



PATRIOTS FOUNDATION

The past and the present coming together for the future.

March 2025

Foundation President's Message

We are fresh off our Patriots Hall of Fame luncheon where we celebrated and acknowledged six alumni from Patrick Henry who have excelled since their time at the school, now known as Camden High School. We understand that some alumni are still unhappy about the name change. That has shown up in your reduced involvement financially, participation and overall support of the Foundation that was started 25 years ago. Now is the time to consider moving past this and reenergize our Foundation with your help.

We are at a critical time for the Foundation to continue to survive and thrive, to be able to continue with our mission: *to enhance the learning environment and expand educational opportunities for students*. The students who come from the same neighborhoods our alumni grew up in. If you are willing to help— the time is now. What we need:

Board Members: We need board members who would consider becoming Secretary, Treasurer, webmaster, editor, Hall of Fame selection committee, grant writer, wish list coordinator or mentor to the board and/or students. These are the areas of greatest need for the board.

Financial Support: We need donations of any size from our alumni. Members of the classes of the 40's, 50s and 60's have been providing most of the financial support for the Foundation's first 25 years. As these generations age, donations have declined, and the number of donors has drastically decreased. People who receive the newsletters are likely financial donors. We could use your renewed financial support. If you receive our newsletter, but have yet to financially support the Foundation, we need your donations now more than ever. It costs a significant part of the Foundation's budget to print and mail a paper newsletter. We considered doing only an online version of the newsletter but recognize this may be challenging for some of our alumni. As a compromise, we have decided to change to an annual instead of a semi-annual newsletter. The newsletter provides info about our alumni, our school, our Hall of Fame and more. We hope you will consider being a donor, so we can continue to support our mission.

Without help in these areas, the Foundation Board of Directors will have to make some difficult decisions. Dissolution is possible if we don't increase the support of the Foundation. I would like to thank all the past donors, volunteers and board members for the past 25 years of their time, talent and financial support. Twenty-five years of providing scholarships, financial support of class projects and more at our high school is a significant accomplishment. I, like many of you, would feel sad if the Foundation ceased to exist. We hope you consider renewing financial support or, better yet, increasing your donation level.

If the difficult decision to dissolve the Foundation becomes a necessity, the board will ensure that remaining funds will be disbursed in a manner for which the money was donated. Scholarships to graduating seniors is an option that would provide remaining funds to students and since it is so expensive for higher education, it would not take long to earmark remaining funds for this purpose. Once funds are depleted, we will follow state and federal guidelines on dissolution.

Geneva Sorensen Kubal, Class of 1980
Patriots Foundation President

The Patriots Foundation exists to enhance the learning environment at Camden High School and expand educational opportunities for students.

Interested in volunteering on the Patriots Foundation Board?

Attend one of our monthly meetings or contact a Board member to find out more information.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday, 4:30 pm, at Camden H.S. We do not meet in June, July or December.*

** We may choose to meet via teleconference.*

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Upcoming 2025 Events

Class of 1965 Monthly Lunches

2nd Wednesday monthly, 1 pm: Pub 42, 7600 N. 42nd Ave, New Hope, MN 55427

Class of 1980—45th Class Reunion

Oct 18, 4 pm: Embassy Suites Minneapolis-North, Brooklyn Center, MN. Early registration by 4/15/2025. For more details, contact Geneva Kubal at gkubal@aol.com or 612-280-4539.

2025 Hall of Fame Induction

Date/time/location: TBD Fall 2025



Patriots Hall of Fame Nomination Process:

To nominate someone, you can use the online form on the Camden Patriots Foundation website (<https://camdenpatriotsfoundation.org/fillable-nomination-form>). You will need to provide supporting information and/or provide a narrative on why you want the committee to consider your nominee. All of the following people will be considered:

- Alumni (graduated 5+ years)
- Staff (e.g., past and present teachers, support staff, coaches, etc.)
- Community members who have an affiliation with the school

Provide as much information as you can on the form, including how to contact both you and the nominee (email addresses, phone numbers and mailing addresses).

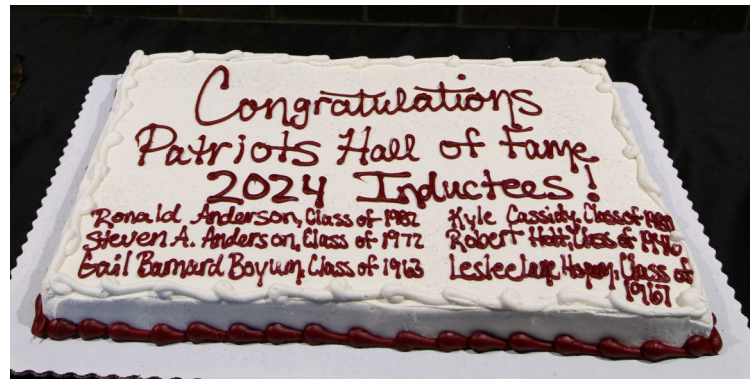
Nomination forms can be submitted via:

- email to camdenpatriots@gmail.com, or
- mail to Geneva Kubal at 1076 Bay Drive SE, Forest Lake, MN 55025.

