USA Endowment Exceeds Goal

You might have heard that the Uncommon Student Award (USA) program provides over $37,000 in financial awards each year to 15 students from all across Iowa. But did you know the program goes beyond the scholarships?

Planning for the USA program begins well before late April or early May when the students are chosen. By then, preparations have already been made for the "June weekend," when all 15 finalists report to the Hoover campus to learn more about the man behind the award. Their weekend includes an overnight stay in a nearby hotel, training from industry professionals on organizational management, and instruction from Hoover family members about Herbert Hoover's life and experience. There's an informative dinner and time to network with their peers — often building new relationships.

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The Barber family has always considered higher education to be a path to success for young people. We also share many of the values that President Hoover espoused. As kids, we always enjoyed visiting the library and his birthplace. We're pleased to help support this worthwhile scholarship program." — Scott Barber

Nominations Open for 2019 Uncommon Public Service Awards

The Hoover Presidential Foundation has established an annual Uncommon Public Service Award to recognize Iowa legislators who demonstrate honesty, integrity, and uncommon and extraordinary public service to the people of Iowa.

Recipients will become honorary members of the Hoover Presidential Foundation for one year, and are recognized in the Iowa State House and Senate chambers, as well as during the annual Foundation Celebration Banquet which was held on Nov. 15 this year. State Sen. Pam Jochum and State Rep. Dave Pennington were each presented with a crystal trophy commemorating their achievement.

Anyone may nominate a State Representative and/or a State Senator. Those wishing to nominate an Iowa legislator should complete a nomination form available at www.HooverPresidentialFoundation.org. Click on the Grants & Awards tab and then the Uncommon Public Service Award page for the form. All nominations must be received by March 1, 2019.

The only U.S. President born in Iowa, Hoover was an uncommon and extraordinary public servant. His commitment to public service is evident by his strong efforts to establish organizations known today as UNICEF, Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs and the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace. His diligent, humanitarian efforts saved the lives of millions of people suffering from the devastations of WWI and WWII.

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I-80 Construction Update

Last year at this time we reported about the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) plans to widen Interstate 80 to six lanes from West Branch to Iowa City. While the plans had not been finalized, consideration was given to using portions of Hoover National Historic Site property in the expansion, especially around the west bound on ramp area.

"IDOT has informed me they will be able to work within the existing right of way without going into park land," said Pete Swisher, superintendent of the Hoover National Historic Site.

That's good news, because transferring even a small portion of park property would take months of work. "All of the park land is held in perpetuity as a significant location of cultural interest," Swisher said. "I appreciate IDOT taking this into account and working with the park on this project."

Plans for the highway expansion are targeted to begin in 2021, after the completion of the park's storm water detention basin project. In that project, a water detention pool will be dug near the northwest end of the park. Dirt from the excavation will be used to build a sound barrier along the interstate boundary. IDOT officials are helping with the design of the barrier.

"It's great for the park," Swisher said, "the government will save money by keeping the excavated dirt onsite and the public will benefit from the barrier."
Chairman's Message

Dave Diekens, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Next month will mark the end of my first full year as chairman of the Hoover Presidential Foundation board of trustees. Serving in this role has been my honor. It has given me new insight into the important role the Foundation plays on the Hoover Campus. My close involvement gives me a more intimate look at the behind-the-scenes activity. I try to be a part of every committee and stay in tune with each of their goals. The Foundation staff and trustees are a great team working to accomplish a set of strategic objectives designed to lead us into a future of change and growth.

In developing that strategic plan, we discovered fundraising played a very “minor role” in past daily operations. In considering the current plan, and activities we’d like to undertake in the future, it became clear fundraising would need to play a much more prominent role if we were to achieve our goals. To that end last year the Foundation hired a director of development, Mandi McCarty, to lead long-range planning and current donor development. And we’re seeing results already.

This summer, the Foundation staff led a micro campaign, a week-long drive to raise funds to support a grant program that provides funding to schools to help defray the cost of transporting students to the Hoover campus for field trips. The goal was to raise $3,000. Donors made sure the team met the goal in a few days, and by the end of the week had raised nearly $5,000!

An endowment in support of the Uncommon Student Award program was also recently established. $25,000 was offered by Foundation trustee Ann Barber Doyle and her husband Scott Barber as a match to a $50,000 goal. As of today, over $80,000 has been raised for this program. The uncommon students in the program are awarded over $37,000 each year, so you can imagine how important endowed funds are as we work to raise the full budget required.

These are just two examples of how we’re working to keep pace with the various needs of the Library and National Historic Site. One of our biggest, more ambitious projects outlined in the strategic plan is to begin soon. A major renovation of the main exhibit at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum has not been updated for over 25 years. Imagine the technology we could tap into today!

Some would say the exhibit has provided an excellent message these past two and a half decades. And, they are right. It has. But we have fallen behind. Today’s generation is different. They think different, interact different, and their technology is never more than an arm’s length away. We need to reach them in different ways. The Hoover message stays the same. It is great. It needs to be told, and retold, again and again. And we’re going to need your help.*

Iowa Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg named to HPF Board of Directors

The Hoover Presidential Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Adam Gregg to the Foundation’s board of directors. Gregg was approved unanimously by the August 3 board meeting.

“We’re excited to have Adam on the board,” said Jerry Heagle, president and CEO of the Foundation. “He’ll bring a lot of new ideas, leadership and exposure of Hoover programs — that type of enthusiasm is contagious.”

Gregg is a self-professed history nut and was fascinated by the information he picked up during a summer visit to the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum. “During my undergraduate education, I was a history major with a personal interest in presidential history, and I’ve since developed an interest in President Hoover more specifically,” Gregg said.

Adam Gregg currently serves as the Lt. Governor of Iowa. He is an active member of the National Lieutenant Governors Association and the Republican Lieutenant Governors Association. At the time of his appointment, he was the youngest lieutenant governor in the nation.

“As a young professional in a prominent leadership position, I believe I could reach out to the next generation of Hoover fans,” Gregg said. “As an older member of the millennial generation, perhaps I can help generate ideas to make the rich history of President Hoover more accessible to this generation of technology natives.”

We think so too, and we’re glad to welcome you into the Hoover family! *

*Great Gift Idea!

