

Raytown Educational Foundation

Report to the Board of Education for February 14, 2022

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Raytown Educational Foundation Board of Trustees' Meeting Highlights for January 26, 2022

The Raytown Educational Foundation held its January meeting on January 26, 2022. Highlights from the meeting are as follows:

- **Share the Love Breakfast** – The foundation's "Share the Love" community breakfast was held last Wednesday. While the in person attendance was fewer, the event was fortunate to have strong financial support from its sponsors and the community at-large.
- **Pillar Awards** – The foundation's Pillar Awards were featured at the Share the Love community breakfast. The Pillar Awards recognize individuals, companies or organizations that have furthered the foundation's mission and vision through exceptional philanthropic contributions or exceptional service. The 2022 Pillar Award recipients are:
 - Pillar of Giving – The Verlinden Family
 - Pillar of Service – Mary Oyler
- **New Scholarships** – The foundation is pleased to announce four new scholarships for graduating seniors:
 - **Julio Bambini Memorial Scholarship** – Established by the Raytown Soccer Club to honor the memory of Julio Bambini. Julio was a founding member of the club and the driving force of the origin of youth soccer in the Raytown Community. Before her retirement, Julio's wife, Sue Bambini, served as the Raytown Quality Schools Board of Education Secretary.
 - **William Hart Frederick "From the Heart" Scholarship** – Established by Bill's family and friends to honor Bill Frederick. Bill was supportive of education and served as a REF trustee for 20 years. Bill's wife, Sally Frederick is a Raytown High alumnus and taught at Raytown South High School for 31 years.
 - **Raytown Artists Association Scholarship** – Established by the Raytown Artists Association to assist high school students interested in pursuing a career in art. The Raytown Artists Association has been promoting the visual arts in Raytown for 56 years.
 - **The Verlinden Family Scholarship** – Established by members of the Verlinden family to assist Raytown Quality Schools students access a college education. Ann and Gerry have been active members of the Raytown community for 46 years. Gerry served as a Raytown Quality Schools math educator for 32 years. All three of their children, Nicole, Matt, and Mike are Raytown High graduates.