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Urbandale Alumni Association Receives Generous Anonymous Gift

An anonymous gift of \$5,000 was donated to the Urbandale Alumni Association on behalf of the 1975 State Football Championship team in honor of Coach Denny Frerichs during 2015 Urbandale Homecoming

URBANDALE, Iowa – October 19, 2015 – The <u>Urbandale Alumni Association</u> (UAA), an arm of the <u>Urbandale Education Foundation</u> (UEF), is not only celebrating a continually growing roster of Board members, a high demand for their coveted <u>Urbandale High School (UHS)</u> Alumni t-shirts and an Alumni Association website with a steadily increasing user base, but is now celebrating an incredibly generous, anonymous donation of \$5,000 that was given on behalf of the UHS 1975 State Football Championship team in honor of Coach Denny Frerichs. UHS 2015 Homecoming activities included Coach Frerichs and the 1975 State Football Championship team as the grand marshals for the parade, a community pep assembly and honoring the 40-year anniversary of their state title during halftime of the varsity football game followed by a Meet and Greet event at UHS.



2015 Urbandale High School Homecoming: 1975 State Football Championship Team With Coach Denny Frerichs September 18, 2015.

"We were extremely pleased with the turnout of players, trainers, coaches and cheerleaders, along with lots of Alumni, for the 40th Anniversary celebration of the 1975 Urbandale team," said Meribeth Haynes, UAA Co-Chair (Class of 1976). "It was with great pleasure that we were able to share with the team that someone had made a donation on their behalf in honor of Coach Frerichs. Coach Frerichs and his wife Jackie, also a retired Urbandale teacher, were moved beyond words when they learned of the donation in

Coach Frerichs honor. We cannot thank the donor enough for what they have done for the Urbandale Alumni Association!"

Founded in 2013 by a group of dedicated UHS alumni, the Urbandale Alumni Association has been actively planning for the first All-School Reunion that will take place on July 1, 2017, in celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the city of Urbandale and the Urbandale Community School District. Leading the charge are UAA Co-Chairs Haynes and Linda Biermann Hoobin (Class of 1973) supported by a Board of Directors that meet monthly to outline priorities, address initiatives and support the Urbandale community.



Urbandale Alumni Association Board Members: Dave Lollman, Amy Drake Bogle, Kirk McGowan, Shari Zimmerman Stevenson, Jodi Gilson Schrage, Linda Biermann Hoobin, Meribeth Haynes and Margaret Ann Boals Boatright.

The UEF is in the unique position to provide support for Urbandale schools, award scholarships to Urbandale High School graduates and connect Urbandale alumni through the merger and partnership of three organizations: Urbandale Education Foundation, <u>Urbandale Dollars for Scholars</u> and Urbandale Alumni Association. To learn more visit: www.urbandalealumni.com

About Urbandale Alumni Association

The Urbandale Alumni Association was formed in 2013 to support and enhance Urbandale students and the Urbandale Community School District. The mission of the Association is to network with Urbandale alumni and to build an association that can be used as a communication tool for reunions, alumni contact information, and fundraising activities. To learn more, visit: <u>UrbandaleAlumni.com</u>

About Urbandale Education Foundation

The Urbandale Education Foundation (UEF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to enhancing the educational experience of students in the Urbandale Community School District by funding projects and initiatives not supported within existing school budgets. The UEF raises funds through grants and private donations and then invests in enhanced educational programming, innovative technology, scholarships for graduates, state-of-the-art facilities and lifelong learning opportunities. The UEF is in the unique position to provide support for Urbandale schools, award scholarships to UHS graduates and connect Urbandale alumni through the merger and partnership of three organizations: Urbandale Education Foundation, <u>Urbandale Dollars for Scholars</u> and <u>Urbandale Alumni</u>

<u>Association</u>. The UEF is dedicated to making a difference in the future of Urbandale schools, students and the vitality of the Urbandale community. To learn more, visit: <u>UrbandaleEducationFoundation.com</u>

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