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Spring/Summer 2025

Austin Academic Achievement Awards and Scholarships 2025!

The *Austin Academic Achievement Awards and RIMEF Scholarship Night* celebrates academic excellence at Rock Island High School. On May 14th, 128 students were recognized and rewarded in front of a packed audience of parents/caretakers, families, RIHS faculty/administration, RIMSD board members, RIMEF board/committee members, and alumni in the RIHS Auditorium. 70 Top Ten students were recognized for their academic success and 68 deserving seniors of the Class of 2025 were awarded a record total of \$180,700 in scholarship awards to help them further their education. Funded by RIMEF contributors, the 1st and 2nd place Austin Academic Achievement Award scholarships were given out by teachers representing each of the 10 academic areas. Numerous scholarship benefactors attended the awards night, and many were able to present their award on stage. The very special evening concluded with a reception in front of the RIMEF Office within Rock Island High School. It was a night to celebrate!



The entire evening's celebration and the awards for our outstanding RIHS students were made possible by the generosity of our AAAA contributors and 52 scholarship benefactors. This tradition recognizing and awarding academic excellence at Rock Island High School will continue thanks to the strong community support of the students, teachers, and schools of the Rock Island-Milan School District.



TOP TEN 2025



Congratulations Class of 2025!

Zach Edwards, 2025-2026 RIMEF Board President



I am extremely honored to carry the torch as President of the Rock Island Milan Education Foundation for the 2025-2026 school year. This will be the Foundation's 40th year of service for students and staff of the Rock Island Milan School District. I am a graduate of Rock Island High School in 2001, with both parents graduating from RIHS as well. The humble beginnings of a what being passed around a table 40 years ago by the organization's founding members has now grown into a community asset that provides scholarships to graduating seniors, grants for teachers to help with additional educational materials, and funding for the High School's Business Incubator class. In 2025 we were able to gift over \$250,000 in prime grants to our teachers and over \$180,000 in scholarships to our graduating seniors. This organization could not have done this without the help and support of the community over the past four decades.

It truly demonstrates the multi-generational bond that people share with Rock Island.

The RIMEF is run by a board of directors and several committee volunteers that help make this such a successful undertaking. Our Executive Director, Monta Ponsetto, works tirelessly to keep expanding the reach and impact of the RIMEF. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the past and current board members and volunteers that have helped make the Rock Island Milan Education Foundation so successful. We appreciate your support and generosity that has been shown throughout the 40 years.

2025-2026 Board of Directors

WELCOME



Cara Banks

Originally from Buffalo Grove, IL, I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences with 6-12 Education certification from Illinois State University and began my teaching career at Bloomington High School. I later completed a Master of Arts in Education, Teaching and Leadership from Saint Xavier University. After marrying Charley Banks (RIHS Class of 1979), I taught at Sherrard Jr./Sr. High School before transitioning into higher education. I currently serve as the College Registrar at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

I'm passionate about education and community engagement. As a breast cancer survivor and avid runner, I value resilience and perseverance. Most importantly, I am the proud mom of two amazing boys, Calvin and Carson, both of whom have benefited from the award and scholarship opportunities made possible by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation.



Alli Haskill

Allison Haskill is the Florence C. and Dr. John E. Wertz Professor in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Communications Sciences and Disorders Department Co-Chair, and the Director of the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Program at Augustana College. Dr. Haskill also is a co-founder

of and current board member for Closet2Closet. She and her husband, Dan, live in Rock Island and are proud parents of four Rocky graduates, Logan, Amy, Amber, and Liam.



Robin Jorgesen

Robin grew up in Rock Island graduating from Rock Island High School in 1983. (She was one of the early recipients of RIMEF awards, receiving the Chamber of Commerce scholarship for 1st Place in Foreign Languages.) Robin went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the Univ. of

Illinois and, while working at McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis, completed a Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics. After working in aerospace structural analysis for seven years, Robin returned to the Quad City area to be near family. She worked in various engineering and leadership positions at John Deere and Sedona Technologies. She currently has her own engineering consulting company that assists small to mid-sized manufacturing companies with engineering and manufacturing quality related projects.

