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*Where did you grow up?*

Des Moines, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Grand View University – BA Health Promotions & Masters of Sports Management

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Director of Events – Iowa Events Center

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*2010 Graduate

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

Make-A-Wish Iowa

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

Event management background to assist with foundation events and fundraising. Experience on other organizing committees.

*What is your hidden talent?*

Multi-tasking is my superpower.

*What is on your bucket list?*

To visit every state in the U.S.

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

To help give opportunities to students that TRHS gave to me when I was a student. Also, to continue the mission of creating a safe and healthy environment for current and future students.

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**KELLY CALDBECK**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Des Moines, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Drake University – Pharmacy

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Private Pilates Instructor

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*1995 Graduate

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

EveryStep, Drake National Alumni Board, Delta Gamma House Corp at Drake University, DMRS.

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

Fundraising, community involvement, flexible time.

*What is your hidden talent?*

Usually, I would say synchronized swimming, but that’s not so unique around here!

*What is on your bucket list?*

A safari

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

Because I had an incredible experience at TRHS and believe in the importance of the school in our community.

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**JACK CHRISTENSEN**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Des Moines, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Iowa State University

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Fixed Income Consultant – Charles Schwab

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*2015 Graduate

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

NA

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

Connected with businesses around the metro. Played golf and helped set up events at Waveland when I worked there.

*What is your hidden talent?*

Being social.

*What is on your bucket list?*

Hike in Alaska

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

I wanted to get involved in my community at a young age and see a difference being made.

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**DAVE DYKSTRA**

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*Where did you grow up?*

North Central Iowa

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Central College – BA Communications

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Financial Advisor – Corebridge Financial

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*I currently have a daughter that is a junior, also have a son that was in the graduating class of 2022.

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

None at this time.

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

I am not afraid to pick up the phone to call alumni and tell the Roosevelt Foundation story.

*What is your hidden talent?*

I enjoy restoring classic cars. Currently restoring a 1969 Mercury Cougar.

*What is on your bucket list?*

Qualifying to show a car at the Muscle Car and Corvette National Show.

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

To help Roosevelt students have the same level of resources available as other students in the surrounding districts.

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**MARIE GERNES**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Des Moines, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

University of Iowa – BA  
Delta State University (go Fighting Okra!) – MA in Education   
University of Iowa – Ph.D. in Teaching & Learning

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Adjunct Instructor for The University of Iowa, College of Education

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*Alum, neighbor, future parent.

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

Hubbell PTA, Waterbury Neighborhood Board

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

Happy to help with writing, design, editing, project planning.

*What is your hidden talent?*

Not really hidden with all the R Party’s bakers but… baking.

*What is on your bucket list?*

A hiking trip to New Zealand

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

To contribute to community support for strong public schools in Des Moines.

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**BRYAN HUGGINS**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Oahu, HI / Springfield, VA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Oklahoma State University

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Senior Architect, BBS Architects / Engineers

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*Our twins, Isabelle and Finn, are sophomores, Class of 2025; Our youngest, Isla, will be Class of 2031.

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

Lead DSM

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

Design, graphics, construction process, strategic planning, dad jokes.

*What is your hidden talent?*

I play guitar.

*What is on your bucket list?*

Travel to New Zealand and Iceland.

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

Once I learned about the foundation’s work, I wanted to help students and staff fully realize the potential of their TRHS experience.

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**AJ JOHNSON**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Des Moines, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Wartburg College – BA; Drake University - MPA

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

City Manager, City of Urbandale

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*1975 graduate

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

None at this time.

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

Spending a career in the public sector has taught me the value of collaboration to accomplish a desired goal.

*What is your hidden talent?*

I am very good at listening and sorting out those items that are important to address.

*What is on your bucket list?*

To travel more.

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

As an alumnus, the Roosevelt experience was a key part of preparing me to move forward. I would like to assist in providing that same experience for current and future students.

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**CHARLOTTE LOZIER**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Des Moines, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Northwestern University – Majored in Communications, Minor Business Institutions

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Kathleen Stahl Travel

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*1998 graduate. Also, my father, mother, sister, and many uncles, aunts, and cousins attended.

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

Secretary – Colonial Dames, Des Moines Borough

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

Marketing, writing press releases, website editing.

*What is your hidden talent?*

Travel Planning.

*What is on your bucket list?*

African safari.

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

I 100% support the mission! To celebrate the tradition and shape the future of Roosevelt High School by advancing and supporting the students, faculty, alumni and Roosevelt community.

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**ERIK LUNDY**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Ames, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Iowa State University – Bachelor Community Regional Planning  
Drake University – Masters Public Administration

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Zoning Enforcement Officer, City of Des Moines

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*Daughters and nephew are alumni, twin niece and nephew attend. My wife Carrie teaches at Perkins Elementary (a feeder school).

