

MINING FOUNDATION

for Lowry High School

An annual report from the Mining Industry Foundation for Lowry High School

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The Mining Industry Foundation for Lowry High School has been in existence for 19 years. Over the past four years, the Foundation has helped facilitate "An Assembly of Excellence" program each May as well as the "Senior Choice Awards," which recognizes teachers who have influenced LHS students.

LHS student recognition at heart of Mining Foundation

Nineteen years ago, Dan Harper, the-then General Manager of the Pinson Mine, suggested creating a way to recognize the achievements of students at Lowry High School.

Harper's suggestion, which was patterned after several academic and vocational incentive programs at Battle Mountain High School, seemed like a good idea.

But it was also a big idea—an idea that would require a significant financial commitment from area mines and associated businesses.

Harper was undeterred by the magnitude of the project, though, and simply pressed on in what he knew would eventually bless the lives of local students.

And the Mining Industry Foundation for Lowry High School has done just that.

Nearly two decades later, a total of \$605,000 has been donated by area mining companies to Lowry High School and, last year for instance, the hard work of dozens upon dozens of students was rewarded with everything from cash money and savings bonds to medallions and certificates.

Big names like Coeur Rochester, Barrick Gold, Hycroft, Marigold, Florida Canyon, Newmont, Great Basin Gold and Pershing's Relief Canyon Mine have all stepped up to the plate in the past years.

Additionally, since 2009, over \$9,000 has come in from vendors like Arnold Machinery, Western Nevada Supply, Black Rock Machinery, Carwil, Humboldt Printers, Hydro Resources Nevada, Inland Supply Company, Carquest, Kimball Equipment and Boart Longyear Nevada.

Over those same 19 years, the nonprofit corporation has paid out approximately \$296,000 in academic and vocational incentive awards or savings bonds, while letterman jackets have been given out to the top 10 students in each of the freshman, sophomore,

junior and senior classes. If students prefer, they can choose a \$400 savings bond instead.

Along with the traditional awards for high achievers in Lowry High School's eight academic and seven vocational departments, with leadership classes added this year, students with perfect and exemplary attendance have also been recognized.

The awards are announced annually as part of an "Assembly of Excellence," held each May in the school's gymnasium. Lowry High School Principal Debbie Watts said it has to be held in the gymnasium because there are so many students, parents and guests who attend.

For many students, it's the first time they've ever been recognized in an academic setting.

"I've seen a few parents cry when their son or daughter's name has been called," she said. "For them, seeing their child honored for increasing their effort in a certain class is a landmark experience."

Mining Foundation President Jerry Pfarr said that's the purpose behind the nonprofit, not only to recognize those students who routinely top the charts, but also to shine light on those who are progressing at their own speed—but who are progressing nonetheless.

"It's an exciting thing to watch," he said of the assembly. "As a Foundation we do our part throughout the year so that those few hours can take place, and it's amazing to watch as each student is called up and recognized among his or her peers."

He continued, "The students seem to like that experience and we think it helps motivate them to reach a little higher in their own academic and vocational efforts."

Students aren't the only ones who reap the benefits of the Foundation's work, however. Since 2007, the mining group has also

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INCENTIVES

Since 1992, the Mining Industry Foundation for Lowry High School has given out incentive and recognition awards to:

- The top 2 graduating seniors
- The top 2 students in eight academic subjects including math, science, English/humanities, social studies, fine arts/music, foreign language, special education, physical education, and seven vocational subjects including business, auto repair, welding, drafting/auto-CAD, agriculture, woods and family consumer science.
- The top 10 seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen
- Each student with one year perfect or exemplary attendance
- Each student with four years perfect attendance

MINE INCENTIVE EXPLANATIONS

Top Ten. This award is presented to each grade based on student performance during the current school year only regardless of past successes or struggles. The first criteria used to determine eligible students is the total number of A's earned in all classes for the first, second and third quarters of the current school year. Any class taken as Pass/Fail does not count as no letter grade is received. In the event that more than 10 students are eligible, further tie-breaking procedures are used including total number of A's and B's, number of honors courses and finally, the mean of the total class averages for the first three quarters will determine the top 10. Grade Point Average is not used to calculate who is awarded the Top Ten.

Top Two Seniors. This award is presented to the top two seniors based on Weighted Grade Point Average for the first seven semesters of high school. In the event there are ties, the following procedures are used: Total number of honors courses followed by the mean of the total class averages for the first seven semesters of high school. The top two seniors should not be confused with the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, as these awards are based on the complete eight semesters of high school.