Robin lives in Rock Island with her husband Bill Jorgesen. She has two boys. Max Friestad and daughter-in-law Aya Hegazy, who live in Champaign, Illinois, are finishing their PhD's in engineering. Eric Friestad lives in Moline and is a Sr. GIS Technician. Robin enjoys gardening, reading, bike riding and has recently taken up running. She enjoys time with family and friends and fitting in as much travel as possible.

THANK YOU



Barb Cady

THANK YOU to Barb Cady for her nine years of dedicated service to the RIMEF Board. Barb was RIMEF Board President for the 2023-2024 year and on numerous committees including Scholarship, Executive, Finance, Board Development, and Events. Her impactful commitment and her leadership have been invaluable. Barb hasn't completely left the RIMEF – she remains a vital member of our Scholarship Committee.



Bob Swanson

THANK YOU to Bob Swanson as he completes his nine years of outstanding work on the RIMEF Board. During his tenure, Bob was Chair of the Publicity/Marketing Committee and a valuable member of the Allocations Committee. Bob's experience past and present within the district and within our community has made him an asset to all our work within the RIMSD.



Doug Hultquist

THANK YOU to Doug Hultquist for his time as an RIMEF Board Member. Doug generously shared his expertise while serving as Chair of the RIMEF Endowment Committee building our Endowment Fund towards its goal. Doug also served on our Fundraising Committee throughout his term on the RIMEF Board of Directors.

Barb, Bob, and Doug were recognized for their service at the RIMEF Board meeting on May 15. We are profoundly grateful for the countless hours and tireless work they have generously given to ensure our mission of "Enhancing Academic Opportunities for Student Success" is honored. The RIMEF has grown tremendously under their watchful oversight enabling your contributions to benefit more students, teachers, and schools of the Rock Island-Milan School District.

2024-2025 Final Pitch!

Five teams from the '24-'25 RIHS INCubator.edu class presented their business pitches on May 21 in the Rocky Auditorium. The teams advanced from the Academic Pitch held on May 7. Both pitches were scored by a panel of judges from the academic and business communities. The five presenting teams were: *A Whistle Away*, *Bracey*, *Downhill*, *Foodies*, *ReGear*, and *XLIFT*. *A Whistle Away* was named "Best Business Model" and "Best Business Potential" and received the \$5,000 award. *ReGear* was named "Best Pitch" and received a \$3,000 award. Both teams can use their prize money as seed funds for their businesses, or the team members may evenly divide their winnings for scholarship awards.



Thank you to the coaches, mentors, Jerry & Sue Horton, DARI (Development Association of Rock Island,) and RI Rotary for helping these RIHS students develop future-ready skills. Thank you to Mark & Katherine Thies for continuing to fund the award prizes. Thank you to our INCubator donors – with your help the RIMEF pays the ongoing costs of the INCubator.edu curriculum and training as well as funding seed-money to develop team websites, prototypes, etc. during the school year. Community support is critical for the success of this program and encouraging to all our talented student entrepreneurs.

2025 Final Pitch Awards:

Best Business Model (\$5,000):

A Whistle Away – Alex Arredondo, Matthew Roessler, Merrick Stockwell
Mentor – Ian Frink

Best Pitch (\$3,000):

ReGear– Carson Banks, Chase Curry, Ezekiel Niyonzima, Grant Stewart
Mentor – Bill Stengel

Best Business Potential:

A Whistle Away

INCubator Teams at Final Pitch:

Bracey – Kylan Davis, Emilio Guzman, Temar Hudson

Mentor – Mrs. Matson

Downhill – Dai Shaun McCaw, Elijah Venegas

Mentor – Mrs. Matson

Foodies – Kaleigha Lemmon, Ja'Mariya Morgan

Mentor – Mrs. Matson

XLIFT – Aimable Ganza, Elijah Hodgett, Jake Nixon, Eh Doh Soe



2016-2025

85

**Products/Services
Developed**

\$50K

**Prize/Scholarships
Awarded**

2024-2025 INCubator Judges (MVP, Academic, and Final)

Zach Edwards, Edwards Wealth Management & Financial Services
 Ann Friederichs, Western Illinois University
 Troy Green, Crawford Company
 Doug Hultquist, Quad City Bank & Trust (retired)
 Harrison Kelley, Rock Island High School Student
 Kennedy Maombi, Deere & Co.
 Sean McCollum, Rock Island High School Teacher
 Shay Moore, Moore Divahs, LLC
 John Nagle, Quad City Bank & Trust
 John Oliger, Modern Woodmen of America
 Monta Ponsetto, RIMEF
 Eric Spriet, American Bank & Trust
 Elizabeth Tallman, Development Association of Rock Island
 Candy Wise, Group O, Inc.

