

Named Endowed Funds

The Rube's STEM and IA Fund



Rob "Rube" Anderson grew up in Cloquet and graduated from Cloquet High School in 1974. He was one of five members of his class to receive scholarships from the Northwest Paper Company, which funded tuition, books and fees for four years at any school in the country. He attended North Dakota State University, Gustavus Adolphus College and completed his Bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Minnesota in 1986.

His career in the computer industry began in 1980 with the unique experience of working at a major Silicon Valley company during the birth and rise of the Internet. He successfully rode the Internet Bubble until retiring on Permanent Disability in 2006 due to conditions from Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (diagnosed in 1998).

Rob created this endowment fund to specifically focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (S.T.E.M.) and the industrial arts because the future will require children sufficiently educated in these areas. Rob believes it's important to invest in future generations

"My hope is that my peer group and others will provide significant donations to this endowment fund in recognition of how lucky we were to go to Cloquet schools at a time when our parents didn't have to pay for us to be involved in extracurricular activities," he said.

"Perhaps it won't be possible to provide full college scholarships to individual students as in the old days, but certainly those in a position to do so can contribute enough to strengthen the teaching and learning environment for all Cloquet children. And that is the mission of the Cloquet Educational Foundation."