Hoover-Ball Decal License Plates

The Hoover Presidential Foundation is pleased to offer a Hoover-Ball National Championship decal to Iowa sports fans. The decals are applied to a special “decal plate” which can be purchased with random letters and numbers from the county treasurer’s office for $5. Motorists may opt for a custom message decal plate with up to five characters for a fee of $25.

The Foundation is offering the decals for $20 at Hoover-Ball.org. The purchaser must then trade in their current license plates at their county treasurer’s office in exchange for a decal plate. The exchange can be made any day of the year during regular business hours and motorists do not have to wait until the plates expire. The office will simply exchange the plates, print new registration papers, and charge a $5 fee. Once exchanged, decals are placed on the new plates.

Proceeds from the decals sales will support Hoover Presidential Foundation programs, such as Youth Hoover-Ball camp and tournaments.
Trustee Profile:
Ann Barber Doyle

By Jordyn Dago-Olom

Spouse: The late Dan Doyle; and partner Dan Collins

Hometown: Wellman, Iowa

Ann Barber Doyle has held a passion for the Herbert Hoover campus and his legacy for nearly as long as she can remember. Her love for volunteering was fostered as a child through her parents and her continued commitment to this day in her service as a Hoover Presidential Foundation Board Trustee, as well as a committee member for the Uncommon Student Award (USA) program.

Ann grew up in the small town of Wellman, Iowa. Her family owned and operated the local bank, and her summers were spent working there. She graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in economics, and went on to receive an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis where she met her husband, Dan Doyle. After living and working in St. Louis for five years, Ann and Dan moved back to her hometown to help run the family bank. She used her spare time volunteering for a variety of organizations, including the Hoover Presidential Foundation. After ten years at the bank, Ann’s family sold the business and she focused her time on volunteer roles.

Ann’s connection to Herbert Hoover has deep family roots. Her grandfather was a Founder of the Hoover Institution, and her father was a Trustee. When Ann was twelve years old, she and her family started volunteering at the Hoover Library and Museum.

During the time her father was a trustee, the USA program was launched. She recalls volunteering for October presentation day and being inspired by the accomplishments of the USA students. In 2001, Ann became a member of the board of trustees and joined the USA Committee. She has always been committed to sharing the Hoover story ever since.

When specifically speaking about USA, Ann notes it is her favorite Hoover program. “I enjoy seeing the talents of the young students and appreciate the fact that the program helps them realize their potential,” she said.

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This program opens across a broad category of students by not requiring any grade or test score constraints. The projects students create not only benefit themselves, but their communities and the world.

Besides providing scholarships, Ann sees many other benefits that come out of the program for USA finalists. "From the June weekend as a finalist, when students meet their peers, a bond is forged that takes them from strangers to fast friends. Beyond that, as alumni, there are ties forged which can be very important for years to come," she added. Throughout her countless interactions with USA students and alumni, it is clear to Ann that the connection to the Hoover scholarship program is one that is important to remember as it positively follows students through their careers.

After over fifteen years as a trustee, Ann has seen very successful moves made by the Foundation, and believes that the vision for the future is bright. She stresses the importance of continuous growth, in terms of physical improvements, she hopes to see plans for updating the museum exhibits. Looking at the bigger picture, Ann wants to ensure that the legacy of Herbert Hoover continues to strengthen as time goes on.

"As we move further from Hoover’s death in 1964, it is important that we keep telling the story and all the good things accomplished by President Hoover and his wife, Lou Henry Hoover. In spite of what some history books say, Hoover did not cause the Great Depression - rather he did much to try to avert it. His life certainly should not be defined by the difficulties during his presidency. The Hoover Presidential Foundation has a good story to tell and dedicated people to tell it. Now we just need to spread our reach."

Recently, Ann had a hand in creating a new form of support for the Hoover Uncommon Student Award Program. She and her brother, Scott Barber, donated $25,000 to the USA program as an endowment in honor of their parents, Corinne and Stanley Barber. From there, they challenged the rest of the board of trustees to join together and match the Barber donation to the endowment fund. The other trustees were able to exceed the goal. As a reward for matching the initial gift, Ann and her brother donated an additional $25,000 to the fund. Overall, the challenge raised over $80,000 as an endowment for the Uncommon Student Award program.

When asked why she wanted to establish the Barber Family gift challenge, Ann said, "The initial gift that my brother and I made was in memory of our parents. Our family has had a fondness for President Hoover, and his ideals over three generations, and through Dad’s and Mom’s involvement as trustees, we have seen firsthand the good work of the Foundation." Through strategic planning and the willingness of her fellow trustees, Ann is delighted that support for the scholarship program will continue to help Iowa students further their education.

Ann Barber Doyle has seen the impact of Herbert Hoover’s legacy from the time she was a young girl, and now as a trustee for the Foundation. Her passion for telling his story and drive to help young Iowa students reach their full potential through the Uncommon Student Award program is something all of us at the Hoover campus admire. Thank you, Ann, for your sharing your passion for the Great Humanitarian and for being a part of continuing the Hoover story.

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DARE TO BE UNCOMMEN!
President's Message
Jerry Flagle, President and CEO

All I want for Christmas is...

Come on! Aren’t we all a little wishful this time of year? With “Holiday Traditions” the theme of this year’s special Christmas tree exhibit at the Library-Museum, it couldn’t help but take me back to my childhood days in West Branch. I recall staring at the Christmas tree and wondering if Santa Claus REALLY knew what my heart desired to find under the tree on December 25. Somehow, he always came through! It may not have been exactly what I thought I needed, but it was always just right. And, I was thankful!

As I have gotten older, material things matter less and less, and time has become more and more important. And I probably still go back to wishing for what is really needed, and can be used.

It has really been on my mind what’s needed for the Hoover Campus lately. As you can guess, most of it is ‘material’ but important material. If there is a Santa out there, I’ll bet he is listening! So, here is my “Christmas wish list.” Can anyone play Santa this year?

The Foundation works hard every day to earn your (and others’) support to fulfill our mission. I hope you agree it is a great mission, and join others in its support, both financially and verbally. Encourage friends to visit, and please consider a tax-deductible financial contribution this year to support our mission! The Foundation recently has created several new and innovative ways you can contribute to fit your needs! Please contact Director of Development, Mundi McCarty, or me for details.

Last, here is my wish for all of you reading this article: that you have the happiest of holidays, a very happy New Year, and get a chance to see and be with old friends, family, and that we see you again in West Branch soon! ★

Life Celebration Remarks: A Message of Inspiration

The keynote speech at this year’s Life Celebration was delivered by Iowa Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg. We enjoyed it so much, we thought it worth repeating here.