2024-2025 Bright Ideas Awards!

Crystal Aldeman, English Learners
Elizabeth De Lille, Horace Mann
Alexis DeWilde, Ridgewood
Mara Goodvin, Ridgewood
Amber Grant, RI Academy
Michelle Greenwood, RIHS
Bill Gustafson, Rock Island HS
Connie Hayek, RIHS
Meaghan Jackson, RIHS
Jacqueline Krone, RICMS

Christopher LaRoche, RIHS
Shayna Leigh, Thurgood Marshall
Amanda Long, Horace Mann
Laurie Lyon, Horace Mann
Cassandra Mikaio, Edison JHS
Jen Mohr, Horace Mann
Susan Molina-Padro, Denkmann
Claudia Monique, Denkmann
Jeanne Mueller, Head Start
Monica Painter, Horace Mann

Angie Paprocki, Denkmann
Jenny Purvis, Horace Mann
Amy Self, Frances Willard
Shaya Smith, RICMS
Linnea Sparacello, Horace Mann
Bridget Taheny, Denkmann
Jennifer Trimble, RIHS
Kiley Van Opdorp, Longfellow
Laurie Vroman, RIHS

Through support of the Reynolds Family Foundation, the teachers listed above received \$200 each for classroom projects. Last December, teachers were invited to submit ideas online and 29 of these "Bright Ideas" were funded in January. It's another great program which enhances RIMSD classrooms to benefit our students!

Reynolds Family Foundation Fund

Bright Ideas Awards!

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Bright Ideas Awards Matching Grant!

Thanks to an extremely generous offer from the Reynolds Family, there's a **\$50,000 matching challenge** for donations made to the *Bright Ideas Awards!* by October 1. Every dollar directed to this fund will be doubled by the Reynolds, increasing and extending the program's impact throughout the district.

Bright Ideas Awards! provide additional dollars for classroom projects developed after the school year has begun. These are often projects or material costs that are paid out-of-pocket by are hard-working teachers.

It's a great way to enhance our classrooms - add "Bright Ideas" on your donation form!

RIMEF FUNDS DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Reading Revolution: Visting Author Series

In partnership with the RIMSD Dept. of Teaching & Learning and The Midwest Writing Center, the RIMEF provided 400 copies of the book *The Family Tree* to 2nd grade students throughout the district. Sheila Moore Guy, the local author, was invited to give presentations of the book to the students and their teachers.

The book follows two brothers who escaped slavery to fight in the Civil War and were eventually stationed at the Rock Island Arsenal. After the war they settled in Rock Island. A study guide with the book helped the teachers guide the text to real world connections for the students.



The author's presentations and the book are part of the district's "Reading Revolution" initiative. The *Family Tree* meets Illinois ELA State Reading Standards and supplements the district curriculum.

Figge Big Picture Outreach Program

The RIMEF partnered with the Figge Art Museum to fund their Big Picture Immersive Outreach Program at Rock Island High School. This program positively impacts at-risk students at RIHS to help increase attendance and strengthen the students' educational experiences. The program includes four social life skills classes, provides resources and art materials to social workers counseling students, and serves one special needs class.

A designated space where social workers, counselors, art therapists, and a Community Engagement Coordinator from the Figge provides a safe space and an environment for art to bring a positive energy. The results are improved student Success at regulating emotions, gaining confidence, & attending class more regularly.



