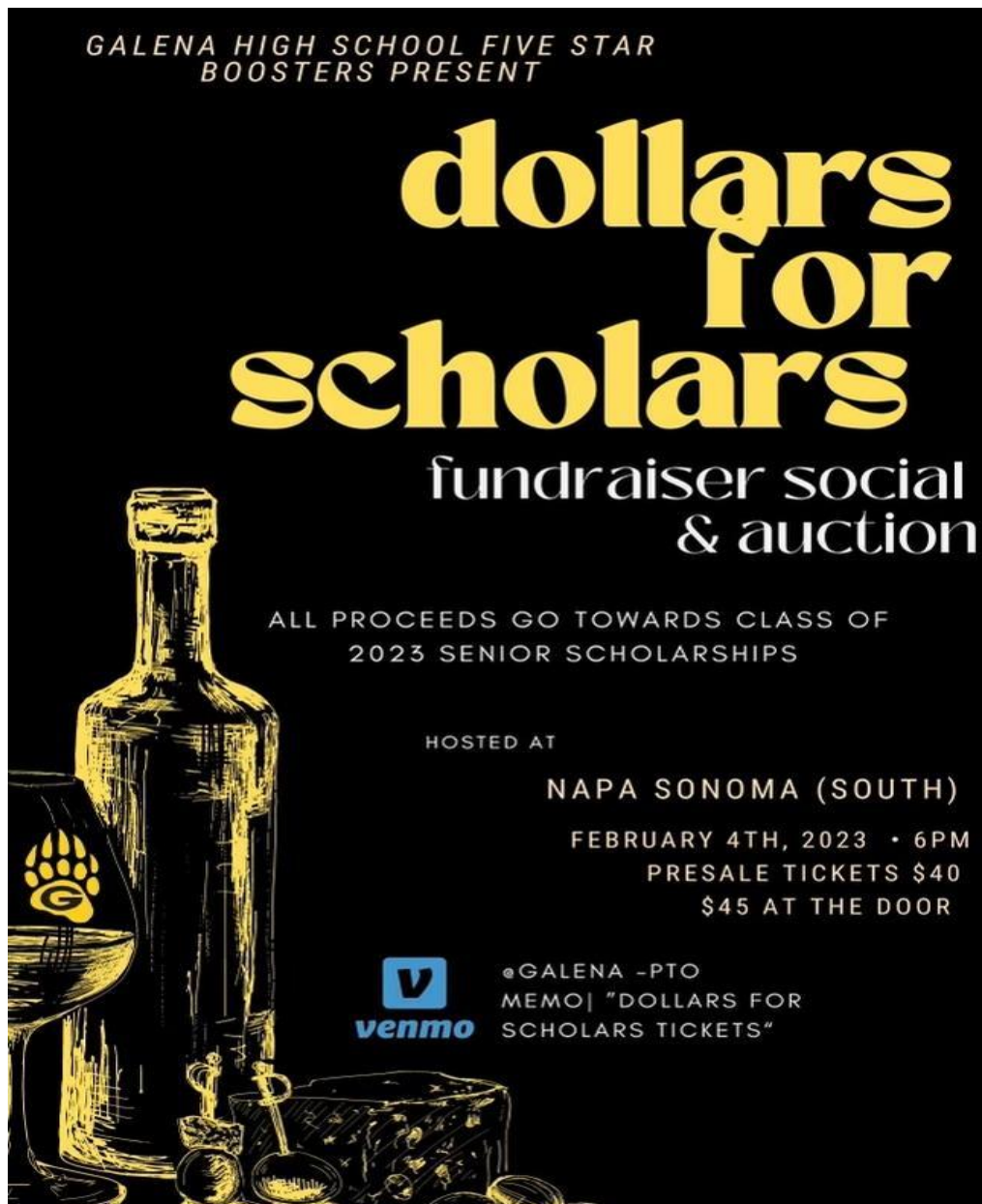
Sincerely,

Michelle Simmons, President Five Star Boosters 2022-2023

Dollars for Scholars Social - Wine, Appetizers & Auction

Tickets are now on sale for the 2023 Dollars for Scholars Fundraiser Social & Auction. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. Here is the link to pre-purchase tickets.

<https://bit.ly/3DeglFc> We accept credit cards, checks and Venmo (Galena-PTO) look for the Grizzly logo. Please put "DFS Tickets" in the memo. Checks should be made out to Galena Five Star Boosters and mailed to the school. You don't need to have a Senior to attend.