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

None at this time.

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

I have worked with most businesses and developers in Des Moines proper and have connections, particularly with the developer/design consultant community.

*What is your hidden talent?*

I’m a Karaoke and Trivia junkie

*What is on your bucket list?*

New Zealand

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

When I started, I was coming off of the Northwest Soccer Board as a longtime Director of Coaches. I wanted to keep giving back to my neighborhood community and still had a daughter attending Roosevelt. I was recruited by fellow Drake alum Natalie Pohlman a contract employee of the Foundation at that time.

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**KATE MEAD**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Des Moines, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

St. Olaf College – BA of Psychology and Elementary Teaching Degree

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Advanced Learning Program Consultant – Des Moines Public Schools

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*I come from a family line that all went to Roosevelt. I also work for DMPS and my two girls will attend Roosevelt starting in the Fall of 2023.

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

I volunteer throughout the year with different organizations and support my church.

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

As an educator, I am passionate about education and believe strongly in our community supporting our local schools. I am a team player and love to connect with fellow alum.

*What is your hidden talent?*

I make a mean scotcheroo!

*What is on your bucket list?*

I can’t wait to pull oysters straight from the ocean and eat them right there with a sip of champagne.

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

I want to give back to the school that gave me so much. Plus, my children will attend TRHS.

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**NATE NIELSEN**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Des Moines, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

University of Iowa – Finance & Management

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Mortgage Consultant – Wells Fargo

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*Alumni

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

None at this time.

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

Skills: organization, written and verbal communication, sales. Born and raised in Des Moines, so somewhat familiar with the community and the people in it. All of which can be used for outreach.

*What is your hidden talent?*

Playing the tuba.

*What is on your bucket list?*

Visit the Egyptian pyramids.

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

The capital campaign and to have an impact on students and the Roosevelt community.

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**DANIELLE ROECKER**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Shelby, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Iowa State University – Bachelor’s Degree Management Information Systems & Graduate Certificate in Human-Computer Interaction

Colorado Technical University – masters of business Administration

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

IT Delivery Leader with Accenture (a Global Consulting firm)

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*Two children at Roosevelt: Abbie (Class of ’25) and Graham (Class of ’26)

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

Rider Club Softball

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

I have served on a variety of educational, sports and corporate boards that have given me great perspective on engaging volunteers, working towards a vision and making progress even when funds are limited.

*What is your hidden talent?*

Finding basically anything on the internet.

*What is on your bucket list?*

Visit all 10 Wonders of the World.

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

I have a passion for helping our community and especially our educational system. The TRHS Foundation is filled with such a talented group of individuals and it is an honor to serve with them.

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**TED STROOPE**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Des Moines, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Kansas State University – BS Construction Science and Management   
Iowa State University – MCRP Community and Regional Planning

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Lieutenant – Des Moines Police Department

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*1999 Alumni; Two children in the feeder system.

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

President of Des Moines Police Gold Braid Organization

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

Project Management

*What is your hidden talent?*

NA

*What is on your bucket list?*

NA

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

To have a better school experience for my kids.

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

When I started, I was coming off of the Northwest Soccer Board as a longtime Director of Coaches. I wanted to keep giving back to my neighborhood community and still had a daughter attending Roosevelt. I was recruited by fellow Drake alum Natalie Pohlman a contract employee of the Foundation at that time.

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**ZACH STUBBS**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Des Moines, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Westminster College - BA Business Administration

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Senior Vice President – West Bank

*What is your connection to Roosevelt*

2003 Graduate

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

Blank Children’s Hospital Board of Directors  
Iowa Bankers Board of Directors   
Interchange Breakfast Club

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

Finance/Banking

*What is your hidden talent?*

Pilot 11+ years – airplane owner

*What is on your bucket list?*

Sail around the Bahamas

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

Roosevelt shaped me into who I am today.

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**HEATHER WELCH PURI**

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*Where did you grow up?*

Des Moines, IA

*What college or secondary education did you attend? What is your degree or certification?*

Stanford University – BA in Quantitative Economics  
Kellogg Graduate School of Management – MBA (finance and strategy emphases)

*What is your current job title and where do you work?*

Capital Markets – Director of Finance & Strategy at Peoples Company

*What is your connection to Roosevelt?*1988 graduate; both sons attend/attended Roosevelt.

*What other boards or community organizations are you a part of?*

None at this time.

*What are some skills or connections you possess that may be helpful for our board’s work?*

Finance background, high level of attention to detail.

*What is your hidden talent?*

Photography

*What is on your bucket list?*

Travel to Spain and Southeast Asia

*Why did you choose to sit on the TRHS Foundation board?*

When I started, I was coming off of the Northwest Soccer Board as a longtime Director of To give back to the Roosevelt community and help provide the best resources and learning experiences for current and future TRHS students.