



## Board Report December 2021 Submitted by Casey Miller

With the holiday season upon us, we at ExCEL are preparing to end the semester on a high note. The semester is coming to a close and all final projects are taking shape and the wolfpack is ready for Christmas Break.

**Student news-** This holiday season the pack stands at 50 students. The high school students will have the opportunity to enjoy a field trip on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. Some of our STEP Program students will get the chance to job shadow multiple professions at the River Music Experience in downtown Davenport. The participants will get to explore the careers of audio engineering, talent booking, music education and music marketing.

**Staff news-** Our program will be saying goodbye to one of our longest tenured members at the end of the month. Michael Kegebein will be retiring on December 31, 2021. We are in the process of finding his replacement to keep ExCEL up and running.

**Building news-** The social work team at ExCEL has created a "Giving Tree" program where our students have made Christmas wish lists and they have posted them on our Facebook page. In less than 3 hours, the entirety of our elementary floor's wish list was purchased and donated to our students. This will allow us to make sure that every single student at ExCEL will have a gift to open for Christmas.