

What is the Badger Foundation?

The Badger Foundation is the alumni organization started in 1982 as a small group that raised funds for a Tucson High Jazz Band trip to Europe. By 1984, that nucleus became a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. The Foundation continues to support education and strives to keep Tucson High students in school. The main sources of funding are membership dues, bequests, donations and endowments.

The Foundation provides financial assistance to Tucson High students, faculty, and staff, which enables students and student groups to participate in special activities when student activity funding is insufficient. It also assists in preserving the proud traditions and history of Tucson High.

Members receive periodic newsletters. The October Annual Meeting features the induction of new members into the Badger Foundation Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes alumni, faculty, and friends of Tucson High for excellence in educational, professional, and community achievement. Also honored at the Annual Meeting are six of the previous school year's outstanding students.

The Foundation sponsors two recognition events. The Generations Luncheon recognizes families whose student is a second or third generation Tucson High graduate. The Top 25 Luncheon recognizes those seniors who are academically in the top 25 of their class.

Bequests & Grants

Each spring, at the request of the alumni/donors listed below, the Foundation proudly presents awards in their names to graduating seniors who excel in specific areas. We thank them for their generosity.

In 1996, Frances and John Barringer made the first of many donations to fund the Barringer Award, to recognize students excelling in Fine Arts and Music.

In 1997, Otis Chidester bequeathed \$8,000 to fund the Chidester Award which recognizes the achievements of students in Photography and Graphic Arts.

In 1999, to honor her late husband's achievements in Mathematics and Computer Technology, Marie Palmer made a \$6,000 donation to fund the Palmer Award which recognizes students who display excellence in these fields.

In 2002, Wanda Rice bequeathed \$20,000 so that the Badger Foundation could establish an endowment fund from which the interest could be used to fund the Badger Foundation General Grants and Gifts Fund (The General Fund).