By Adam Gregg

Why isn’t there a wildly popular musical in honor of President Hoover?

“Hamilton” took over the city of Des Moines for a few weeks, a few weeks back. “Hamilton” is, of course, the enormously popular musical written by a man named Lin-Manuel Miranda, based on the life of Alexander Hamilton, and inspired by the comprehensive biography written by author Ron Chernow. It’s a work of art that is nothing short of genius, and it has exposed millions of Americans to more of the rich history of our nation’s founding.

Three weeks of shows sold out within hours, about a year in advance. Those who weren’t lucky enough to get tickets at the first shot, entered their names in a daily lottery with hopes to get in. It seems like everyone went, judging by my Facebook and Twitter feeds - lots of obligatory selfies and family pics in front of the promotional materials inside and outside the theater. I’ll admit I was guilty of doing the same thing!

People were falling all over themselves to get into Hamilton. And once they got in, they made sure everyone they knew, knew about it.

Why are we doing this for Alexander Hamilton? If we’re doing it for Alexander Hamilton,... why not Hoover?

Again, I’ll ask - why isn’t there a wildly popular musical in honor of President Hoover?

It’s not because he’s lacking in accomplishments. It’s not because his life lacks drama. Just the opposite - his life was of the uncommon variety - with many unlikely plot twists along the way.

Let’s turn back to Hamilton for a moment. The musical opens with the character of Aaron Burr - who of course later goes on to shoot Hamilton in a duel - asking a question about Hamilton. That question lays out just how unlikely it was that Hamilton would end up where he did. The question, the first words of the show, is revisited multiple times in interludes throughout to remind the audience of just how far Hamilton came. The question went something like this - by the way, I’m NOT going to rap this like the Burr character does, I’m going to paraphrase it! Here’s the question:

How does an illegitimate, immigrant, orphan, go on to become George Washington’s right hand man during — Continued on page 7
Where are They Now?

2009 Uncommon Student inducted into Iowa Latino Hall of Fame

By Chelsea Davis, Iowa State University News Service

It’s coming full circle: Vanessa Espinoza was honored as a Latino leader in Iowa a few blocks from where, 15 years ago, she became a U.S. citizen.

Last month, Espinoza, a graduate student in Iowa State University’s School of Education, received the inaugural Latino Youth Leadership Award from the Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs. The honor is humbling, she says, as she reflects on what she’s accomplished so far and how her life’s work ties back to her family and the values they instilled in her.

“My parents taught me to live by ‘aguantar,’ which means ‘to endure,’” Espinoza said. “My whole life I have endured, which is why I can handle challenges today.”

Espinoza was born in Zacatecas, Mexico. When she was a toddler, her father got a job at a meat-packing plant in Iowa. They moved to Council Bluffs, a small eastern Iowa town with a majority Latino population.

“Because of this, I grew up speaking our language. It instilled in me Mexican values: family, respect, never forgetting where you came from,” she said. “I’ve taken all of that with me.”

Those values include a strong work ethic, as Espinoza saw in her mother’s path to citizenship — made more difficult because she did not know how to read or write. As a Sunday school teacher in high school, Espinoza witnessed that same struggle while working with a teenage boy who couldn’t read or write.

So, Espinoza applied for the Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award. She won, and created a literacy project teaching Latinos adults in her community to write in Spanish and learn English.

“It was a humbling experience to think of myself as a student and not being faced with the same challenges of discrimination and prejudice as they were,” she said. “And then I could give back to my community.”

Leaving something better than you found it

After graduating from Columbus Community High School, Espinoza decided to pay it forward. She established the Vanessa Espinoza Scholarship.

“As awards banquets, you always see the top students getting scholarships — which is well-deserved, but what about students like me? I struggled in high school, academically and personally,” she said. “But grades don’t define you. You’re defined by your work ethic, by your ability to aguantar.”

“Part of being an activist is knowing you might not experience the change, but you leave something better for the people behind you.”

The amount varies year to year, but she realized any scholarship can make a difference. A gift from her high school bus driver became Espinoza’s dorm deposit.

“I sometimes feel undeserving of this award because I see a lot of Latino youth in Iowa — undocumented, queer, not in college — who deserve it,” she said. “But this is my chance to be a social worker and to help other Latino youth.”

That’s always been part of her mission. While working toward her bachelor’s degree in Spanish at the University of Northern Iowa, Espinoza helped establish “I, Too, am UNI!” — inspired by a similar organization at Harvard University that brought together the experiences of marginalized students on campus and issues of discrimination and hate.

Espinoza’s work led to campus conversations, dinners with the university president at the time to discuss concerns of underserved students and more.

“I know change was made,” she said. “Part of being an activist is knowing you might not experience the change, but you leave something better for the people behind you.”

Espinoza’s path to Iowa State

While teaching English and Spanish in Kalona schools, Espinoza and others in the Latino community heard of planning underway for a Latino festival — but no Latino people were involved.

“A group of us decided we needed to plan it the next year,” she said.

That effort grew into a nonprofit, Latinos for Washington Inc. The small team organized immigration forums and U.S. citizenship classes, brought in the Mexican Consulate, immigration attorneys and others to speak, created a student leadership committee to recognize Latino leaders in the community, and Espinoza calls “sitting as we climb.”

The work was meaningful, but Espinoza felt she was missing some leadership and social justice skills.

“Part of being an activist is doing no harm,” she said. “I wanted to sharpen my tools and be more knowledgeable in the work I’m doing.”

That’s when she heard about the student affairs program at Iowa State. Her goal is to either work in nonprofits or help underserved students get to college and succeed there. Her life has come full circle in another way. She participated in TRIO as an undergraduate student; today, she works with ISU TRIO students through her graduate assistantship.

“Education is the key to many opportunities,” she said. “It allows me to make connections and expand my worldview. It has liberated me as a woman, and to think about my privilege and minority status. Education has given me the tools necessary to serve my community.”
Preventing Tragedy and Statistics

By Thomas F. Schwartz

It is easy to overlook the significance of Herbert Hoover's food relief efforts by looking merely at numbers. The precise number of people Hoover saved from starvation remains murky but most scholars agree it is in the hundreds of millions. Ironically, one of the most brutal leaders of modern times, Joseph Stalin, is credited with the following aphorism: "If only one man dies of hunger, that is a tragedy. If millions die, that's only statistics." Scholars have since discredited the attribution. The quote, whoever said it, aptly applies to post-World War I era Europe.

