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Although the past decade has brought many changes to our community and to the nation's public school system as a whole, the mission of the Lawrence Education Achievement

Partners has remained the same. As we celebrate our tenth anniversary, we take pride in the numerous community partnerships created through LEAP that have enriched student success and achievement within the Lawrence Public Schools.

During 2003-2004, LEAP took significant steps forward to increase the involvement of Lawrence businesses with nearly 10,000 students throughout the Lawrence Public Schools. A few of these accomplishments are listed under LEAP Highlights.

As we look ahead to the next ten years, LEAP has an ever-growing importance within the Lawrence Public Schools. Our Board of Directors is working diligently to equip Achievement Partners with the tools needed to support learning within all Lawrence schools. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Lawrence's students and look forward to another decade of successful partnerships.

Ginger K. Wehner
Board Chair, 2003-2004
KU Credit Union

LEAP HIGHLIGHTS

Achievement Partners contributed \$644,223 to the Lawrence Public Schools in human, in-kind, and financial resources

To recognize our broad range of partners and our commitment to student achievement, the Board of Directors changed the Partnership's name to Lawrence Education Achievement Partners (LEAP)

Celebrated 10 years of developing partnerships between businesses/organizations and the Lawrence Public Schools

Launched a new website www.leapforlawrence.org

Hosted a workshop for 125 Achievement Partners and school leaders to set an annual action plan for each school partnership team

Created 11 new partnerships

Lawrence Chamber of Commerce named LEAP as the beneficiary for "Hawk of the Arts." LEAP collected \$3,000 in donations for chances to win the Hawk. A local youth was the big winner

Lawrence Education Achievement Partners Totals 2003-2004				
Level	Cash	In-kind	Volunteer hrs	Volunteer hrs value*
Elementary	\$ 11,499	\$ 35,197	3,070	\$ 52,773
Junior High	\$ 10,835	\$ 15,175	586	\$ 10,073
High	\$ 24,793	\$ 3,628	1,085	\$ 18,651
District	\$ 41,600	\$137,601	16,428	\$ 282,397
Total	\$88,727	\$191,601	21,169	\$ 363,894

2003-2004 Contribution Total: \$644,222 (*Volunteer hours valued at \$17.19 per hour)

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Lawrence Education Achievement Partners is to create and foster effective community partnerships that support and enrich student achievement and success in the Lawrence Public Schools.



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- 1 **GCSAA PANCAKE FEED** Golf Course Superintendents Association of America enjoyed a pancake feed with their sixth-grade pen pals at their partner school, Wakarusa Valley Elementary. The pen pal program helps students improve their writing skills by writing to a real audience.
- 2 **10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY** Representatives of the initial Lawrence Education Achievement Partners were honored at LEAP's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration.

- 3 **BRANDON WOODS COMPUTER CLASS** Quail Run hosted approximately 16 Brandon Woods' residents every Tuesday for a month to teach them basic computer information. Jane Imber, Quail Run's library-media teacher, designed the curriculum for the class.
- 4 **FIRST SHINING STAR AWARD RECIPIENT** The golden arches extend their reach over Southwest and South Junior High Schools, earning McDonald's the first LEAP Shining Star Award.
- 5 **OPTIMISTS GIVE DICTIONARIES TO FOURTH-GRADERS** Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club gave dictionaries to all fourth-grade students in the Lawrence Public Schools.

NEW ACHIEVEMENT PARTNERS

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Douglas County**
USD 497
- Crown Automotive**
Free State High School
- Free State Credit Union**
Prairie Park Elementary
- Googols of Fun**
Wakarusa Valley Elementary
- Jayhawk Bookstore**
Deerfield Elementary
- KU Scholars for Schools**
USD 497



- Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club**
Lawrence Alternative High School Program
- Pet World**
USD 497
- Piano America**
Deerfield Elementary
- Pinnacle Career Institute**
Lawrence Alternative High School Program
- TherapyWorks**
Free State High School