

BRIEFINGS

FROM THE QUAYLE VICE PRESIDENTIAL LEARNING CENTER

REWORKING A GALLERY SPACE

Center staff has begun to rework a section of the downstairs gallery area which will host future changing exhibits.



"This is an exciting new phase for us," said Executive Director, Daniel Johns. "Because our displays have traditionally been static, we'll now be able to periodically feature different pieces on a regular basis."

The first exhibit to be featured later this year will be the Center's joint venture with Hanover College. It will feature two large

painted portraits of HC Alumni, Vice Presidents Thomas Hendricks and Mike Pence.

"The portraits are so large, we're modifying the exhibit space to properly display them. This will also give us more flexibility on what we can display in future exhibits."

Please keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and further communications for more information on the coming exhibit!



Portrait of VP Thomas Andrews Hendricks painted by renowned Hoosier artist, T.C. Steele.

CELEBRATING INDIANA'S DECEMBER BIRTHDAY!

The Center finished out 2021's school tours by celebrating Indiana's December 11th birthday with the students at Andrews Elementary. This was a very big deal.

A "Symbols of Indiana" program followed by a big birthday celebration with the 4th graders at Andrews
Elementary has long been a tradition for



Center staff. However, 2020 COVID restrictions put an unwelcome halt to that. It was a sad day for both Center staff and 4th grade teacher, Jamie Stevens.

Luckily, Jamie is a very persistent person, especially when it comes to his love of teaching Indiana history and having us for the annual Indiana birthday celebration.

When the 2021 school year arrived, Jamie worked to not only book the 4th grade classes, but he also convinced the 5th grade teachers to include their students since they had missed it the year before. The best thing of all is there were two rounds of cake!

Andrews is not the only school to begin to return to their normal program dates. Slowly, schools are beginning to return to book programs again. if you have questions about our school programs, please contact us!

ACAIR FOUNDATION DONATES ON BEHALF OF THE QUAYLE FAMILY

As 2021 drew to a close, the Quayle Center received a wonderful donation from the ACAIR Foundation on behalf of the Quayle Family.

The gift, was given outside the scope of the Efforts For Education annual campaign which raises operating funds for the Learning Center each year. The gift will be used to further stabilize the Center's finances and to pursue enhancement projects currently outside of the annual budget.

The board of directors of the DQCF extend their thanks to the Quayle Family for their continued support of the Center.

Efforts for EDUCATION 2021 EFFORTS CAMPAIGN EXCEDES PREVIOUS YEAR

The 2021 Efforts For Education Annual Campaign raised over \$24,000 for the Center's operating budget, exceeding the 2020 campaign's by nearly \$4,000.

This is a positive sign for future campaigns. A look at the Quayle Center's donor list over the past few years shows that the number of individual donors is increasing with new supporters joining each year.

"I want to thank each of our generous supporters," said Campaign Chair, Marjorie Hiner. "The funds that are raised by the Efforts Campaign are vital so that we are able to keep the Center up and running each year for our visitors and the school tours. We look forward to a successful 2022!"

FALL PURSE BINGO MOST SUCCESSFUL TO DATE



The Fall 2021 Designer Purse Bingo Fundraiser was the most successful ever, attracting 217 participants and netting nearly \$7,500 for the Center's operations and educational programs.

"We had such a good event this fall!" said Designer Purse Bingo Event Chair, Darlene Stanley. "We were up across the board for every category."

Keep watch for information on the next Designer Purse Bingo event through the newsletter, special flyers and especially on the Center's Facebook page.



The Center received a grant from the Daugherty Family Fund and the James and Nancy Breiner Community Fund of the Huntington County Community Foundation for the purchase of a new computer system and back-up. Pictured here left to right are QVPLC Director, Daniel Johns; HCCF Board Member, Nancy Breiner;

HCCF Grant Committee Chair, Cindy Paul; and HCCF Director, Matt Ditzler.