Herbert Hoover, against the wisdom of world leaders, used the American Relief Administration to provide food to Russian people living in areas controlled by the Bolsheviks as well as areas controlled by White Russian forces. Remaining above politics knowing that hunger is apolitical, Hoover provided food to roughly eighteen million Russians. This good will was not lost on those who received food as continues to be evident in letters the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum staff receive from descendants.

It is important to highlight these letters because they focus on individual lives that were prevented from becoming both tragedies and statistics. It places a human face on the food relief efforts and, more importantly, provides some sense of what drove Hoover in his tireless efforts to eradicate hunger. The following account and images are provided by Natalia Sidorova and reproduced with her permission.

"I am writing you to celebrate the legacy that Herbert Hoover has earned in history by his compassion and care for millions of people in Russia and other countries who were on the brink of death by starvation. About 97 years ago, my grandmother Zinaida Tiablikova moved to Moscow from her small town Klin, fifty miles to the north. She lived alone while she studied chemistry at Moscow University. At that time there was a terrible food shortage throughout all of Russia as a result of the chaos following the Bolshevik revolution and the civil war between White and Red Russians. Many poor Russians from the Volga region came to Moscow in desperate hope of finding food in the city.

In 1920 a friend of my grandmother told her that the American Food Administration provided warm meals once a day for needy people, primarily children. Although most of the food centers were in the Volga River region where starvation was an enormous problem, there also were a few food centers in Moscow.

My grandmother Zinaida went to one of these food centers on Miasnikovskaya Street in Moscow. Throughout most of 1920 she and many other persons received a delicious hot meal once a day. She remembered on occasion receiving condensed milk and hot chocolate. For the many poor Russians these were special treats because they had never had condensed milk or chocolate before. Certainly these nutritious meals protected her and many other persons from death by starvation or other diseases caused by lack of food. She told me that there was a photo of Herbert Hoover on display at the food center, even though Mr. Hoover himself did not want such public recognition. The people of the community chose to display his photo as their own spontaneous expression of their gratitude to Mr. Hoover and to the American people.

I now have a daughter named Galina who goes to college here in America. I have told her this story of my grandmother. This story demonstrates to my daughter that the American and Russian people can be great friends to one another in times of need. I doubt that Mr. Hoover himself then was supportive to the Bolshevik ideology which in recent years has fallen into disrepute even among conservative Russians. However, Mr. Hoover put aside his own personal beliefs about politics and economics so that he could help other persons.

My grandmother always spoke with great appreciation of the generosity of the American people as expressed through the person of Herbert Hoover. She was always amazed that Mr. Hoover possessed special administrative skills so that he could distribute food to remote regions where the food was in greatest demand. She was delighted for the American people when she learned years later that Mr. Hoover was elected President. She cherished the memory of his photo in the food center and she prayed for him throughout her life.

My grandmother is not with us any more to express her own gratitude to Mr. Hoover. As her granddaughter I accept that task with full enthusiasm. As an American citizen who was born in Moscow, I thank Mr. Hoover and I thank all the people of America for their generosity and compassion to millions of poor Russians in one of the darkest hours in our history. The legacy of Mr. Hoover's goodness and the goodness of the American people is imprinted in the hearts of millions of Russian people.

Mr. Hoover's legacy is also a beacon of hope for future generations. In a world that continues to be torn apart by conflict of all types, Mr. Hoover's example reminds us that the best response to a crisis is compassion."
COMMON values

In the aftermath of recent natural disasters like the Marshalltown, Iowa tornado and hurricanes Florence and Michael, many are reflecting on the devastation of small towns across the U.S. But Americans have not waited for the government to step in, and instead have reached out to their neighbors across the street and across the country. This compassion for and responsibility to our fellow citizens has long been a part of American culture.

Herbert Hoover, known as the ‘Master of Emergencies’ back in 1927 was faced with a disaster on the home front when the Mississippi River flooded its banks for hundreds of miles. This devastating flood provided Hoover with an uncommon opportunity to demonstrate the common values of neighbor helping neighbor. He organized a massive relief effort where ordinary people came together to help those in need. When asked why he chose to enlist the help of individuals instead of relying solely on the government, Hoover said, “I suppose I could have called in the whole of the army, but what was the use? All I had to do was to call in Main Street itself.” Hoover turned to everyday Americans and appealed to the common values that Americans still live by today.

The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum and the Hoover National Historic Site continue to inspire people to embrace the common values of an uncommon man from West Branch, Iowa.

Your support of the Uncommon Opportunity fund educates and encourages current and future generations to appreciate the ideals of Herbert Hoover and the common values he shared.

Life Celebration

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the Revolutionary War, a decorated war vet himself, a delegate to the Constitution Convention, and our first Treasury Secretary, creating the financial system that largely still exists today?

Pretty good question! That's brilliant! That's intriguing! I want to hear more!

As I was thinking about what I was going to say today, I realized that a very similar thesis question of sorts could be asked about President Hoover. Again, I’m no Aaron Burr, and I'm not going to rap it, but let’s ask the question:

How does an Iowan, an orphan, a dirt poor son of a blacksmith, go from that little white house to The White House?

How does the Quaker with little formal education work his way into the very first class at this new university on the west coast? a little place called Stanford, then go on to become one of the world's foremost experts in the mining industry?

How does the man, who could have been content in being among the richest men in the world, a totally self-made man, choose a path of public service instead?

How does the man who is considered the most competent man in America, the architect of a booming commercial system based on a light-touch, smart regulatory environment – recruited by both parties to be their nominee for president – get wrongly portrayed as an aloof leader?

How does the man who dedicated much of his public service before his presidency to ending hunger, who dedicated much of his life after his presidency to ending hunger, somehow get unfairly portrayed during his presidency as indifferent to human hunger and suffering and held personally responsible for the breadlines stretching down the streets of American cities?

How has history been allowed to smear Hoover in this way?

Pretty good questions! That's dramatic! That's intriguing! I want to hear more! I want to learn more. I want to read more. I want to know how that story ends. I want to sing about it. I'm so excited, I might even rap about it.