By Ann Marie Redd, Asst Principal, Testing, SPED & Professional Development Antoinette.Redd@washoeschools.net

Greetings Grizzlies,

We have officially entered Testing Season! Second semester is chock full of various assessments that different groups of students will be participating in at various times. Please check the [rSchoolToday Calendar](#) on the school website for specific dates of upcoming tests. In January we began **ACCESS** testing for English Language Learners which will extend through March 1st. The window for the **CTE End-of-Program Exams** is from February 6th through March 17th. Your child's CTE teacher will have specific dates for your child's test if they are in one of these programs.

March 7th will be **ACT testing** for ALL Juniors and Seniors that did not take it last year. **Only these students will attend school on this date.** Freshman, sophomores, and seniors(that have already tested) will **NOT** attend school on this day. The **Civics Exam** which is a graduation requirement for all graduating seniors will be available from February 1st through March 17th. Please contact your child's Government or Economics teacher for more information. If your graduating senior is not currently enrolled in a Gov/Econ class and has NOT taken the Civics Exam, please reach out to his or her counselor for assistance.

Finally, the **NV Science Exam** for 9th and 10th graders will be in April and **AP Exams** will be in May. Again, keep checking the [rSchoolToday Calendar](#) for exact dates. If you have any questions regarding testing, please email A. Redd at Antoinette.redd@washoeschools.net

Testing Dates	1/10-3/1 ACCESS for ELL	2/6-3/17 CTE End of Program Exams
2/1-3/17 Civics Exam for Seniors	3/7 Galena ACT for Juniors and Seniors that still need to take it.	4/3-5/12 April NV Science Exam for 9th & 10th graders.
5/1-5/12 AP Testing		

Counseling Corner

Greetings Grizzlies! Despite the cold and wintry weather, it will be spring very soon and with that comes only a few months remaining in the 2022-23 school year!

- Counselors have provided all students (grades 9-11) with the course selection materials for the 23-24 school year via their English class.
- They will be meeting individually with students in February to review their seven (7) course selections for next year (students have been advised to secure a parent signature on their course selection forms!)
- If your student has questions, they are welcome to visit their counselor during lunch or nutrition break, and counselors are also accessible via email
- All course requests will be in our database by the end of February in order to build next year's master schedule, so it is critical that we have accurate course requests.
- **You must register your student for the 2023-24 school year. Registration does not renew automatically.**

The end of the 3rd quarter grading period is March 17th. The 9-week report card is just a progress report and is not part of your student's permanent high school transcript. At this point in time, we do not have any specific information or details on summer school; however, please stay tuned.

If a student is short on credits, he/she needs to explore a plan for recovery immediately.

- Please contact your counselor so they can review those options (specifically BYU Correspondence and/or Edgenuity) with you and your student. BYU Independent Studies and Edgenuity are online options.
- Please note online coursework is not necessarily accepted at every college (or the NCAA Clearinghouse) and online coursework is not always the "best fit" for every student.

Spring is also a great time to start thinking about and planning any family vacations. You might want to include a college visit if your travels take you close to a college campus. It is never too early to start gathering college information and researching options. Most colleges run campus tours all summer long. Many colleges offer summer programs for high school students. These are typically of an academic nature and offer an opportunity to experience college "life" firsthand while potentially earning some type of academic credit. Most of these programs do require a financial commitment.

One last reminder: check Infinite Campus regularly. Do not wait to seek help. If you have not accessed Infinite Campus or are having difficulty accessing it, please contact Dana Leslie in our main office at DLeslie@washoeschools.net. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. In the meantime, with only a few months left, please encourage your student to keep working hard and finish the year strong- it really does count. Academic success (and earning all your credits!) sets the stage for a positive and successful outcome for graduation!

The Galena Counseling Team

From the College and Career Center

By Sylva Applebach, College and Career Center Facilitator

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It's hard to believe the senior year is already halfway done! Graduation will be here before we know it. **The final semester grades from December are already reflected on your student's transcript.** Colleges will be seeing these grades; it's critical that your student's academic performance does not decline during either semester of their senior year, or it may jeopardize an admissions decision and/or merit scholarships! *All college acceptances are "conditional" based on 7th and final semester transcripts meeting that college's requirements.* "Senioritis" is common but must be overcome to achieve graduation in June!

When applying to colleges, OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS are required; many schools also require a Mid-Year Report and most schools demand a Final Transcript, as all admissions are contingent upon the student finishing high school successfully. Most students know this and already sent official transcripts, but if you don't here is what you can do:

- Go to the school website, www.washoeschools.net/Galena and look under QUICK LINKS on the bottom.
- Select "Order transcripts" then click "current student".
- When you get down to "Delivery Address" (blue on right) select "Educational Institution" in the dropdown and then start typing the name of college(s) and it will fill in the address when selected.
- Green boxes: For COLLEGE and OFFICIAL HS TRANSCRIPT. You get four transcripts for free, so once you initial and sign it, the fee will disappear on the first four.

