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FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

As the school year begins, Honeywell Arts & Entertainment is reminded of the many ways the **arts continue to shape our community**. Classrooms are filled with new opportunities for learning, stages welcome new performances, and guests throughout the region discover new ways to connect with the arts.

One of the most meaningful ways we see this impact is through Honeywell Arts In Education. Each school year, students across our region participate in programs that extend beyond traditional classroom learning. Through programs like Visual Thinking Strategies, Arts Integration, and the Media Arts Program, students engage with the arts in ways that support learning and **inspire creativity** throughout the school year. During the 2025–26 school year, Arts In Education provided nearly 77,000 student interactions across 13 counties and 83 schools in Indiana. These programs are offered at no cost to schools, ensuring more students have access to the arts as part of their education.

Seeing the impact of these programs is a reminder of why **access to the arts matters**. The skills students develop through these experiences extend beyond the classroom, helping them approach challenges, communicate their ideas, and consider new perspectives. We are grateful to our educators, teaching artists, and supporters who make this work possible.

Across Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, the arts continue to bring people of all ages together. The renovation of the Honeywell House is underway following a successful campaign that exceeded its \$3 million goal, raising \$3.4 million, and Honeywell Arts Academy continues to support emerging musicians through year-round programming.

Together, these efforts reflect the continued impact of the arts in our community. They are made possible by a shared belief that the arts should be accessible to all.

Thank you for being part of this work and helping *Make Your Mark*. Your generosity helps ensure that students, artists, and guests throughout our region continue to have access to the arts. I am grateful for your support and for the role you play in **carrying our mission forward** of arts, education, and entertainment for all.



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A NEW SCHOOL YEAR OF CREATIVITY

ARTS IN EDUCATION

A student studies an image projected at the front of the classroom. After a moment of quiet observation, a hand rises. They share what they notice, explain what they see, and listen as classmates offer different perspectives. There are no wrong answers—only opportunities to look closer, ask questions, and consider new perspectives.

Across northern Indiana, moments like this happen throughout the school year through Honeywell Arts In Education. In classrooms, on stages, and in creative spaces across northern Indiana, students encounter the arts as a way to explore ideas and participate in creative learning beyond traditional instruction.

Honeywell Arts In Education partners with schools to provide meaningful arts experiences that support learning throughout the school year. Programs are designed to complement classroom instruction, connecting students with teaching artists and allowing them to take part in the arts firsthand.

One of Honeywell's most impactful programs is *Visual Thinking Strategies* (VTS), a nationally recognized program that uses visual images and facilitated, student-centered discussions to practice the art of drawing inferences and supporting them with evidence. Participating in VTS helps students strengthen their critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and writing skills. Once a month, a Honeywell-trained facilitator visits classrooms, guiding students through open-ended questions and encouraging them to explain their ideas with evidence.



Arts Integration brings the arts into additional areas of learning. Rather than focusing only on what is being taught, the Arts Integration approach considers how students learn, providing educators with curriculum-aligned resources that incorporate creative practices into classroom instruction.

For high school students exploring future careers, the *Media Arts Program* provides hands-on experience in video and sound production. In partnership with Heartland Career Center, this career and technical education program offers dual high school and college credit while preparing students for continued education and opportunities in creative industries.

For other students, the arts provide a place to tell their stories. GRAMMY-nominated Nashville songwriter *Steve Seskin* presents bullying prevention programs through the art of songwriting. His interactive workshops and assemblies engage students by combining original student-written songs with an underlying message of acceptance and inclusion.

Students also experience the arts as audiences and creators. *Page-to-Stage Student Matinees* bring literature to life through performances by national touring companies on Honeywell stages during the school day. Student art shows and banner contests celebrate original artwork created in school classrooms, giving students a chance to share their work with family, friends, and the community.

During the 2025-26 school year, Honeywell Arts In Education provided nearly 77,000 student interactions through school-based programs across 13 counties and 83 schools in Indiana. These programs are offered at no cost to the schools, removing barriers so that every child has access to the arts as part of their education.

“At Honeywell, our priority is creating meaningful, high-quality education experiences that reach every corner of our region,” says Kristi Unger, Director of Education at Honeywell Arts & Entertainment. “The arts give students another way to approach learning and discover what they are capable of creating.”

As another school year begins, Honeywell Arts In Education continues to bring artists, educators, and students together through offerings that make learning memorable—ensuring students continue to encounter the arts during the school year and beyond.

Honeywell Arts In Education is made possible thanks to generous donor and sponsor support, advancing the organization’s mission of arts, education, and entertainment for all.

Learning continues beyond the classroom through additional arts offerings throughout the year. Through **Arts For All**, students and families can participate in music lessons, workshops, classes, and summer camps that allow students and families to continue exploring creative interests outside of the school day.