The story of President Hoover is one of inspiration. That a man of such modest beginnings could go on to become the leader of the free world. That he could build a reputation as a man of pure competence. That leaders of both parties demand he be their standard-bearer – so much so that his future rival, the man who would defeat him in 1932, FDR, actually recruited him to run for president as a Democrat in 1920 (Talk about a plot twist!).

What a man for all of us to be proud of. What a man to honor, what a man to emulate.

Such an inspirational story, so few Americans know. Most of us - including myself - for much of my life - only know Hoover as a very oversimplified character, a brief footnote during the Great Depression before FDR took over. Of course, the story is so much more rich and complex than that.

Some politicians go down in a duel on the cliffs of New Jersey. Some are tarnished by an oversimplification of history. But all can be resurrected.

So rather than asking ourselves 'Why is there no wildly popular musical on Hoover;' let's instead challenge ourselves. Maybe there is someone here who has the talent of Lin-Manuel Miranda, and can write a three-hour rap song in Hoover's honor the way Miranda did for Hamilton.

But even absent that, each of us sure can tell Hoover's story in our own way, using our own strengths, and our own platforms. We can challenge ourselves to learn more about his life and his accomplishments. We can embrace the complexity of his life and legacy, and work to help others understand it. We can challenge ourselves to be more like him - competent, caring, focused on doing the right thing, driven by personal responsibility and individual initiative.

I know I’ve challenged myself to strive to be more like him. I hope you do, too.

But, perhaps most of all, we can be inspired by that orphan, dirt poor, son of a blacksmith. That Iowan. If he can go from that house, to the White House, why can’t you?

Thank you for having me here today, thank you for honoring President Hoover, and thank you for bringing this community together for Hoover’s Hometown Days year after year. Thank you.
Three Students take Top Honors, $6,500 each in Uncommon Scholarship Program

Saturday, Oct. 13 was Presentation Day at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum for 15 high school seniors in the Uncommon Student Awards program, sponsored by the Hoover Presidential Foundation.

The students applied for the program as high school juniors back in March. The Foundation selected 15 finalists from across Iowa to participate in the program. Each student developed a philanthropic program of their own design and worked on it over the summer. They returned last Saturday to present their results.

Each student was awarded $1,500 for their efforts. Three were selected by a panel of judges for an additional $5,000 scholarship award.

Alton Barber of Bettendorf was one of the three. His project was titled, 'Big Blue World.' "My program gives students in second through sixth grades with learning differences a chance to participate in FIRST robotics at the same level as any other team," Barber said. "My goal was for the students to have fun and get exposure to some basic robotics principles. Interest competition was not our goal, and we all got a lot out of the experience," he added.

Nia Walker of Davenport earned a $5,000 scholarship for her project, "The Advancement of Minorities in Advanced Classes." "My project's objective was to create an accurate representation of my high school's student body in Advanced Placement courses," Walker said. She worked to increase the amount of minorities enrolled in AP courses by providing information as well as guidance, support for students in AP courses, and encouraging upperclassmen to guide underclassmen along the way.

The third scholarship award went to Corrigan McCool, who is home-schooled in Ankeny. Her program provided a weekend retreat for military families to reconnect and rediscover themselves. "Military Recharge" offered an all-expenses paid weekend at a 600+ acre faith based retreat for several families. "We led team building exercises, games, special speakers and counseling sessions," McCool said. "As a military child myself, I saw how our family was affected by that and I wanted to help other families as well."

Brady Lukavsky of Iowa City attends West Branch High School and was recognized as the Mariah Becker Volunteer Leadership Award winner for his project, 'Can You Hear Me?' This award is presented by the Uncommon Student Alumni group in memory of Mariah Becker, a member of the Hoover Uncommon Student Award Class of 2000. She was a student at the University of Iowa in 2002 when she lost a long and courageous battle with cancer. Lukavsky received a plaque and his name was added to a permanent display at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum. To ensure his advocacy for hearing impaired students and collection of hearing devices carries on, $500 will be donated to National Honor Society students at West Branch High School after he steps down to attend college.

The Uncommon Student Awards program annually identifies and honors up to 15 Iowa high school juniors who propose and then implement a project of their own choosing and design. Grades, test scores, essays and financial need are not evaluated. Applications are open to all Iowa high school juniors and are due by March 15.

Three Hoover Uncommon Students each earned $5,000 scholarships in addition to a $1,500 final prize as part of the Hoover Presidential Foundation Uncommon Student Awards. (l. to r.) Corrigan McCool, Nia Walker and Alton Barber (r.) are congratulated by Herbert Hoover's great-granddaughter, Leslie Hoover-Lauble (2nd from R.), for their Uncommon Student projects.

Jordyn Dugger-Olson, a 2016 Uncommon Student alumni, presents Brady Lukavsky of Iowa City with the Mariah Becker Award.

Visitor Center Hosts Hoover-Ball Trophy Display

This spring, the Hoover Presidential Foundation was excited to unveil brand new Hoover-Ball National Championship trophies, each listing the winning teams and players back to 1988. The two-tiered trophies were built by Hoover Presidential Foundation member John Gorton and are now able to display winning teams for the next 40 years. John was able to incorporate parts of the old trophies into the new ones.

Previously, the silver cups were mounted to a plain four inch base and stood about six inches high. The new trophies have an eight inch base and stand about 24 inches high. The silver cups and original name plates were retained in the new version, and engraved plaques with winning teams from the last 31 years were added creating a new, historical record in each trophy.

The Foundation would like to thank Pete Swisher, superintendent of the Hoover National Historic Site, for purchasing a protective display case for the trophies and setting it up for the public to see in the entryway at the Visitor Center. The display will feature a brief Hoover-Ball history, including photos of President Hoover playing the sport, and serve as a very visible promotion of the annual games in West Branch.

Thank you to everyone who made this display possible!
Hoover-Ball National Champs win 5th Title, other Tourney Results

Men's Division Winners

1st place: LeBron is Better Than MJ
L to R: Levi Polig, Cole Cook, Sam Perkins, Clay Cook, and Brendan Sherry.

2nd place: Average Joe's
L to R: Cooper Kabela, Marshall McElhinney, Jake Kabela, Kyle Kabela.

3rd place: Names Are For Tombstones
L to R: Brad Ivy, Sam Aytenouer, Cary Snyder, Tyler Douson, and Lucas Lemm. Alexander Hoover, the President's great grandson, (far R) presented the awards.

