



A MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEGACY STORY

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I'm a lifelong Madison resident and East High School graduate, having attended Shorewood, Lindbergh, and Gompers (now Blackhawk). I'm grateful for the strong public education I received in the 1970s and '80s, though I didn't realize at the time how much community support, including private philanthropy, made this possible.

As an East High classroom teacher since 1991 and engineering club advisor since 2007, I've experienced this support firsthand. Through East High's Endowment Fund at the Foundation, we've funded initiatives like daytime physics tutoring and science outreach for younger students. Additionally, I've seen the Foundation's broader impact—providing scholarships, classroom materials, and funding for after-school programs. These gifts, external to our operating budget, allow educators to offer relevant, accessible programming for all.

The Madison Public Schools Foundation helps great ideas thrive. I'm proud to be part of its ongoing legacy.

My grandfather arrived in the United States as an 18-year-old in 1922. A century later, the 100th anniversary of his arrival coincided with the centennial of East High—a fitting moment to link his legacy with that of a school deeply rooted in this community.



Inspired by this milestone, I established the Kim Wing and Yoke Ping Chin Commemorative Scholarship to support East High graduates whose life experiences include immigration, language and literacy learning, or family businesses. Named in honor of my grandparents, this scholarship celebrates their courage and commitment to opportunity.

Education and economic opportunity were values my grandparents held deeply. By creating this named endowment through the Foundation, I've ensured that their legacy will continue to support future generations, connecting the resilience of the past with the potential of tomorrow.

To create your own legacy for Madison public schools, contact Melinda Heinritz, President, Madison Public Schools Foundation at mheinritz@SchoolsMakeMadison.org or 608.210.6902.



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