WHERE STUDENTS FIND THEIR VOICE

From classrooms to creative spaces, the arts help students explore ideas, share their voices, and discover what they can create.

Your generosity makes these experiences possible.

Learn more or give online at honeywellarts.org/donate.

ON THE HORIZON LOOKING AHEAD



HONEYWELL HOUSE RENOVATION

As fall arrives, Honeywell Arts & Entertainment continues to build on the momentum of the past year while looking ahead to new opportunities across the organization.

Last year, Honeywell set an ambitious goal to bring the vision of a transformed **Honeywell House** to life. Thanks to generous support, the goal was exceeded, and \$3.4 million was raised. Construction is now well underway. Outside, the parking lot and garage expansions are taking shape, including an expanded terrace and new outdoor restrooms. Inside, the upstairs bedrooms are being reframed with private bathrooms, and the kitchen is being opened into one large room. The main living room wall has also been removed to create expanded space for live performances. Learn more at honeywellarts.org/hh.

Following another summer of performances in Wabash, **Honeywell Arts Academy** continues its work of supporting the next generation of musicians through year-round opportunities for artistic growth. The Academy's reach extends beyond the summer months through the Honeywell Arts Academy Concert Series, bringing Academy alumni to intimate performance settings at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis and the Eagles Theatre in Wabash. Join us in 2026–27 for upcoming performances and look for more opportunities to experience the Academy in the year ahead. Learn more at honeywellartsacademy.org.

The **Honeywell Legacy Club** is a new annual membership offering exclusive benefits tied to a curated selection of Legacy Performances and an annual Signature Performance. Members receive presale access, along with invitations to exclusive receptions, waived ticketing fees during presale periods, and additional opportunities throughout the year. This season's Legacy Performances currently include The Temptations and An Evening with Rick Steves. Learn more at honeywellarts.org/legacy-club.

As another season begins, Honeywell Arts & Entertainment looks forward to welcoming the community and sharing the experiences made possible by your continued support.



**HONEYWELL ARTS ACADEMY
CONCERT SERIES**



**HONEYWELL LEGACY CLUB
FEATURING THE TEMPTATIONS**

BECAUSE OF YOU

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HONEYWELL FOUNDATION BOARD

"I was fortunate to grow up in the first electrically lit city in the world and the home of Mark C. Honeywell and the Honeywell Foundation. As a high school student, I was honored to greet and introduce Eugenia Honeywell to my government class as she gave a lecture on a recent European Trip. Her service to Wabash and the state of Indiana provided dividends for generations.

The Honeywell Foundation has grown from a single community center into a regional cultural hub providing arts, education, and entertainment. The current renovation and expansion of the Honeywell House exemplifies the vision of Mark and Eugenia Honeywell. I am pleased to be able to follow suit through my own service on the Honeywell Foundation Board of Directors."



JOE & PAM DYER

MARK C. HONEYWELL SOCIETY

"Honeywell is truly the heart of Wabash, and our community would not be what it is today without it. We're grateful for those who have built and sustained a place where children, families, and friends can experience the arts together.

Pam shared, "As a past volunteer, I especially treasured seeing busloads of children arrive and watching their faces light up with wonder. Knowing these programs may be a child's only opportunity to experience Honeywell makes those moments even more meaningful. These small things have made us realize that we need to give back to our community and help continue the legacy that began so many years ago and that will continue to inspire for generations."



SANDY KUNKEL

DAVE KUNKEL & MARY AND FRED BRADY ENDOWMENT FUND

"I created the Dave Kunkel & Mary and Fred Brady Endowment as a way to honor people who cared deeply about our community. My husband, Dave, was heavily involved in Wabash Marketplace and other community projects, while his mother, Mary, and stepfather, Fred, enjoyed attending programs at the Honeywell Center.

Through this fund, I'm proud to help students from all social and economic backgrounds experience arts-based programming that encourages creativity and supports academic achievement. I wish these opportunities had been available to my own children, and it's meaningful to know this endowment will benefit young people for generations to come."

GIVE STUDENTS A **CREATIVE** START

Every student deserves the opportunity to learn, imagine, and grow through the arts. Your generosity makes that possible.

Make an Impact

Give today to support Arts In Education, include Honeywell in your will or estate plan, or share our mission with others.

Let's Start the Conversation

Call Kara Fulmer at 260.274.1428 or visit honeywellarts.org/give to learn more.

2026 Giving

Beginning with the 2026 tax year, many taxpayers who claim the standard deduction may deduct up to \$1,000 in qualifying charitable gifts (\$2,000 for married couples filing jointly).

Ask your tax advisor how this new giving incentive may benefit you.



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LASTING
DIFFERENCE