Women's Division Winners

1st place: Got Hoover-Balls?
L to R: Haley Paola, McKenna Sexton, Kelley Trimble, and Heather Paola.

2nd place: Heave Ho's
L to R: Summer Friis, Michelle Miller, Erin Senin, Lynsey Atkinson, and Jodi Kelley.

3rd place: Jared's Grey Hairs

Hoover-Ball Youth Tournament Winners

Division I Champion: Steel Tigers

Division II Champion: True Strength Terrors

Division III Champion: Who Cares
L to R: Carver Boelle, Kinnick Boelle, Andy Hensan, and Stiva Stilo.

It's five in a row for the men's Hoover-Ball National Championship winners, although they played under a new name again this year, as 'LeBron is Better than MJ' during the annual battle held on Saturday, Aug. 4 in West Branch, Iowa. The Women's division team, 'Got Hoover-Balls!' have five previous wins during 2011-2015.

A record number of players, 105, registered for the Aug. 3 Hoover-Ball Youth Tournament. Division I and II players range from 4th through 7th grade and play with a two-pound Hoover-Ball and 8th and 9th grade players in Division III play with a four-pound ball.

Hoover-Ball was used for a Hoover-Ball Toss charity competition with $95 collected for the West Branch back pack program which sends elementary students home with a back pack full of food for the weekend to families in need.

The sport of Hoover-Ball was developed to give President Hoover a full workout in a short amount of time. It's said that he and members of the White House staff played every morning on the South Lawn between 7 and 7:30 a.m. President Hoover actually lost weight by the end of his four-year term.

Hoover-Ball Toss for Charity
- Men's winner: Noah Feldman, 79' 11"
- Women's winner: Bailey Lukavsky, 46' 5"
- $95 was raised for the West Branch back pack program.
Gravesite Ceremony Offers Hoover Insight for All Ages

A gravesite remembrance and wreath laying ceremony on October 25 marked the 54th year since Herbert Hoover’s burial in West Branch. Jerry Fleagle, president and CEO of the Hoover Presidential Foundation, served as emcee of the event.

"A quote from President Hoover says it best," Jerry started. "Equality of Opportunity is the right of every American, rich or poor, foreign or native born, without respect to race or religion. By its maintenance alone can we hold open the door of full achievement to every new generation and to every boy and girl."

The program continued with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the singing of the national anthem by the Extension Chorale. Herbert Hoover National Historic Site superintendent Pete Swisher was the first to speak to the crowd, which included 70 fourth grade students from Herbert Hoover Elementary School. Swisher detailed the importance of several of the buildings in the historic site and their importance in shaping Hoover's character.

Brigadier General Damian T. Donahoe, land component commander, Iowa National Guard delivered a message of encouragement, where the students in the audience could become anything they were willing to work hard for, as Hoover did, if they set their minds to it.

Library director Tom Schwartz told the group that Herbert Hoover had no interest or desire to be a politician. "Hoover said, 'Being a politician is a poor profession, being a public servant is a noble one,'" Tom said. He encouraged the audience there are many ways to serve others without holding an elective office.

Alexander Hoover, great grandson of the President, introduced the keynote speaker, Jeffrey Miller, author of WWI Crusaders, an historical account of the time during World War I when Hoover created the Commission for Relief in Belgium. Miller had gone on to detail how the people of Belgium were cut off from their food supply and how Hoover was able to gather ship loads of food to keep over seven million people from starvation. Miller wisely used the promise of Lifesavers candy to hold the attention of the 4th graders, and tied his story into how Herbert Hoover was a life saver for the people of Belgium.

Brigadier General Donahoe and Alexander Hoover each set a wreath by Herbert and Lou’s graves. The sound of a lone trumpeter sounding Taps was heard in the distance, played by Caleb Sexton of West Branch High School.
Director of Development's Message

Mundi McCarty, Director of Development

Top Gifts in 2018 – and Beyond

Many of you have shared that the Hoover campus is important to you. With the recent tax law changes now in effect, you may be wondering how to maximize your giving to make the most impact before 2018 comes to an end, or thinking ahead to next year’s giving. And, with increased disposable income from the lowered tax brackets, both you and your favorite charity, like the Hoover Presidential Foundation, are winners! Here are four popular ways people are giving:

1. Gifts of appreciated stock or property:

With the stock market reaching an all-time high this year, the opportunity to give appreciated stocks to the Hoover Presidential Foundation is more beneficial than ever. Additionally, funding charitable gift annuities with appreciated stock is a wise choice. Many real estate investors are also enjoying gains. Appreciated real estate may be a capital gain tax unless donated to charity.

Note: For both types of capital gains, it’s worth noting that the 3.8 percent net investment income that applies to certain high earners will stay in place, with the exact same income threshold. This is part of the Affordable Care Act, which, as of this writing, Congress has not repealed or replaced, so this tax remains.

2. Retirement Plan Assets:

These assets remain taxable when distributed to a beneficiary (a family member) but are tax-free when given to a qualified public charity like the Hoover Presidential Foundation. The IRA account holder must be at least 70½ at the time of gift and the distribution must be made directly to the foundation. The gift can be any amount up to $100,000 annually.

Benefits of CGAs to Donor:

- Guaranteed income stream for life
- Gift to favorite charity
- Income tax deduction
- Beneficial tax treatment on income
- Reduced size of taxable estate
- No legal costs to establish

3. Donor Advised funds:

You may wish to make larger contributions to a single fund (and exceed the standard deduction) in one year, then take the standard deduction in the following year. This is called bunching or bundling gifts. This allows you to make distributions to organizations like the Hoover Presidential Foundation when you are ready.

Bunching gift example: In 2018, Don and Kristi will claim the maximum state income tax deduction of $10,000. The couple will also pay approximately $6,000 in mortgage interest this year. They will need at least $6,000 of charitable gifts in order to meet the $24,000 standard deduction threshold. Don and Kristi normally give about $4,000 to charity on an annual basis. They plan to accelerate their giving in 2018 and give two years’ worth of donations in one tax year. Don and Kristi decide to make $8,000 of charitable contributions in 2018 and increase their deductions, allowing them to take a tax deduction a year earlier. They plan to take the standard deduction in 2019.

4. Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs):

Retirees looking for a reliable source of income in our current low interest rate environment and a desire to give to their favorite charity may find a charitable gift annuity a perfect solution. A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract under which a not-for-profit organization like the Hoover Presidential Foundation, in return for a transfer of cash, marketable securities or other assets—agrees to pay a fixed amount of money to you for your lifetime. The Hoover Presidential Foundation then provides you with a current tax deduction, plus a stream of tax advantaged income with an attractive interest rate. At your death, the foundation gets to keep whatever is left of the original sum, usually 50%.

To learn more about these gifts, please email me at MMcCarty@HooverPF.org or call 319-643-5327 weekdays between 8 and 4:30.

USA Endowment Exceeds Goal

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and lasting friendships among their classmates.

Following this weekend, the students return home to their proposed projects with renewed vigor and the hope of great outcomes. The projects are created from their own design and typically serve a need in the local community. A lot of effort goes into preparing the students, so they might find success more readily as they get to work.

Each year, the Foundation must raise enough funding to not only cover the awards, but the training portion of the program as well. Enter Hoover Presidential Foundation trustee Ann Barber-Doyle and her brother, Scott Barber, who together made a gift of $25,000 to the USA program in memory of their parents, Corinne and Stanley Barber. Their gift initiated the creation of a USA Endowment Fund.

"Our parents believed strongly in education and through Dad's involvement as a trustee of the Hoover Presidential Foundation, they saw the direct benefits of the USA program," Ann said. "They understood the value of community leadership and realized this program was instrumental in helping to develop future community leaders.

Stan Barber became a Foundation trustee in 1994 and ultimately an emeritus trustee until his death in 2016. He was a member and later chair of the Investment Committee. His wife Corinne visited the Hoover campus frequently with Ann and Scott. She always took out-of-town guests to West Branch to visit the park. The Barber family was in attendance when President Hoover celebrated his 90th birthday in West Branch, and for the funeral 54 years ago.

Ann and Scott issued a challenge to current and former trustees — to match their gift within a five-month period as a starting point for the endowment. With overwhelming support for the idea, gifts came in regularly and soon exceeded the original goal. Today, over $80,000 has been raised to seed the USA Endowment, and the interest and annual growth of those funds will help ensure Iowa students will continue to create meaningful community projects and grow as leaders as they mature into young adults.

The principal amount in the endowment may never be withdrawn, but it can be added to. Doing so builds the base and allows for additional funding. If you’d like to see programs like the Uncommon Student Awards continue and flourish, please consider a gift to build this endowment to a self-sustaining level.

Call the Foundation office any weekday at 319-643-5327 to learn how!
Maintaining Landscapes through Partnerships

by Pete Steichen, Superintendent
Herbert Hoover National Historic Site

The staff at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site (NHS) often receives compliments for the well-maintained landscapes of the park each year. They enjoy knowing that their labors are appreciated—whether it’s for our “beyond pesticides” program which aids in the reduction of weeds and improves turf conditions within the areas tended each week, or by those areas to ones managed as open spaces. These open spaces help keep the rural backdrop of the park as reconstructed tallgrass prairie or farm fields along our western boundary.

The prairie landscape is a popular walking area for visitors, residents and our school groups, but it is the area known locally as the Thompson Farm which represents the early era of land being broken by the plow for farming purposes; a vista likely more familiar to a young Hoover child.

In late 2018, the Herbert Hoover NHS signed a new partnership with the West Branch Community School District that embraces the park’s stewardship philosophy in maintained landscapes all the while providing students a new platform for education. The agreement is three-phased, with each phase operating independently toward a common goal of agricultural landscape management.

In phase 1, the acreage of the farm is made available for the school’s Future Farmers of America (FFA) program to plant, plant and harvest row crops. This process provides students the real-life experience of planning a farm crop and then realizing the harvest bounty. The agreement is aimed at providing students with an opportunity to consider sustainable farming techniques and may include the incorporation of bio-STRIPS (Science-based Trials of Rowcrops Integrated with Prairie Strips) in cooperation with Iowa State University. The program introduces students to modern land management opportunities for bio-diversity and how it can work alongside agricultural goals.

Phase 2 of the agreement is less about land management and is about turn-of-the-century farm scenery. The school’s Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) students are assisting the park in building maintenance by taking on certain small projects identified by the park to help maintain that “farm appearance” as it is seen from the road or historic district of the park. In this first year, students are reconstructing a chicken brooder house which has fallen into significant disrepair. Students gain experience in construction techniques while simultaneously coming to understand aspects of the Historic Preservation Act and why the National Park Service so meticulously cares for these special places.

The 3rd phase of the agreement embraces perhaps those features of Hoover for which he is most fondly thought of: the care and feeding of those in need.

Working with the school district, the park envisions an area of land also within the Thompson Farm that can be set aside to grow certain crops for the specific purpose of providing food for people who most need it. In essence, a modern-day Hoover Garden in our own efforts to combat hunger locally. Admittedly, this phase is going to represent a significant challenge, however the dividends it may pay in terms of eradicating hunger are well worth the effort. One of the greatest challenges will be establishing the means for harvesting produce since it will occur during summer months. However, we remain steadfastly hopeful this challenge won’t be too great.

This new partnership with the West Branch Community School District carries several splendid opportunities together, enabling students to share the stewardship mission of the National Park Service, learn about agriculture, historic preservation, landscapes, and humanitarianism. ✨
Kick Off the Season with Holiday Traditions

How many Christmas trees do you put up at your house? We have two, but we're lucky to finish one in time for the kids to come over to find their gifts under it. A tree-in-law sets up at least six in their home. At the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, you can count on about 20 trees decorated with the bilt, each with a unique theme and style of its own.

Holiday Traditions is this year's theme and there's sure to be a few that take you back to your childhood. For example, one tree is laden with wooden toys while another pays tribute to Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman. Others are even more traditional with poinsettias or silver and gold trim.

If you've never been to the annual tree exhibit, this is the perfect time to start a new family tradition with a visit to the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum annual Christmas tree display.

Trees on display

- Silver & Gold
- Christmas Cards
- Holiday Treats
- Wooden Toys
- 12 Days of Christmas
- Angels
- A Christmas Carol
- Gingerbread
- Rudolph & Frosty
- Holiday Lights
- Nativity
- North Pole & Santa
- Snow
- Carols
- Poinsettia
- Old Fashion Tree
- World Holiday Traditions

NEW EXHIBIT PREVIEW

Curators Pick Favorites for January Exhibit

While we hope you are enjoying the annual Christmas tree exhibit, *Holiday Traditions*, currently on display at the Herbert Hoover Library and Museum, we are only about 60 days away from the next temporary exhibit coming to the Quantray Gallery.

