



# BRIEFINGS

FROM THE QUAYLE VICE PRESIDENTIAL LEARNING CENTER

## EXCITING CHANGES UNDERWAY!

### FELDERMAN DESIGN BUILD DONATES WINDOW REPAIRS FOR CENTER



The Quayle Vice Presidential Learning Center is in the midst of conducting exciting major updates and renovations to its facility, including its exhibit galleries, heating/cooling and exterior windows.

“A crew from Felderman Design Build was here all last week renovating, repair-

ing and replacing our exterior windows,” said Executive Director, Daniel Johns. “This was something that has needed to be done for a very long time.”

The window renovations, valued at approximately \$10,000, were the in-kind donation of Felderman Design Build as their donation to the Center’s Efforts For Education Annual Campaign. The old window frames had deteriorated badly, and there were multiple panes broken and cracked.

Thank you to Felderman Design Build of Fort Wayne!

### NEW HEATING/AC

The board met and voted to replace the out-dated heating and cooling system.

“This was a major project for us,” said board president, Marj Hiner. “The AC unit was not working on the second level, which made group presentations impossible during warm weather. The lack of climate control was endangering the artifacts on display.”

The project was made possible by a Lilly Endowment GIFT VI grant through the Huntington County Community Foundation .



# SHUTDOWN PROVIDES EXHIBIT UPDATE OPPORTUNITY

The world, including the Quayle Center, might have had to shut down for a while, but QVPLC Executive Director, Daniel Johns saw it as the perfect opportunity to completely rework the Center's exhibits based around new informational signage.

"When the COVID-19 crisis came, it cancelled our spring school tours and shut down the Center to the public for a couple of months. I decided to utilize that time to not only replace the signs, but also fully update the exhibits. This included the exhibit galleries, our large item display cases, our admissions area and our front foyer."

The exhibit galleries have been updated with materials brought out from the collections storage for the first time in many years and put on display.

"I wanted to redesign how each vice president was presented," said Johns. "The key fact in each description sign is directly backed up with an artifact that completes that thought."

The results are that the exhibit displays are now easier to read and streamlined to be even more visually attractive. Plus, the new signage helps solve another long-time need.

"We wanted to make our signs much larger to assist visitors in reading them more easily," said Johns.. "That was really the catalyst for updating the galleries.

Visitors had been requesting it."

As part of the exhibit updates, the Center now has a designated area which will feature changing exhibits and themes. The early plan is to host two to three different exhibits in this area per year. The Center is seeking a named underwriter for these exhibits and area. The first exhibit for this area is expected in Fall of 2020.



## DID YOU KNOW?

There have been 48 vice presidents and 45 presidents. How did we arrive at this difference? Eight vice presidents became president upon the death of the president. However... until 1968, there was no way to replace a vice president until the next election. Some presidents, did not even have a vice president because of this. Eight presidents had multiple vice presidents. Two vice presidents served under two different presidents each. Furthermore, seven vice presidents died in office and two resigned. Two became vice president under the 25th Amendment and then one moved up to the presidency due to the resignation of the previous president. A complicated set of circumstances!



## **WILL YOU ADD 19% TO OUR EFFORTS?**

Despite the wonderful donations this year, the Center still must make its operations budget to continue to serve the schoolchildren and visitors each and every year. The crisis created by the COVID-19 pandemic has had many budgeting repercussions throughout our community, including the Quayle Center.

If you are able, we ask that you include a little extra in your annual gift to our Efforts For Education campaign to help



guide the Center through this period. We suggest that 19% be that starting point.

For example, a \$100 annual gift would now be \$119; \$300 gift would now be \$357. The pattern continues from there for each amount contributed. A small increase from each of our generous supporters collectively creates a significant difference toward helping our final budget.

Does your employer have a matching grant program?

Would you consider a much needed in-kind service for the Center or underwrite a specific project in addition to your annual gift.

We ask that you explore these options to maximize your gift to the Center this year. Our Efforts For Education campaign will be starting in the next few weeks. With your help, we will be fully prepared to continue our mission to be the premiere learning experience for our students, visitors and supporters.

## **GENEROUS BEQUEST FROM STONEBRAKER ESTATE**

Dean and Anne Stonebraker were always very strong and loyal supporters of the Center during their lifetimes. Their daughter, Stephanie Pyle, worked tirelessly as a volunteer and on our board of directors up to her own passing.

Anne passed away in 2018 and Dean in the fall of 2019. However, even that did not stop their support of the Quayle Center. Their legacy of giving continues through a very generous stock bequest from the Stonebraker Estate.

The bequest will continue to generate funding for our center operations and to help continue to provide educational excellence to our visitors and school groups.

As you are planning your legacy, please consider the Quayle Vice Presidential Learning Center.

## **OUR UPDATED WISH LIST**

We have been blessed this year by so many generous gifts toward our facility needs. However, there are still plenty of projects with 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:

**LANDSCAPING  
\$1500-\$5000**

**VICE PRESIDENTIAL PORTRAIT WALL  
\$1,000.00**

**CHANGING EXHIBIT GALLERY  
\$1000.00/Year**

**TRAVELING POP-UP EXHIBIT  
FOR SCHOOL TOURS  
\$300/display (3-4)**

**MESSAGE BOARD  
FOR FRONT OF BUILDING  
\$500**

## GREAT DONATIONS

As much progress has been made on the renovation and updating of the Quayle Vice Presidential Learning Center, we'd like to sincerely thank the following for their contributions to this effort:

### **Window Repair/Renovation**

Felderman Design Build, Fort Wayne

### **Heating/Cooling System Replacement**

Lilly Endowment GIFT VI grant,  
Huntington County Community Foundation  
Mann's, Inc.

### **Exterior Security Camera System**

Adam & Rebecca Hanson

### **Exhibit Signage Replacement**

Hiner Family Fund,  
Huntington County Community Foundation

### **Laptop Computer**

Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne

### **Tree/Bush Removal**

Ryan Carroll, Bippus State Bank  
City of Huntington/Duke Energy

## SAVING THE FLAG

Thank you to the Center's neighbor Derek Dyer who rescued our American flag which had blown down during a storm this spring. He scooped it up and held it for us until we were able to fix the ropes and fittings on our flagpoles. We were then able to set it flying high again!

## EARLY BINGO PLANNING

2020 has obviously not quite gone as everyone might have hoped, but we are happy to say that we are looking ahead. At this point, the Center is in the early planning stages of a November Purse Blingo fundraising event, which will tentatively be held at a new location this year. This, of course, will be dependent current situations. Please, keep watch on our Facebook page for more information as the summer and fall progresses!

## PARKING LOT MAKEOVER

Even the Center's parking lot has a new fresh new look! The lot has been resealed and new lines painted. A perfect invitation to come see us!

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