Seal of Biliteracy Program

17 RIHS Seniors earned the Seal of Biliteracy, and 9 Seniors received a Commendation Towards Biliteracy in the 2024-2025 school year. Recognizing students' proficiency in English and other languages, the Seal of Biliteracy Program encourages language learning and acknowledges the valuable skill of knowing multiple languages in today's diverse society. To earn the Seal of Biliteracy, students must:

- **Meet English proficiency requirements** – passing state assessments or meeting district standards
- **Show proficiency in a second language** – passing an approved language proficiency exam, completing advanced language coursework, or demonstrating equivalent skills

The honor appears on both the student's diploma and transcript highlighting their bilingual skills to both colleges and employers. The Seal of Biliteracy signals a student's readiness to engage in a multilingual world and supports academic/career opportunities.

The Seal of Biliteracy Program within the District's EL Department is supported through grant funding obtained by the RIMEF and a generous contribution from Jerry and Sue Horton.



Class of 2025 Scholarship Recipients



The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation supports the students, teachers, and schools of the RIMSD through grants, programs, and student scholarships. Our generous donors help fund major programs and initiatives including:

- Austin Academic Achievement Awards
- PRIME (Promoting Rock Island Milan Education) Grant Program
- RIMEF Named Scholarships
- INCubator.edu/Entrepreneurship Class

Contact us and find out how you can help make a difference for the 6,100+ students of the RIMSD!

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Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Scholarships



Nell Althoff Family Memorial Scholarship - \$2,500 each

In memory of long-time 1st grade Audubon teacher Nell Althoff
Recipients: *A'Keyla Brown, Eliza Jolie, Leah Kitterman, Carla Nieto*

Charles O. Austin Leadership Scholarship - \$2,000

Honoring Charles O. Austin, Jr. and Charles O. Austin, III
Recipient: *Elizabeth McCoy*

Bally's Quad Cities Scholarship - 3 awards

For students demonstrating academic and social achievement
Recipient, \$3,000 award: *Jaxon Womack*
Recipient, \$2,000 award: *Mu Phlay K'Tooe Soe*
Recipient, \$1,000 award: *Kevin Mayares*

Carole S. Barkan Scholarship - \$1,000

In memory of Carole's life devoted to advocating for students
Recipient: *Elaina Adlfinger*

Boeye Family Scholarship - \$2,000

Established to recognize involvement in extra-curriculars and the community
Recipient: *Mylie Shook*

Grant W. and Virginia M. Brissman Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation to honor the Brissmans
Recipient: *Abbagale Lieber*

Class of 1961 Scholarship - \$1,500 each

Established and funded by the Class of 1961
Recipients: *Isabella Adner, Ali Aliev, Keziah Anderson, Lucie Cornelio, LaNina Daugherty-Butler, Lauren Gottcent, Jozie Kerr, Richard Niyonzima, Santana Smith, Jesus Sosa*

Class of 1963 "First in the Family Scholarship" - \$1,500 each

Established and funded by the Class of 1963
Recipients: *Keziah Anderson, LaNina Daugherty-Butler, Riziki Venansia*

Class of 1965 Scholarship - \$1,000

Established and funded by the Class of 1965
Recipient: *Harley Payney*

Stanley H. Coin Business Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by American Bank & Trust to honor Stanley H. Coin
Recipient: *Skylar Stone*

Donald E. Devinney Business and Business Education Scholarship - \$10,000

Established by former RIHS business teacher Mr. Don Devinney
Recipient: *Carson Banks*

Troy H. Ellis Scholarship - \$1,500

In memory of 1987 Rocky graduate Troy Ellis. Troy lettered all 4 years playing on the RIHS Golf Team – for a student who has played at least 2 years on the golf team and recognizes how the sport changed their life
Recipient: *Lillian McDaniel*

Barbara Fackel AVID Scholarship - \$1,000

In memory of Barbara Fackel and her commitment to education – for a student completing 4 years of the AVID program
Recipient: *Beline Shukuru*

Ben D. and Nancy K. Brown Farrar Scholarship - \$2,000

Established by former RIMSD teacher Nancy K. Brown Farrar
Recipient: *Myles Davis*

Jim and Doug Franz Memorial Scholarship: \$1,500

Established in memory of the former Rocky Grads
Recipient: *Carson Banks*

Rick Gilliland Scholarship - \$500

In memory of teacher Rick Gilliland – for a student attending Black Hawk College
Recipient: *Lyric Rice*

