

Washburn High School Foundation
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Dear Friends of Washburn High School Foundation,

For nearly 100 years, Washburn High School has prepared students to achieve great things. Robert Cabana graduated from Washburn in 1967, attended the US Naval Academy, became a test pilot, an astronaut and eventually a top administrator at NASA. Please read below how Robert Cabana's time at Washburn paved the way to his success.

To sustain the academic excellence that prepares students to become future business leaders, doctors, lawyers, engineers and NASA astronauts, we need your donation.



Our Mini Grants to teachers and administrative grants to Principal Emily Palmer's team make a difference. Last year your support made these and dozens of other grants possible:

- Digital scales for the science department
- Art supplies for printmaking
- Weight room equipment to improve safety
- Relevant books for the English department

If you believe in public education and supporting Washburn students are important, please donate today. The Washburn High School Foundation is a volunteer non-profit organization. Your donation will make a direct impact on the lives of teachers and students.

With immense gratitude,

Mark Bachman
Class of '91
President. WHS Foundation

P.S. Your donation can help future students reach for the stars. Make your gift today.

The Washburn High School Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established in 1987 by a group of parents, teachers, alumni, and community members to provide financial and volunteer support to Washburn High School. We are dedicated to sustaining excellence at Washburn High School by cultivating a support network with alumni and the broader community.

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YES! I want to touch the lives of others with my gift to The Washburn High School Foundation

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Interested in an estate or planned gift, contact Jeremy Graff at (612) 743-8400

Please check all that apply:

- Washburn High School alumni class of: _____
- Washburn High School current or former parent
- Washburn High School current or former staff
- Washburn High School friend or community member
- Other: _____



You help Washburn students reach greater heights

Washburn Graduate Robert D. Cabana ('67) said his experiences at Washburn High School were important to his success. Recently retired from his role as a senior administrator at NASA overseeing more than 18,000 employees and a \$25-billion-dollar budget, Robert shared with us the ways his time at Washburn prepared him for life.



“What I remember most was the camaraderie of my friends on the stage crew under the direction of Mr. Krause, the Shakespeare that I can still recite that I had to memorize in Ms. Walsh's 11th grade English class, and the math I learned as a senior in Mr. Sverdrup's advanced math class.

*I learned **teamwork** on the stage crew and a love of tech and fixing things. Our production of "Bye Bye Birdie" our senior year was awesome. The **memorization skills** I developed under Ms. Walsh aided me at the Academy and memorizing emergency procedures flying jets and space shuttles, not to mention rounding me out with a love of literature. What I learned under Mr. Sverdrup led me to be a math major with a **love of applied math in engineering**. Finally, on the wrestling team I learned **persistence** (and not giving up.)”*

Robert D. Cabana ('67)

Then

Math 1967

Bob credits his advanced math class with Mr. Sverdrup with leading him to a math major and love of applied math in engineering.



English 1967

Bob's memorization skills, learned in Ms. Walsh's English class, helped him at the Naval academy.



Stage Crew 1967

Bob learned teamwork, a love of tech and fixing things under Mr. Krause's direction as a member of the Stage Crew.



Wrestling 1967

Bob learned "persistence and not giving up" while he was on the wrestling team. Growing confidence of his abilities on the team later helped both at Annapolis and in the Marine Corps.

Now

Math Today

Washburn Math Team won the Minneapolis Division for the first time ever and earned a state tournament appearance for the first time since 2017



English Today

Washburn students are still memorizing literature. Senior Ari Kimball won 1st place in the Minnesota State Poetry OutLoud competition in May 2023



Stage Crew Today

The Fall play for the 2023-24 school year was Twelfth Night. The Spring play, Spring Awakening, earned the highest Spotlight awards any Washburn production has ever received.



Wrestling Today

The wrestling team remains strong!

Your donation can ensure Washburn excellence continues and future students can reach for the stars!

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