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Dear Reynolds High School Alumni (1890-1957):

We are so THANKful for you! You are the true “foundation” of Rockridge Schools in so many ways and we honor you for your dedication, perseverance and numerous contributions to our communities and schools. You are the parents and grandparents (and great!!) of so many of our Rockridge alumni and current students and we are blessed to have such a rich and supportive “foundation” in all of you.

Reynolds High School started in the fall of 1888 as a 2-year school. The first four students graduated in the spring of 1890. The smallest graduating class was one student in 1892 with one teacher. The largest graduating class was 61 students in 1951 with 18 teachers. In 1921 Reynolds High School became a 3-year school and in 1931, a 4-year high school. By 1940, Reynolds Community High School District was formed with 150 total square miles. In 1957, the last senior class graduated from Reynolds High School. In the fall of 1957, Reynolds High School moved into the new centrally located facility at Edgington and became Rockridge High School. *(Thanks to Paul and Ardith Mongerson, Class of 1939, for the original manuscript in which we attained this information and to George Carpenter, Class of 1951, the historian who provided it to us.)*

We are so proud that memorabilia including class photos from Reynolds High School has been on display in the front hallway at Rockridge High School for all to enjoy and reminisce.

In your honor, we have established a new Rockridge Schools Foundation Endowment Fund and we are dedicating 40% of all 2023 THANKSgiving fundraising revenue to this new endowment. We have set a goal of \$10,000 and we are so excited to announce that the Moline Regional Community Foundation has awarded us with a \$5,000 match for this inaugural year!!

We are so grateful for your dedication and commitment to our students and staff throughout all of the years. We have provided a link to the High School Glory Days site for all to find more information on the history of Reynolds High School.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2024!

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