Ray and Elva Haberthur Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

Established to honor the long-time Rock Island contributors
Recipient: *Isabella Marceleno*

Hass Family Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by the family in honor of Mary and Art Hass
Recipient: *Pedro Ramirez*

Heart of a Rock - \$1,000

Established by 2010 alum Megan Wilson and Triona Roberts – for students who have a family member struggling with a major illness
Recipient: *Hussein Alhamdan*

Amy Helpenstell Liberal Arts Scholarship - \$1,000

Honoring Rocky and Augustana College graduate, Amy Helpenstell
Recipient: *Bibi Kamela Barikzay*

Jerry and Sue (Farrow) Horton Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by the Hortons to encourage work in trades or nursing
Recipient: *Whitney Stivers*

Derek James Jackson Art Scholarship - \$500

Established for a student who has participated in the Rocky art curriculum
Recipient: *Eh Su*

Tim Joannides and Family Scholarship - \$1,000

Tim Joannides and his family established this scholarship for students having participated in band or orchestra at Rocky
Recipient: *Jose Salinas-Palaez*

Tyler John Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

In memory of Tyler for a student in band and/or orchestra
Recipient: *Gladys Perez*

Judith A. Katz Scholarship - \$4,000

Established in memory of Judith for a student exhibiting outstanding academic achievement
Recipient: *Thom Elliott*

Donavin J. Keim Scholarship - \$500 each

Funded by the family in memory of the former student athlete. One scholarship is awarded to a football player and one to a student wrestler
Recipient - Football: *Kevin Mayares*
Recipient - Wrestler: *Merrick Stockwell*



Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Scholarships



Knights of Pythias Scholarship – \$1,000

The Knights of Pythias Scholarship was established to award a senior exemplifying the 3 main principles of the fraternal order: *Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence*
Recipient: *Elizabeth McCoy*

R. Decker Magee Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Established in memory of RIHS graduate Decker Magee
Recipient: *Jayleayah McNeal*

The Marler Clark Science Scholarship - \$2,000

Established to aid a student pursuing a degree in science
Recipient: *Benjamin Huisman*

Mollie Montgomery Scholarship - \$2,000

Established by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation for a student entering a medical field
Recipient: *September Naing*

Nature's Treatment of Illinois Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by the Rock Island-Milan based business to honor and assist students
Recipient: *Presence Erodiance*

Herb Niemann Scholarship - \$1,200

In memory of former teacher and principal Herb Niemann
Recipient: *A'rion Lonergan-Shinskia*

R. Dale Owen "Be the Light" Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by the Ascentra Credit Union Foundation to honor Dale Owen and his generosity of spirit to his community
Recipient: *Alex Churchill*

Darrell and Mary Anne Reynolds Scholarship - \$4,000 each

Established by the Reynolds to reward hardworking students
Recipients: *Olivia-Ann Almanza, Ler Bwe*

Miles W. Rich Family Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by Mr. Rich for a student who will major in Business Administration
Recipient: *Alex Churchill*

Jayovontae "Jaree" Roberts Scholarship - \$500 each

Funded by family and friends to honor former student Jaree Roberts
Recipient, Education: *LaNina Daugherty-Butler*
Recipient, Music: *Thom Elliot*

Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000 each

3 scholarships funded by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation
Recipients: *Christen Egan, Grace Hodonou, Skylar Stone*

Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Merit Scholarships - \$1,000 and \$500

3 scholarships funded by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation
Recipient, \$1,000: *Elaina Adlfinger, Layla Rice*
Recipient, \$500: *Birdie Johnson*

Fred Houlton "Service Above Self" Rock Island Rotary Scholarship - \$1,000

For demonstrating service to the community and living the Rotary 4-Way Test
Recipient: *Lyric Rice*

Rock Island Township Scholarship - \$1,500

To support a student residing in RI Township and attending an IL college
Recipient: *A'Keyla Brown*

Chet and Louise Schultz Scholarship - \$2,000

Established in memory of Rocky wrestling coach/teacher Chet Schultz and teacher Louise Schultz
Recipient: *Merrick Stockwell*