As we browse through the angel and nativity trees, the curatorial department has been selecting groupings of their favorite works from the permanent collection for display in the winter exhibition. It's called, *Hoover's Collection: Curator's Choice*, and will open Saturday, Jan. 26. Of course, members of the Hoover Presidential Foundation are invited to see it first, at our Member's Reception, Friday, Jan. 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. We'll mail invitations after Christmas, or you can go online and register for the event on our website. It runs through March 24.

"Many of the pieces selected have rarely been exhibited," said Melanie Wier, assistant curator of the museum. Melanie selected Southwestern paintings and Native American ledger drawings. "I selected my grouping because it is an unusual, rarely exhibited part of our collection by well known artists," she added.

The artists in the group include Gerald Cassidy, Thomas Vigil, Otis Poldenoma, Bert Green Phillips, and Fred Kapotie.

One such painting is undergoing conservation work which will be completed in time to include it in the exhibit. "It's one of 12 paintings from 1918 commissioned for the US Food Administration, based on a speech by Hoover," said Marcus Eckhardt, curator.

Karen Maxville chose a grouping of cartoons. "I selected three caricatures of Hoover because they were fun," Karen said of her choices. We can't show them here at this time, so be sure to visit the Museum in January to see these hidden gems from the vault selected by the curators for the next exhibit."
2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

OUR MISSION
The Hoover Presidential Foundation promotes and supports the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, National Historic Site, and programs that relate to and enhance the understanding of Herbert Hoover as president and humanitarian.

OUR VISION
By raising sufficient funds, The Hoover Presidential Foundation will support the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum and National Historic Site as they strengthen their internationally-recognized brand.

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America Needs Herbert Hoover.
Your membership and donations make a difference.

This year, the Hoover Presidential Foundation has begun implementing a new strategic plan. To paraphrase Herbert Hoover’s words, we strive to be an “Uncommon” Presidential Foundation by focusing on our mission, striving for our vision and involving as many supporters and volunteers as we can, just like Herbert Hoover did a century ago when he organized relief efforts for Mississippi River flood victims in the south.

This year, our calendar was packed with either a special program, event, fundraising campaign, or project every month – and some months more than one! It seems that if we’re not organizing an event, we’re raising funds for the next one! Each one designed to promote the life and ideals of Herbert Hoover in a unique way. We’ve helped support S.T.E.M. projects for young students, scholarships for high school students, school bus travel grants to West Branch for all students, and travel grants for scholarly research! We’ve brought in authors and Hoover historians, presidential re-enactors and other performers who present interesting Hoover stories. We’re focused on supporting the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, and the Hoover National Historic Site as they share Herbert and Lou’s life with an ever-changing audience.

Your support allows us to tell the Hoover Story through:

UNCOMMON STUDENTS
Having just completed its 21st year, the program’s impact continues to grow with each class. In 2009, Vanessa Espinoza proposed a project called “It’s Never Too Late,” which focused on Hispanic literacy and providing English as a Second Language classes for adults as well. Last month, Vanessa was awarded the Latinx Youth Leadership Award from the Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs. You can learn how her Uncommon Student project in high school continued with her into college and the impact she’s made in this state over the years by reading her story included in this newsletter.
INSTITUTE FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

This year, in partnership with the University of Iowa, the Hoover Presidential Foundation brought 28 high school teachers to the Hoover Campus to learn about Herbert Hoover’s spirit of public service and how to engage students in civic projects. Now in its fifth year, teachers have a better understanding into how to better engage students in their schools and make a positive difference in their communities. The seeds planted with this Institute will continue to grow year after year, making an exponential difference in literally hundreds, if not thousands of young peoples’ lives as the program grows!

UNCOMMON PUBLIC SERVICE

One of Herbert Hoover’s favorite phrases was, “Being a politician is a poor profession. Being a Public Servant is a noble one.” Every year, we honor two Iowa state legislators who exemplify the traits of uncommon public service. It’s time to select two new winners for 2019! Visit HooverPresidentialFoundation.org to place your nomination today.


SCHOOL BUS GRANTS

Herbert Hoover loved children. With your support, we award thousands of dollars in school bus grants so schools may bring their students to learn about Herbert Hoover. So far, we’ve sponsored 9 bus loads through October this year and have more to come!

TRAVEL GRANTS FOR SCHOLARS

With your support, the Foundation awards travel grants to visiting scholars through a selection process to visit the Hoover Library and research Herbert Hoover. In this last fiscal year, we supported five scholars with over $6,800 in grants. Often, it leads to papers, stories, and books on Herbert Hoover.

An inspiring story – one that can be shared today – with your help!

The Hoover Presidential Foundation provides a variety of ways for members and donors to support telling the Hoover story. The Foundation accepts cash, checks and credit cards. The Hoover Presidential Foundation also accepts gifts of publicly traded stock, memorial gifts with a letter to the family as well as the donor, and estate planning bequests. Please contact Director of Development, Mundi McCarty, by email (MMcCarty@HooverPF.org) or by phone at 319-643-5327 to learn how you can help tell the Hoover story!
Did you attend the Celebration Banquet?

What a great event and a fascinating speaker! Col. Mark Tillman, the man who piloted Air Force One during the Bush administration and the 9/11 attacks, told his story of flying the President on several missions, including secret missions into war zones in Iraq.

Look for event photos and a detailed story in our next e-newsletter in December.

You might also check our Facebook page, facebook.com/HooverPresFoundation. If you’d like to be added to our free monthly e-newsletter list, just send us an email to: Info@HooverPF.org and say “Add me to the list!”

Wait until you see who we’re getting next year!

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**Events**

**Friday & Saturday**  
December 7th & 8th, 2018

- Open Houses and Holiday treats at many local businesses
- Gibson Family Trains
- Marshmallow & Hotdog Roasting
- Homemade Donuts
- Herbert Hoover Presidential Library open with free admission.  
  **Sponsored by the Herbert Hoover Presidential Foundation**

- Live Holiday Music and Theater performances
- Community Breakfast and Soup Supper
- Horse-drawn Carriage rides
- Schedule and Brochures are available online and in local businesses!

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**Christmas Past**

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