OUR UPDATED WISH LIST

There are projects for which we are seeking either financial or in-kind assistance. Please contact the Center at 260-356-6356 if you can help us with these projects:

CENTER RESTROOM UPDATE:

Our restrooms need updated! - Flooring, fixtures, walls and décor. 1993 was a great year, but it's time for a much needed facelift.

CENTER PLASTER REPAIR:

Being an older facility, the Center has several areas where the wall plaster is in need of repair.

ELECTRICAL BOX UPGRADE:

The electrical box for the second floor lighting switches is in need of upgrading.

FACILITY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP:

We are in need of someone to maintain the landscaping, provide lawn treatment and parking lot/sidewalk snow removal.

UNDERWRITING REMOTE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING:

We are in the process of developing our ability to provide more remote/online content.

Please contact us for all opportunities!

DID YOU KNOW?

Three of Indiana's vice presidents and three vice presidential candidates are all buried in one location. Among the many notable citizens there; Vice Presidents Thomas Hendricks, Charles Fairbanks, Thomas Marshall, plus; vice presidential candidates, George Julian, Thomas English and John Kern are all buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. The only deceased Indiana vice president not buried in Crown Hill is Schuyler Colfax who is in City Cemetery in South Bend.

DQCF Board Of Directors

Who is the Board and what do they do? The Dan Quayle Commemorative Foundation is the governing body for the Quayle Vice Presidential Learning Center. They are scheduled to meet bimonthly each year. Each board member is elected to a renewable three year term.

In a quick overview, it is the duty of the board to:

- 1. Oversee the Learning Center
- 2. Support and promote educational programs, exhibits, displays featuring Vice President Quayle, the Indiana vice presidents's and the Office of the Vice President and those who've held it.
- 3. Act as a repository for materials related to those mentioned above.
- 4. Act as a repository for tax deductible contributions [501 C(3)] and to ad minister and use the funds to carry out the stated purposes of the organization. The board also helps to seek out and secure donations and funding for the operations of the Center.

Our current board members are as follows:

Marj Hiner, President
Davin Smith, First Vice President
Ryan Warner, Second Vice President
Mark Parker, Treasurer
Darlene Stanley, Secretary
Representative Jim Banks
Jim Scheiber
Tinisha Weigelt
Jennifer Yarger

If you are interested in more information about the board of directors, or possibly serving thereon, please contact the Center.

CALLING VOLUNTEERS!

The Center is looking for volunteers! We need docents and clerical/task volunteers to help us keep things running smoothly.

We especially need volunteers to help keep the doors open when staff is out of the building, such as educational outreach days. Duties might be to open/close the Center, greet visitors and easy cashier tasks. Volunteers would be used on an "on-call" basis with schedule pre-planning. Volunteers are expected to be friendly and present themselves professionally.

Another need behind the scenes would be to carry out clerical and task duties, such as assembling mailings. This might include folding, stuffing and sorting



Volunteers from Pathfinder Services help us prepare a mailing.

envelopes. We also need help with some research and spreadsheet work for databases.

If you would like to help or are interested to learn more, please contact the Center.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

January was a bit of a rough month. I started the 2022 year from my sickbed, which unfortunately led to the Center being closed for a few more days after the holidays than we had planned. I spent a good portion of the time thereafter, scrambling to catch back up.

The great news is that walk-in visitors continue to visit despite the cold and snowy weather. Right after digging out from the big snow storm. We had a father from Michigan bring his daughter through the Center on a fun learning day-trip. Earlier in January, large homeschool families visit us, prompting me to break out the Museum "Scavenger Hunt" for them. It is designed to teach kids how to use the Museum as a learning tool on their own.

Looking forward, current big projects include deconstructing and rebuilding part of the gallery for changing exhibits. We finally received our new message board for the front of the building. Once the weather permits, it'll go up. We have an eye on renovating our restrooms. Many projects always going on behind the scenes to make this a great place for learning. Oh yes... we have schools on the spring calendar, too!

- Daniel Johns, Executive Director

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