



# Newsletter

An update on activities of the  
Grandview Education Foundation

## January 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 20, 2023**

GEF Board of Directors Meeting

**January 26, 2023**

Virtual Trivia Night

**February 15, 2023**

Deadline for Distinguished Alumni  
Award Nominations

**April 1, 2023**

Distinguished Alumni Brunch

**May 2023**

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**June 15, 2023**

Deadline for 2023-24 Innovative  
Teaching Grant Applications



We are looking forward to a great 2023 and we wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous new year.

### GEF Contracts with Executive Director



The board of directors of the Grandview Education Foundation is excited to announce that they have hired an Executive Director for the first time in the organizations history.

Geoff Gerling will begin leading GEF on January 9, 2023 with a goal of growing the organization and providing more opportunities to help Grandview Scholl District students.

Geoff is a sixth generation Missourian and lifelong resident of Jackson County. He is a graduate of Raytown High School and the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he majored in Interpersonal Communications and Psychology,

was active in student leadership and as a volunteer.

After college, he held a variety of leadership roles as a fundraiser including Director of Development for a professional theater company in Kansas City and Executive Director of the Midwest Innocence Project which served a six-state region. Gerling was later named Executive Director of the Jackson County Democratic Committee serving in that role for nearly six years. He was also the Government Affairs Chairman for the South Kansas City Alliance and served on their Board of Directors for six years.

Over the years, he has served on a number of other boards and commissions representing citizens in Grandview and South KC. Geoff is also a contributing writer to the Martin City Telegraph.

Gerling has lived in the Grandview School District for the past 14 years just north of Martin City K-8. He lives with his wife, Dr. Thuylinh Pham of Children's Mercy Kansas City, and their baby daughter Gemma.

## Virtual Trivia Night



GEF will be hosting the annual Trivia Night fundraiser on Thursday, January 26th from 6:30 - 8pm. Once again this event will be held virtually on the TriviaHub zoom platform. All proceeds will go to support teacher grants, student scholarships and other programs.

Sponsorships are available at levels of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 and a team of 8 can enter for \$100. Gather your team (together or apart) and join us for competitive fun game of trivia.

For questions  
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## Nominations Now Being Accepted for the Jane Bryan Distinguished Alumni Award



The Grandview Education Foundation and Grandview High School invite you to submit nominations for recipients of the Jane Bryan Distinguished Alumni Award. This award honors individuals whose deeds and character exemplify outstanding achievement in their life's work

and/or service to their communities. The honorees' spirit and leadership are worthy of recognition and have inspired praise and gratitude among his/her peers.

The awards will be presented at the Distinguished Alumni Brunch on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Armacost Car Museum.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Recipients of the Grandview High School Distinguished Alumni Award must be graduates of Grandview High School. Only GHS Alumni who have been graduated for a minimum of 10 years are eligible to receive this award.

**Nominations must be received by February 15, 2023**

[Nominate a Recipient](#)

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