Although we do not have a deadline for the next round of the selection process, if you know of a good candidate for the Hall of Fame, please submit your nomination to us quickly. We are hoping to have another induction ceremony as soon as we can plan the event.

For information on the Hall of Fame please go to our website where you can find a list of inductees, a form to help you gather requested information and more. If you have questions, contact us through the website and someone will get back to you.

Additionally, check out our [Hall of Fame](#) page for the latest news!



2024 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Ronald Anderson, Class of 1982

- Track team in school, long jump and sprinter
- Current Camden Patriots Foundation board member (Vice President)
- Has worked with a number of other charities
- Long successful career with District Energy in St. Paul (started as a general helper when he was 18 years old and now is the chief engineer and plant manager (41 years of service)



Steven A. Anderson, Class of 1972

- Football and track in school- letter winner; Eagle Scout
- High academic honors
- 30 years as an attorney
- 14 years District Court Judge, 7th Judicial District of Minnesota
- Special note: Steve was born without a right arm.



Gail Barnard Boyum, Class of 1963

- Band and Orchestra in school, yearbook, Girl Scout, Director of Jr. Choir at St. Olaf Church
- City Council member in Peterson, Minnesota (elected 3 times)
- "Friends of Peterson" Leader, a non-profit organization; organizes many events and fundraisers
- Member "Root River Trail Towns"; helps with marketing for towns on the Root River Bike Trail
- Grant writer



Kyle Cassidy, Class of 1980

- Student government representative, teachers aide, varsity baseball; intramural hockey and badminton in high school
- Successful early career as ceramic tile craftsman
- Later followed his passion and started his own business. Creekside Dahlias is the largest Dahlia farm in Minnesota where he grows, sells, and helps develop new varieties.
- American Dahlia Society Judge
- Won national awards, Minnesota State Fair ribbons, and other recognition of his Dahlias
- Gives tours to garden clubs



Robert Theodore Holt, Class of 1946

- Quarterback of the football team and won state level awards with speech team in school.
- Graduated from Hamline University with top honors, degrees in History and Psychology
- Graduated from Princeton University with a Masters Degree in Public Affairs and a PhD in Politics
- From 1956 to 1999, Robert was a distinguished professor, prolific scholar, and administrator at the University of Minnesota
- In 1967, founded the Center for Comparative Studies in Technology Development and Social Change
- From 1982 to 1991 he was the Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Minnesota
- Multiple other memberships and awards



Leslee Lane Hoyum, Class of 1967

- Many activities in school including Yearbook (Copy Editor), French Club (Historian), Operetta (Director), Student Council, Science Club, and Golf Team
- University of Minnesota Graduate
- 32-year career for the State of Minnesota - Department of Economic Security; Council on Disabilities; and the Department of Revenue
- Multiple regional and national journalism and public relations awards; certificates of recognition
- On the founding board and served as Vice President and Secretary of Ski for Light that teaches cross country skiing to visually impaired, blind, and the mobility impaired.
- Awarded honorary citizenship in Sarpsborg, Norway.
- Co-founder of Lakselaget an organization of and for women born in Norway, of Norwegian descent, or who are actively interested in Norway
- Multiple other memberships, charity work, and awards

North Side Pride

By Bill McCrum, '72

It is nice to have sentimental roots. Celeste and I lived in the Mac-Groveland neighborhood of St Paul for 40 years and seldom crossed paths with old friends from Henry, except for the last 10 reunions. A series of events, I will call them dots on a page, have led me to a new vigor to connect the past with the present.

A big change

When my family moved from Springfield Missouri to Minneapolis, my life got turned upside down. Entering Henry in the 9th grade, Mike Rico and his group of friends took me in and right-sided me, in spite of my home sickness for the Ozarks. Ms. Connie Blom was the first teacher to reach out and believe in me and she was the last one that I said "so long" to at graduation.