The Millennium Scholarship

The Millennium Scholarship is based on eight semesters of academic work; students who finish the course requirements, have lived in Nevada for two years and achieve a weighted cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 by graduation will be put on a Millennium Scholarship List by our Registrar which is sent to the Nevada Treasurer's office after graduation. ACT composite of 21 or SAT of 1070 also qualifies a student. There is no application, qualifying Galena graduates will receive a letter from the Nevada Treasurer in July and it will be up to the student to go onto the website, register and indicate which Nevada institution they are attending in the fall. Typically, funds are deposited a week before classes begin.

Class of 2023

This spring will be full of fun senior activities. Please listen to announcements and watch your Class of 2023 TEAMS class for updates. There will be forms to fill out to receive a senior banner, submit your scholarship offers for the Senior Awards Night and finalizing post-graduation plans. **Our Senior Awards Recognition Event will be May 30th at the Atlantis Resort Casino Spa.** This event is where we honor seniors with class awards, community service awards, academic awards and scholarship offers that are submitted to the Career Center. We will announce and list all scholarship offers that are submitted that evening and in the graduation program. Only the scholarship NAME is listed, we do not announce or print monetary values. Seniors will have the month of March and April to submit all scholarships they want announced. Please keep watching the scholarship page on the College and Career Center website for more information about scholarships being posted and due dates. Apply, Apply, Apply! I am here to support all grade levels at Galena High School, so please stop by or let me know how I can help.

Attention Seniors: Disney Grad Nite

Galena Five Star Boosters is thrilled to announce the Safe and Sober Disneyland Grad Trip for the Class of 2023. **Please join us in the library on February 7, 2023 at 6pm for an informational meeting for our Disneyland Grad Nite trip.** Some basic details so you can save the date...seniors will be leaving Galena on the night of May 20 via chartered bus, spending May 21 in the parks including the Grad night festivities that night and leaving Disneyland around 1am on May 22 to return to Galena in the morning. Costs will be between \$400-\$450, but more details will be provided at the meeting.



Library News

By Sharon Black, M.A. Librarian, sblack@washoeschools.net

Greetings from the library!

I hope the post-holiday season is being gentle on you. In the library, we are slowly setting our sights on spring and graduation. Remember, if your student is ever having trouble with online classes such as Edgenuity, or any other tech issues, we are happy to help them cross that finish line. Never hesitate to reach out to us if needed.

Our library continues to be very, very full at lunch. While we are happy to host all of these students, things are still getting pretty messy. **If anyone out there has an old vacuum they might be willing to part with, we could certainly use one!** I just thought I would throw this out again in case someone may have gotten a new one for Christmas. 😊

For those interested in our travel program, we are down to about 10 spots available for our **March 2024** trip to Berlin, Prague, Krakow (Auschwitz) and Budapest. I suspect this trip will be full by spring. Our 2025 trip will be open for sign-ups next September. Hence, if you are thinking about sending your teen on our 2024 trip, you will want to book sooner than later. Email me at sblack@washoeschools.net with any questions.

Remember too that we host raffles all year long. If your teen is a reader, they should enter! It's easy and rewarding. We do monthly raffles and of course we also do our Big Read Raffle in May. Encourage your student to turn in their reading bookmarks for a chance to win \$50!

I wish you all a continued cozy winter!

Best!

Ms. Black

Galena Calendar of Events

The Galena Calendar of Events is taken from the [RSchoolToday Calendar](#) that can be found on the bottom on the Galena High School Website. Please check often as athletics and events can be canceled or rescheduled at any time. The [2022-2023 Balanced Calendar](#) is also available online.

February	1st Navigate Galena Night	4th Dollars 4 Scholars Social
11th ACT Test	15th PTO Meeting (5:30pm)	15th No Early Release
20th President's Day - No School		

March	10th Spring Dance	11th Galena Craft Fair
11th SAT Test	15th PTO Meeting (5:30pm)	16th Camp Grizz (8th Grade Day)
17th End of Grading Period	20th Spring Break Begins	

April	3rd Classes Resume "A" Day	6th JROTC Awards Night
15th ACT Test	19th PTO Meeting (5:30pm)	22nd Jr/Sr Prom





"It's Good to be a Grizz"

Be a part of it for 2022-23 as a FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO member!

