

Importance of Activities

A strong activities program can and should complement a school's academic program. Activities are an integral part of the total curriculum of South Dakota Schools. A well-balanced activities program provides the opportunity for physical, social and emotional development complementing intellectual growth.

Participation in school activities encompasses all students without regard to sex, race, or creed and teaches that it is a privilege and an honor to represent one's school. Interscholastic activities constitute a part of the right kind of "growing up" experiences for students. Participants learn to accept success and failures, gain poise and confidence, achieve tolerance and understanding of others and gain the self-satisfaction of accomplishing goals. Under a well-administered school program, students and spectators become better citizens through participation and observation of activities conducted under established rules. It is the duty of the member schools, through their Activities Association, to maintain the appropriate balance between the academic and activities programs offered.

By assisting with some of these costs, the Association will be able to:

- *Keep the cost of attending SDHSAA state events affordable for all friends, families, and supporters of high school activities programs,*
- *continue to provide quality co-curricular programs that will provide students with the opportunity to excel in both fine arts and athletic endeavors,*
- *continually provide young men and women with challenges to succeed at the high school level that will directly lead them to future success in college and the work place, and*
- *assure that the quality educational based co-curricular programs that are available to high school aged youth today continue to be available to elementary and middle school aged youth for years to come.*

The Foundation will attract a wide range of supporters, individuals and corporations, which rely on high school graduates that have learned the valuable lessons that involvement in educationally based activities programs provides.

Level	Minimum Amount	Tickets	Program AD	Ball Presentations	
				Coin Flips	PA
Diamond	\$125,000	20	Full Page	Yes	Yes
Gold	\$100,000	20	Full Page	Yes	Yes
Silver	\$75,000	20	Full Page	Yes	Yes
Platinum	\$50,000	12	Half Page	Yes	No
Copper	\$25,000	10	Half Page	Yes	No

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GOALS & PLANS FOR THE SDHSAA FOUNDATION

The goals for the SDHSAA Foundation are:

- To help ensure the future of educationally based high school activities in South Dakota.
- To maintain and enhance participation opportunities for the nearly 37,500 South Dakota high school students involved in SDHSAA-sanctioned activities annually.
- To increase statewide awareness regarding the benefits of participation in educationally based high school activities.

The VISION of the Foundation is to use the interest generated to maintain and enhance programs and fund special initiatives that are important to the SDHSAA and its member schools.

To that end, the SDHSAA Foundation allocated its initial disbursement of funds during the 2016-2017 school year when ten member schools received AED's for their schools. The AED's provide a blanket of safety for players, coaches, spectators, and officials participating in high school activities programs.

The long range goal of the SDHSAA Foundation is to grow through SDHSAA-driven programs and contributions from individuals, businesses, and foundations in order to provide a more stable financial base for member schools and the students of tomorrow.

Numerous studies have been conducted which provide empirical evidence to the value of co-curricular programs that are supported by our member schools:

Activities Support The Academic Mission Of Schools

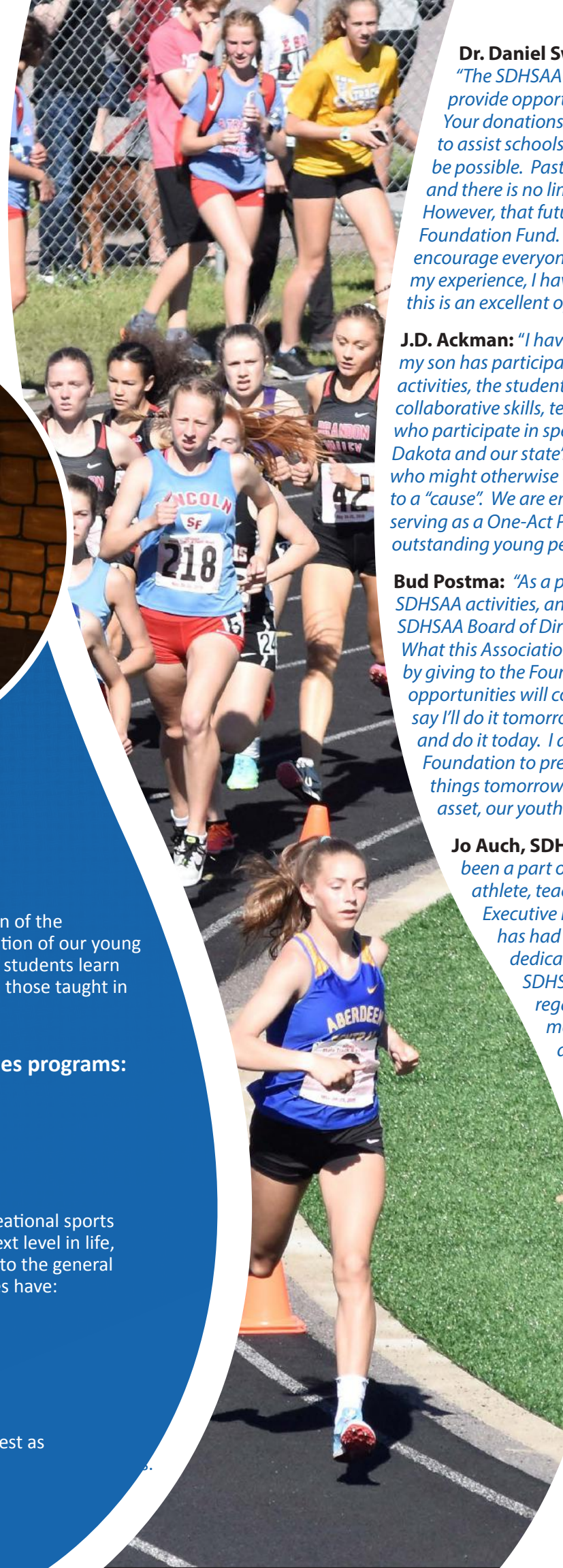
Activities are not a diversion but rather an extension of a good educational program. Students who participate in activity programs tend to have higher grade-point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates and fewer discipline problems than students generally.

