

 **SCHOOL BRIEFS**

District 99 fundraisers planned to create garden memorials for fallen vets

Both Downers Grove North, South planning to install "Memorial Peace Garden"

Throughout the years since Downers Grove High School first opened in 1928, 70 young men who have attended District 99 schools have lost their lives serving in the U.S. armed forces.

To honor these distinguished alumni and educate current students on the importance of working toward lasting peace, Downers Grove North High and Downers Grove South High are uniting to create permanent memorials.

"When we walk through the hallways of our schools today, we see countless recognitions honoring student accomplishments in academics, athletics and activities—but none for our fallen heroes," said Christopher Esposito, social studies department chair at South High. "We feel compelled to create something profound and permanent."

Both schools are planning to install a "Memorial Peace Garden," which will be built in outside spaces adjacent to each school. Each garden will include extensive stonework, granite

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stones bearing the names of all men who lost their lives, copper lighting, iron benches and permanent sculptures inscribed with the phrase, "May Peace Prevail on Earth."

"We're thrilled to have received a significant donation from a private landscaping company, which includes cost of the garden designs," said Jenne Dehmlow, social studies department chair at North High. "We now need to raise \$50,000 to cover the remaining costs, and are confident that everyone in our community will support this noble and

important project."

To achieve the fundraising goal, proceeds from "all-school" fundraisers throughout the school year, such as a District 99 telethon is being planned for the spring, will be directed to support the project.

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Those who would like to make a direct donation to the Memorial Peace Garden fund may do so online. For more information, visit www.csd99.org/community/D99-Memorial-Peace-Gardens.

Donations are also accepted by checks made payable to "D99 Memorial Peace Gardens." Checks can be dropped off at the front offices of North High, South High or mailed to the D99 District Office - D99 Memorial Peace Gardens; c/o Administrative Service Center; 6301 Springside Avenue; Downers Grove, IL 60516.