We hope that you consider joining the FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO and donating to the No Fundraiser, Fundraiser this year so we can continue the deep and strong legacy of our organization at Galena High School.

FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Mission:

Build and grow our Galena community-to promote and encourage communication and interaction between parents, teachers, administration and the community as well as increase parent involvement. For example, through the digital Grizzly Growl that comes out monthly and our Galena High School Parent's Facebook page.

Sponsor and organize school events, activities, and requests-to deepen our community spirit and enrich our children's education, social and developmental experiences. For example, student activities, teacher appreciation activities, student scholarships, fund teacher requests that support our students, fund the SmugMug account to host and provide free-school-wide photos including athletic teams and MORE.

Raise money-to help fund and support everything listed above that has a direct positive impact on our children. **2022-2023 Financial Goal:** Raise \$40,000

Here are the ways you can support FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO and Galena High School

★ FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership: \$60

★ BRONZE GRIZZLY \$110:

FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$50). Includes a Galena Decal (while supplies last)

★ GOLD GRIZZLY \$210:

FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$150): Includes a Galena cooler tote (while supplies last)

★ PLATINUM GRIZZLY \$360:

FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$300): Includes a Galena cooler tote and 17oz stainless steel Galena water bottle (while supplies last)

★ Add an Extracurricular Pass to any FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership \$100:

Entry for 4 into all Galena regular home games and fine arts productions that charge an entry fee, supports the fine arts and athletics departments. Pass name will be at the event entry for admittance, no more Pass cards needed.

★ No Fundraiser Fundraiser Donation Only. ANY amount is greatly appreciated and benefits the students!

Please return the completed Member Information Form to:

Galena High School FIVE STAR Boosters
3600 Butch Cassidy Way - Reno, NV 89511

OR Email the form to GHSBoosterPTO@gmail.com

Payment Options:

Cash or Check: payable to Galena High School FIVE STAR Boosters

Credit card: galena-five-star-boosterspto.square.site (credit card fees will apply)

Venmo: search for "@Galena-PTO"

Tax ID #88-0291715

Galena FIVE STAR Booster Member Information Form

Parent/Member Name: _____ Email: _____

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Phone (best way to reach you): _____

Mailing Address _____

Student Attending Galena, Name and Grade: _____

Student Attending Galena, Name and Grade: _____

Student Attending Galena, Name and Grade: _____

Please check Membership Level:

☐ **FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership \$60**

☐ **BRONZE GRIZZLY \$110:** FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$50)

☐ **GOLD GRIZZLY \$210:** FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$150)

☐ **PLATINUM GRIZZLY \$360:** FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$300)

☐ **Add on Extracurricular Pass \$100:** added to any FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership

☐ **No Fundraiser Fundraiser Donation Only Amount: \$_____.** Thank you, ANY amount is greatly appreciated and benefits the students!

If you have chosen to join us as a Galena FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Member, your level of involvement is up to you. We are always looking for some great ideas and participation and if interested please check any of the areas below and we will reach out to you when the opportunity presents itself.

☐ Teacher Appreciation events/activities

☐ Dollars for Scholars Fundraiser

☐ Contributing Desserts for Events (i.e. Galena Open House)

☐ Senior celebration activities throughout the year

☐ I am interested in learning more about committees and/or Board positions for the Galena FIVE STAR Booster/PTO

☐ I'll do whatever is needed, just let me know how I can help!

INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Date: _____ Membership Amount Paid \$_____ Merch Amount Paid \$_____

Check / Cash / Credit Card / Venmo

THANK YOU FOR BECOMING A FIVE STAR BOOSTER MEMBER! (1/29/23)