Activities Are Inherently Educational

Activity programs provide valuable lessons for practical situations - teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing and hard work. Through participation in activity programs, students learn self-discipline, build self-confidence and develop skills to handle competitive situations. These are qualities the public expects schools to produce in students so that they become responsible adults and productive citizens.

Activities Foster Success in Later Life

Participation in high school activities is often a predictor of later success - in college, a career and becoming a contributing member of society.



THE VALUE OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

Educational based activity programs are an extension of the classroom and an integral part of the ongoing education of our young people. While participating in educational activities, students learn valuable lifelong lessons that can be as important as those taught in the classroom.

Participation in educationally based activities programs:

- Enriches the high school experience
- Promotes citizenship/sportsmanship
- Instills pride in communities
- Teaches teamwork and self-discipline
- Facilitates a student's development

Educational activities are different than club or recreational sports in that they exist to prepare young people for the next level in life, not for the college or professional ranks. Compared to the general student population, students in educational activities have:

- Better grades
- Better attendance records
- Lower dropout rates
- Fewer discipline problems

Educational activities develop students to be their best as individuals, as team

Dr. Daniel Swartos, SDHSAA Executive Director:

"The SDHSAA Foundation works in conjunction with the SDHSAA to provide opportunities for every school and every student in the State of SD. Your donations to the Foundation directly impact the SDHSAA and help us to assist schools and student participants in ways that otherwise may not be possible. Past assistance has included AED machines for member schools, and there is no limit to what potential assistance can be realized in the future. However, that future depends on our ability to support and grow the Foundation Fund. We are incredibly thankful for the Foundation, and encourage everyone who is able to donate, to make a gift to the Foundation. In my experience, I have found few things that feel better than giving back, and this is an excellent opportunity to do just that."

J.D. Ackman: *"I have judged the State One-Act Play Festival for many years, and my son has participated in All-State Choir for several years. As with athletic activities, the students who participate in arts activities gain discipline collaborative skills, teamwork, and self-worth. The thousands of young people who participate in speech, music, and theatre activities represent the best of South Dakota and our state's future. If the SDHSAA Foundation can support students who might otherwise be unable to take part, then we are not simply donating to a "cause". We are ensuring their sense of accomplishment. My favorite part of serving as a One-Act Play official has been the joy and enthusiasm evident in these outstanding young people."*

Bud Postma: *"As a parent of three daughters that were all active in numerous SDHSAA activities, and as a coach, fan, official, and a former member of the SDHSAA Board of Directors, I have been associated with the SDHSAA for 34 years. What this Association does for the youth of South Dakota is just incredible, and by giving to the Foundation, we have the opportunity to assure that these opportunities will continue for generations. As Rick Fink said, it is really easy to say I'll do it tomorrow or next week but really it is just as easy to click on the link and do it today. I ask all officials to consider donating to the SDHSAA Foundation to preserve what we have today and to achieve even greater things tomorrow. Thanks for all you do for South Dakota's most valuable asset, our youth."*

Jo Auch, SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director: *"The SDHSAA has been a part of my life since I have been in high school—either as an athlete, teacher, coach, athletic director, official, and now, an Assistant Executive Director for the Association. It seems every phase of my life has had that connection and taught me the importance of service, dedication and leadership. As an official, I chose to support the SDHSAA Foundation because of its value for ALL concerned, regardless of your role. The SDHSAA Foundation gives back to its member schools and the people that fulfill these roles on a daily basis. I am pleased to invest in our leaders of tomorrow... our student athletes."*

Rick Fink: *"The SDHSAA has been a part of my life for over 45 years—Wow!! I choose to "finally" contribute to the SDHSAA Foundation/Challenge and quite frankly feel guilty that I didn't do it sooner, much sooner. I have been a wrestling official for 36 years and am retiring at the end of the 2019-2020 season. I have seen the emails for the past few years asking me to contribute. Honestly, I knew from the very first email it was a good cause, but I always said to myself: "I will do it tomorrow". I never did. I have made some of my very best friends in life through officiating and have made some of my most precious memories through this hobby or avocation. I encourage my fellow wrestling officials, and all SDHSAA officials, to "pay it forward". All it takes is one of your dual/game checks a year and then you too can honestly say that you are helping keep this great hobby we call "officiating" alive and well."*