Extended family

Our '72 class was a good group of scholars, athletes, and personalities. But, in some ways, it felt like the class of 1969-1974. I looked up to schoolmates several years ahead of me and had special relationships with classmates a couple of years behind me. Mike Osgood '70 made me feel like a somebody, Mary Nyquist '71 sang in the halls, the "buzz saws" Danny Bergstrom '71 & Jeff Lundeen '71 made a difference, Glenn Teske '71 made his shots, Bob Majkozak '72 & Gary Langley '72 were buds, Tommy Lundeen '73 got the big hit, Scott Llewellyn '74 was memorable, and Doug Laliberte '72 IS Santa Claus. We had fun at Long Lake, played ball for the GREAT DICK CASSIDY, skied in Canada, played on the Drive, hung out at Wanda's, Hi-Y'ed around town, raced milk cartons, and went on the world's greatest bike hike. For sure, we didn't let the books get in the way of our education.

Recent reconnections

- It was a proud moment when we sat in Target Arena and watched Henry defeat North for the state basketball championship. Better yet, we just happened to buy tickets next to all the Rico sisters, who taught me how to ice skate at Loring School when I was in the 9th grade.
- My son-in-law, Ben is a pastor at Hope Lutheran Church. Ben and Amy's kids started school at Loring, and they embraced the Victory neighborhood. Several years ago, we went to the HOLIDAY on 44th Festival, which terminated at a craft fair inside the gym at Henry. I was impressed to see the plaques of the Henry Hall of Fame (HOF), which I didn't even know existed.
- Last year, we toured the school as part of our 50th class of '72 reunion. Marcus Zackery showed us around and it was evident that our halls were upgrad-

ed over the years and school spirit was everywhere. It got my attention.

New awakening to Camden High School and the Patriot Foundation

In December 2024, Steve Anderson '72 was inducted into the HOF. As I attended the luncheon, I couldn't help but think back about all the irreplaceable moments with friends, teachers, and activities that prepared me for the next level of life's lessons.

As I connected the dots, Henry was a great place to usher us in and launch us into whatever life had to offer. In a way, I have gone full circle, starting at Henry, raising a family in St Paul, Ben & Amy just happening to move into our old stomping grounds and re-acquainting me with where I started as a smooth-talking hillbilly.

I'll stand up and be counted for **Camden High School** and do my part to continue the legacy. The mission of the **Camden Patriots Foundation** is essential, and I want to get active and contribute in one form or another.

Camden Patriots Foundation Information

Camden High School
4320 Newton Avenue North
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55412

Tax ID: 41-1970958 (see last page for how to donate)

E-mail: camdenpatriots@gmail.com

Website: <https://camdenpatriotsfoundation.org/>

Facebook: [Camden Patriots Foundation](https://www.facebook.com/CamdenPatriotsFoundation)

Officers

President: Geneva (Sorensen) Kubal '80

Vice President: Ron Anderson '82

Treasurer: vacant

Secretary: vacant

Directors

Liza Anderson Schmid, Camden HS Principal (non-voting)

Lyndon Carlson, former teacher

Charles Greene '83

Laura (Wincek) Hudoba '65

Louise (Jacobwith) Seigworth '87

Averi M. Turner, Community Member

Marcus Zackery, Camden HS PR Coordinator

Newsletter Editor

Louise Seigworth

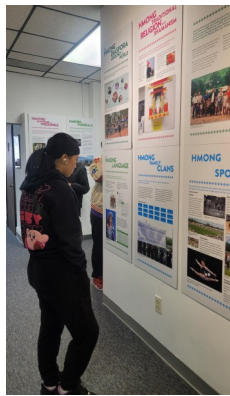
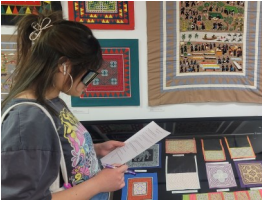
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School Website

<https://camden.mpschools.org/>

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY YOU!



Wish List Items 2024-2025

Donations to the Foundation were used to support the following:

- Field trip to Hmong Cultural Center
- Staff appreciation event
- Transportation for student event at Conflict Resolution Center
- T-shirts for staff to be worn at back-to-school BBQ, first day of school, and other school events
- Supplies for Special Education classroom
- Q1 Honor Roll, Attendance and Growth Celebration
- Purchase classroom set of the book "Refugee" by Alan Gratz
- Pizza party for band members before winter band concerts

I wanted to thank you and the Foundation for funding our field trip to the Hmong Cultural Center on April 24th! Attached, please find the images of the students enjoying their experience both in anticipation of the journey and in the space. We were impressed with how much information they can bring to bear on the history of the Hmong people—it truly has the world's largest repository of information on the Hmong community including research dissertations, archives of newspapers published in Hmong communities, and artifacts of all kinds. I encourage you each to visit it!

Thank you again,
Brian Vats-Fournier
English Teacher

I can't tell you how much your support meant to the kids and our program. We were able to make our winter showcase a truly memorable event, that the students will be able to look back and have fond memories of for a lifetime. After school we hosted a pizza party with various games in the band room. This gave students an opportunity to socialize with their peers, build stronger relationships as a group and celebrate all the hard work they put into the first half of the year. After the party we all went to the auditorium, where we showcased four dance groups, our corridos ensemble, beginning band and jazz band. The students had a lot of fun and were taking pictures with each other in the auditorium after the concert. We could not have made this nearly as fun without your help, so thank you on behalf of all the arts staff here at Camden.