Schwiebert Family Scholarship - \$2,500

The Schwiebert siblings established this scholarship to benefit liberal arts college-bound students
Recipient: *Kamya McDuffy*

William and Saralie Shallman Memorial Scholarship - \$2,500

This scholarship was established by John Shallman (Class of '82) to memorialize his parents - students must demonstrate leadership and initiative in service and/or community involvement
Recipient: *Beline Shukuru*

Terry Stephens Memorial Scholarship - \$500 each

Established to honor former baseball coach Terry Stephens
Recipient, Baseball: *Namarion Coleman*
Recipient, Softball: *Madison Carroll*

Thoms Family "Above and Beyond" Scholarship - \$5,000

Established by the Thoms family to encourage and reward the leadership and entrepreneurial spirit of RIHS students
Recipient: *Chase Curry*

Steven and Mabel M. Velge Track and Cross-Country Scholarship - \$6,000 each

Established by Mabel Velge in memory of her son Steven Velge, RIHS Class of 1968, and for her love of running.
Recipient, Female: *Kylie Melchi*
Recipient, Male: *Jesus Sosa*

Elizabeth Kennel Williams Scholarship - \$2,000

Honoring the '86 RIHS graduate who dedicated her career to helping students overcome challenges
Recipient: *Jozie Kerr*

Women's Computer Science, Math, & IT Scholarship - \$500

Encouraging women to pursue a degree in computer science, technology, or math
Recipient: *Keziah Anderson*

Rosemary Woodward Scholarship - \$1,000

Established with a grant from the RI Community Foundation to honor Mrs. Woodward. The scholarship is awarded to a student who will study nursing or to be a CNA
Recipient: *Madison Carroll*

DW Young Memorial Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by the family in memory of DW Young, a strong supporter of RI schools
Recipient: *Zoe Ehlers*

The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation was formed in 1986 to solicit and receive funds to support academic programs in the Rock Island-Milan School District. A board of directors, comprised of volunteer professional, business, and community leaders, governs the operations of the foundation.

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BIRDIES!

The John Deere Classic is almost here but you can still get a 2025 Birdies donation in before the deadline on July 4! When you donate through Birdies, we receive 100% of your donation PLUS we receive a guaranteed 5% and up to 10% for your gift! You can make an annual gift or direct your donation to your preferred program. If we receive no instruction, we will direct your funds to assist our 2025-26 PRIME Grant awards.

Donate online or get more information at:
www.birdiesforcharity.com

The RIMEF Birdies number is – 1255



MAJOR SAVER

Foundation Fundraising You Can Trust

The 2025-2026 school year is just a couple of months away and the Major Saver campaign will run in the school this August. You can purchase a card online any time starting in August and throughout the year for Quad Cities vendors or possibly your own city...and you can still credit the RIMEF or your child's school! To date, the program has raised \$306,000 for participating schools and for our PRIME Grants!

Get your Major Saver card at:

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Find your card, credit our schools, and SAVE!

RIMEF Endowment Fund

The RIMEF Endowment Fund was created to ensure the RIMEF will have the resources to achieve the goal of providing the best educational experience for the youth of the Rock Island Milan School District (RIMSD) now and in the future. An endowment is critical as we work to overcome any unforeseen funding challenges. The RIMEF will use the earnings generated by the principal to remunerate Rock Island Milan School District-41 (RIMSD41) led initiatives as agreed upon by the RIMSD and the RIMEF Endowment Fund Committee:

- The RIMEF Endowment Fund supports major RIMSD41 directed campaigns
- The fund will utilize only the interest/earnings received
- The fund's principal will remain intact
- Investment strategies will be regularly reviewed
- Anyone may invest in the fund with a minimum \$5,000 donation
- The contribution may be made in one or multiple payments
- The RIMEF Endowment is a permanently held fund

Impact the future through your support of the RIMEF Endowment Fund. Giving now will help ensure the academic success of future generations of Rock Island-Milan students for years to come.

Contact the RIMEF at rimef@rimsd41.org for more information or to add your name or your business name to our growing list of contributors to this vital fund.