Perfect Attendance. Perfect attendance is 100 percent attendance in all class periods (excluding school-approved activities). To be eligible, a student must be absent for three or fewer class periods in a year.

SENIOR CHOICE AWARDS

Since 2007, the Mining Industry Foundation for Lowry High School recognized those teachers in kindergarten through 12th grade who have had the greatest impact or exerted the most influence on each year's graduating seniors.

The awardees are nominated by the graduating seniors and chosen by a committee with no administration or teacher participation.

These awards are given out during the Senior Choice Award banquet, which is held each spring at the Winnemucca Convention Center.

The awardees, their spouses, school officials and the students who served on the selection and awarding committees are invited to attend the banquet.

Following are the award recipients from 2009-2010:

- Mr. John Aberasturi, Lowry High School
- Mr. Andy Anderson, Lowry High School
- Mr. Ron Beck, Lowry High School
- Mr. John Brooks, formerly Sonoma Heights Elementary School
- Mrs. Lisa Conn, Sonoma Heights Elementary School
- Mrs. Vera deArrieta, formerly McDermit Combined School
- Mrs. Dolores Detweiler, Winnemucca Junior High School
- Mrs. Michele Doyle, Lowry High School
- Mr. Ron Espinola, Lowry High School
- Mr. James Gilboy, Grass Valley Elementary School
- Mrs. Corrine James, Lowry High School
- Mrs. Dorene Kitras, formerly French Ford Middle School
- Mr. K.C. Kracaw, Winnemucca Junior High School
- Mrs. Kathi Kuretech, French Ford Middle School
- Mrs. Lynn Ludlow, Lowry High School
- Mrs. Amorita Maher, McDermit Combined School
- Mrs. Keeli McClintick, Sonoma Heights Elementary School
- Mrs. Vicki Meissner, Lowry High School
- Mrs. Char Owen, Winnemucca Grammar School
- Mrs. Juanita Pardovich, French Ford Middle School
- Mrs. Nancy Plummer, Grass Valley Elementary School
- Mrs. Courtney Rorex, Lowry High School
- Mrs. Teri Stein (retired), French Ford Middle School
- Mr. Mark Westmoreland (retired), Winnemucca Grammar School

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The Foundation foots the bill for the annual celebration, which all trustees agree is one of the highlights of the donation year.

One of the reasons the Foundation has been so financially successful is because members have been careful to take at least half of each year's contributions and earmark them as a permanent endowment for the academic and vocational incentive program.

Some years, those contributions have soared to \$50,000; this past year, \$38,000 came in from eight mines. Regardless of the actual dollar amount, that fund has been growing steadily. Currently, it stands at about \$450,000.

President Pfarr said with that kind of investment, the program will stand as a perpetual memorial to this area's rich mining history.

"And if the local mining industry were to cease some day," he said, "mining would still continue to support these students in helping them prepare for whatever academic or vocational opportunities their world might offer."

All trustees and officers associated with the Foundation donate their time to the cause as do those who provide consulting, accounting, legal or administrative services.

There are no administrative fees associated with the group, with the exception of a \$25 annual fee to the Secretary of State, which keeps the group's nonprofit corporate status in good standing.

The fifth annual Assembly of Excellence program has been scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 18, in the Lowry High School gymnasium.

2010 Mine Incentive Awards

**Top 2 Senior
\$1,000**
Giovan Cholico
Courtney
Hammond

**Top 10 Freshmen
Savings Bond
or Jacket**
Tyler Brumm
Mary Castaneda
Sarah Custer
Carli Evatz
Marion House
Riata Kull
Daniel Pollock
Ashley Principle
Matthew Ruehl
Paige Thiede

**Top 10
Sophomore
Savings Bond
or Jacket**
Jace Billingsley
Brandon Eastman
Betsy Guerrero
Angie Herrera
Marie-Elise Kitras
Bryan Noble
Quinn Norcutt
Olivia Snow
Melanie Vance
Jessica Villarreal

**Top 10
Junior
Savings Bond
or Jacket**
Shane Bell
Dillon Bryan
Miranda Buttram
Tyler Cox
Jacob Gibson
Luis Gutierrez
Emelia Legarza
Anders Pace
Rachel Yates
Patrick York

**Top 10
Senior
Savings Bond
or Jacket**
Giovan Cholico
Tyler Cooper
Amaya Drake
Mary Granath
Courtney
Hammond
Rebecca Monroe
Trenten Montero
Timothy Palmer
Brad Pearce
Alex Schumacher