Booster Members \$60+	Damon, Mindy & Josh	Janes, Megan	Pickett, Molly & James
Anderson, Derah & Sam	Derryman, Gina & Phil	Jenkins, Donya & Chad	Revels, Angie & Patrick
Bellin, Lynette	DiNapoli, Julie & Jason Fairman	Kermode, Travis	Rockwell, Katie & Nate
Benefiel, Stacy & Brent Cordell	Erwin, Sally & Rob	Klitzke, Bryn & Greg	Sharron, Mariel & Anthony
Bogart, Erin & Dave	Espinosa, Daniele & Shawn	LaFountain, Claudia & Dan	Sipalia, Stacy & James
Bratcher, Gina & Kendrick	Ferrari, Daniela & Michael	Landon, Amy & Scott	Sommers, Sarah & Ryan
Bronander, Lisa & Kirt	Fincher, Debbie & George	Larsen, Jenny & Kenny	Shaw, Sonja & David
Bruntz, Tracy & Lance	Fraser, Cindy & Dave	Lomoljo, Don & Karina	Steele, Alisanne & Jonathan
Burnett, Joulene & Scott	Frederito, Jenny & Gabe	Macy, Amy	Talonen, Stacey
Campbell, Stephanie & Scott	Fridland, Valerie & Craig Denney	Mcbride, Maureen	Taylor, Katania & Jeff
Canty, Gina & Sean	Garrett, Courtney	McLean, Kimberly & Jason	Tullgren, Julie & David
Capel, Jenny & Steve	Goodman, Sharon & Andres	Mee, Margo & Jay	Turri, Michelle & John
Carpenter, Emilie & Brad	Gravelle, Tracy & Benl	Murray, Bonnie & Clay	Walton, Sarah & Dan
Cartwright, Gabriella	Grayson, Crystal & James	Neighbors, Tina & Steve	Watson, Shelly & Chadd
Cason, Tracy & Brian	Guo, Yan & Jian Chen	Nelson, Bret	Wilde, Brooke
Champlin, Betsy & Chris	Heister, Warren	Nobis, Julie & Christian	Wittler, Aimee
Chedwick, Anni & Greg	Hertz, Warren	Novotak, Dianna & Andrew	Williams, Tammy & Richard
Cole, Heather	Hornback, Jennifer & Todd	Nyborg, Angie & Brock	Wolforst, Cherri
Cummins, Aimee & Rich	Hubbell, Catherine & David	Obert, Kelly	Young, Kendal & Quinn
Cyz, Cheryl & Chris	Hull, Christine & William	Phinney, Cody & Jason	Quilici, Trish

Bronze Members \$110+	Folgnier, Jen & Kurt	Moreno, Debbie & Mark	Rittenhouse, Kristin & Duke
Aker, Alison & Peder	Greene, Wendy & Michael	Muff, Janet & Dan	Simmons, Michelle & Kevin
Buhrmann, Nikki & Dan	Griffin, Kara & Fritz	Nugent, Tricia & Geoff	Solaro, Megan & Dave
Cardinallli, Kate & Tony	Hansen, Kerri	Olsen, Alison & Jon	Spiers, Megan & Ryan
Comte, Aimee & Mark	Heffernan, Thomas	Owen-Combs, Carol & Marcus	Stark, Carrie & Jim
Conway, April	Holback, Mandy & Cory	Paugh, Andrea	Venis, Rebecca
Derifield, Becky & Shawn	Imse, Angie & Dave	Pierce, Pam	Vinson, Robert & Lin Pruett
Dixon, Yvonne	Kaululaau, Allison & Kika	Primka, Melissa & Jim	Yeung, Erin & Benjamin
Dye, Cindy & Sharon	Kayl, Sherry & Virgil	Ramos, Kim & Garyn	Zimmerman, Hailie
Doubinkine, Rachelle & Alex	McCaskill, Karen & Jeff	Rasmussen, Denise	
Duguid, Rebecca & John	Miller, Carrie & Mark	Renner, Carolyn & Tim	

Booster Members (Continued)

Gold Members \$210+	Elgin, Blair & Brad	Oehlert, Megan & Michael	Talafuse, Tiffany & Steve
Albertson, Naomi & Tim	Gonda, Rebecca Jeremy	Schmauder, Theresa & William	Thomas, Kate & Derek
Angella, Amy & Peter	Larson-Brock, Jana	Shapiro, Celeste & Alan	Wohletz, Lori & Leonard
Bell, Dorothy & David	Lenon, Tanya & Ron	Smith, Jill & Rob	Zankowski, Madison & Corey
Benoy, Kari & Greg	McGinnes, Renee	Smith, Nicolette & Matt	
Clark, Shelly & Scott	Morrow, Libby & Jeff	Sohl, Lynda & Jim	
Durrer, Laura & Dan	Myers, David	Sullivan, Kris & Tom	

Platinum Members \$360+	Cuddy, Debra & Ryan	Karam, Shannon & Tony	Rager, Janna & Matt
Belosic, Erin	Dolan, Carolyn & Chris	Kinne, Kristine & Paul	Rapisura, Alma & Michael
Butti- Franklin, Morgan & Colin	Foster, Heidi & Jeff	Kobs, Nicole & John	Wilson, Susan & Paul
Christy, Michelle & Scott	Green, Teri & Robert	Lund, Alicia & Kenneth	Winchester, Heather & Bill
Clark, Dolly & Rob	Heide, Cynamon & Aaron	McKenzie, Colette & Brien	
Crecelius, Diane & Ron	Jukes, Constance	Peterson, Steph & Jay	