Thanks,
Nathan Loesch
Music Director

The Conflict Resolution Center will be partnering with Camden again for this school year. We are excited to work with students creating a safe place for them to discuss life and learn more about themselves in conflict.

The intention of our group is to create a safe place for students to learn about conflict in a healthy way. We all have conflict and conflicts will remain as we continue to build relationships in our lives. Its important to learn about ourselves and how we personally deal with conflict situations.

Last year, your group was able to provide funding for the students who participated in our sessions for an end of the year celebration. This was HUGE! The CRC does not have ability to transport students for field trips. Your contribution made the end of the year trip possible for the students at Camden. They were so appreciative to have a day filled with bowling, laser tag, and video games. A day to be celebrated for sure. I have attached photos of the event that you made possible with providing the bus for the students. We look forward to having another year to build relationship and community with Camden students and staff.

Respectfully,
Jonelle Ellis
Mediation Services Team
Conflict Resolution Center

DONATIONS—THANK YOU!!

Medallion: \$1,000-\$1,999

Anonymous
Gail Barnard Boyum
Paul & Charlotte Donahue
Dennis Palm
T Rowe Price
Arnold Wodke

Fellowship: \$500-\$999

Gary & Myrtle Carlson
Beverly Fleming
Tom Hanson

\$250-\$499

Kelly Carver
Geneva Sorensen Kubal
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Donna Northway
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Eugene Banks
Michael Cabaya
Marilyn Borries Campbell
Lyndon & Carole Carlson
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Marilyn & Gerald Roemer
Melvin & Shirley Roy
Marie Brynteson Thomas

The Camden Patriots Foundation is classified as a public charity which makes it eligible for employer matching funds.

Please remember to request matching donations from your employer. Every donation helps!

Thank You! 

PATRIOTS FOUNDATION STATEMENT-2024

Statement of Activity

January - December 2024

	TOTAL
Revenue	
Contributed income	
Donations directed by individuals	21,465.00
Grants from other nonprofits	5,000.00
Total Contributed income	26,465.00
Non-Profit Revenue	-24.15
Services	4,093.74
Uncategorized Income	0.00
Total Revenue	\$30,534.59
GROSS PROFIT	\$30,534.59
Expenditures	
Awards & grants to others	7,500.00
Contract & professional fees	
Legal fees	35.00
Total Contract & professional fees	35.00
Motions	16,054.18
Newsletter	2,953.16
Office expenses	
Bank fees & service charges	302.46
Memberships & subscriptions	315.01
Merchant account fees	2.38
Shipping & postage	311.00
Total Office expenses	930.85
Supplies	36.37
Total Expenditures	\$27,509.56
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$3,025.03
NET REVENUE	\$3,025.03

Help us reduce costs!

We send a newsletter annually in the spring to our Foundation members. The printed newsletter is one of the Foundation's largest non-student supported expenses. Help us save costs by opting to receive the newsletter via email only. If you want to change how you receive the newsletter, please send an email to: camdenpatriots@gmail.com.

Additionally, if you want to receive email updates from the Foundation in between newsletter publications, please send an email to camdenpatriots@gmail.com.

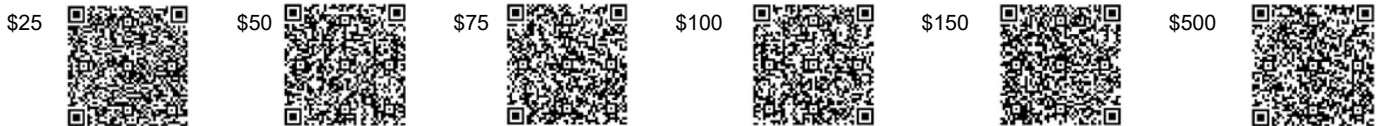
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We Depend on Your Support

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Use QR codes above or visit the Camden Patriots Foundation online to donate: <https://camdenpatriotsfoundation.org/>.
Or, clearly print your information below and mail a check to: Patriots Foundation, 4320 Newton Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55412.

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____ This is updated information? YES NO

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I am: ___ Alumni ___ Parent ___ Current Student ___ Staff ___ Business ___ Other: _____

Support Level Enclosed: ___ \$2,000 ___ \$1,000 ___ \$500 ___ \$250 ___ \$100 ___ Other Amount

Optional: In Support of (program/activity): _____

Optional (circle option): In Honor/Memory of: _____ Class Year: _____