**Exemplary
Attendance
Savings Bond**
Cintia Aguilar
Tyler Cox
Angie Herrera

Juaquin Lopez
Eva Mercado
Chase Young
Cesar Moreno
Joel Mendoza
Juan Zepeda
Timothy Palmer

**Perfect
Attendance
Savings Bond**
Maria Acevedo
Cheyenne Betz
Daniel Hales
Taylor Hatfield
Robert Hoenck
Amardip Mall
MaElena Sanchez
William Thacker
Thomas Collins
Dustin Kraft
Winter Coulter
Whitney Hatfield
Berenice Sanchez

**Top 2 Academic
and Vocational
Students
Savings Bond**
Lance Thompson
Rachael Studebaker
Amaya Drake
Kristen Fisher
Blaine Case
Ashley Buckingham
Mark Kenison
Jordan Martin
Madeline Mitch
Daniel Pollock
Juan Garcia
Cameron Keele
Ryan Nelson
Brad Pearce
Andrea Vaca
Chelsea Lujan
Nestor Ruiz
Ashley Dennis
Angie Herrera
Justin Rice
Giovan Cholico
David Eastman (2)
Nick Spriet
Eric Orlando
Brandon Eldodt
Juan Zepeda
Courtney
Hammond (2)
Mary Granath

**Honorable
Mention
Academic and
Vocational
Students
Certificate**
Stephanie Zeiger
Brandon
Eastman (2)
Vanessa Juanes
Silver Nichols
Robyn Shafer
Quinn Norcutt (2)
Sarah Custer
Jaimi Cloud (2)

Dax Kemp
Donald LeGrand
Whitney Walker
Daisy Clark
Cody Cook-Green
Angie Herrera
Kyrstin Hori
Bryan Noble
Amaya Drake
Jessica Lindsay (2)
Lainey Barta
Tyler Cooper
Brad Pearce
Wendy Kemp
MaElena Sanchez
Kennia Ochoa
Dillon Bryan
Daniel Arnold
Martin Iroz (2)
John Lesley
McKenzie Gray
Jazmyn Ward
Jessica Villarreal (4)
Jesus Herrera
Tyler Cox (3)
Riata Kull (2)
Savannah McDade
Mary Granath (2)
Giovan Cholico (3)
Sydney Sundahl
Maria Diaz
Maria Lovelace
Mark Langston
Ryan Romo
Olivia Snow (2)
Jessie Whitmore
Carli Evatz (3)
Brooklyn Thomas
Alyssa Parks
Lainey Barta
Joey Lester
Brenda Ramirez-
Caracoza
Tamora McCre
Mary Castaneda
Osiris Loyola
Donovan Tuck
Megan Guild (2)
Colton Milholland
Tyler Duran
Nadia Hernandez
Kelsey Lambert
Anders Pace (2)
Stephanie
Shelley (2)
Lacy Villarreal (2)
Jordan Martin
Daniel Guzman
Anthony Leal
Katie Hillyer
Jennae Johnson
Laurel Clayson
Carlos Esparza
Brooke Stevenson
Josh Yost
Jessica Wadley
Betsy Guerrero
Marion House
Daniel Pollock
Jason Luybourn
Luis Cruz
David Eastman
Matt Ruehl
Brendan Kilcourse
Maria-Elise Kitras (2)
Pedro Castaneda
Jesse Studebaker

Tyler Brumm (2)
Rebecca Mastin
Jose Castaneda (3)
Steven Madrid
Brisa Ochoa
Dulce Heredia
Marie Linares
Jovi Garcia
Michael Murchison
Ryan Corbari
Nicos Avalos
Marion House
Adriana Fernandez
Jayna Hill
Cameron Carrica
Adrianna Silva
Jennifer Barajas
Kim Garcia
Chris Spiers
Susan Tobler
Alex Schumacher
Trevor Belanger
Jennica Herrera-
Cassar
Alexander Lovelace
Pat York (2)
Mary Vasser
Corbin Crouch
Angel Ward
Deidra Berg
Ana Aguilar
Kinzie McClintick
Luisa Fregoso
Ashley Principe
Chelsie Hammond
Rachael Yates
Tessa Nolan
James Christison
Amy Balagna
Chelsea Lujan
Patrick Rehberg
Mary Granath
Shane Bell
Miranda Buttram
Johnathan
Hernandez
Lynsey Johnson
Leland Miller
Dukota O'Reilly
Jesus Montes-Ayula
Bryce Brumley
Chase Orr
Paeden Underwood
Jeremiah
Maestrujuan
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