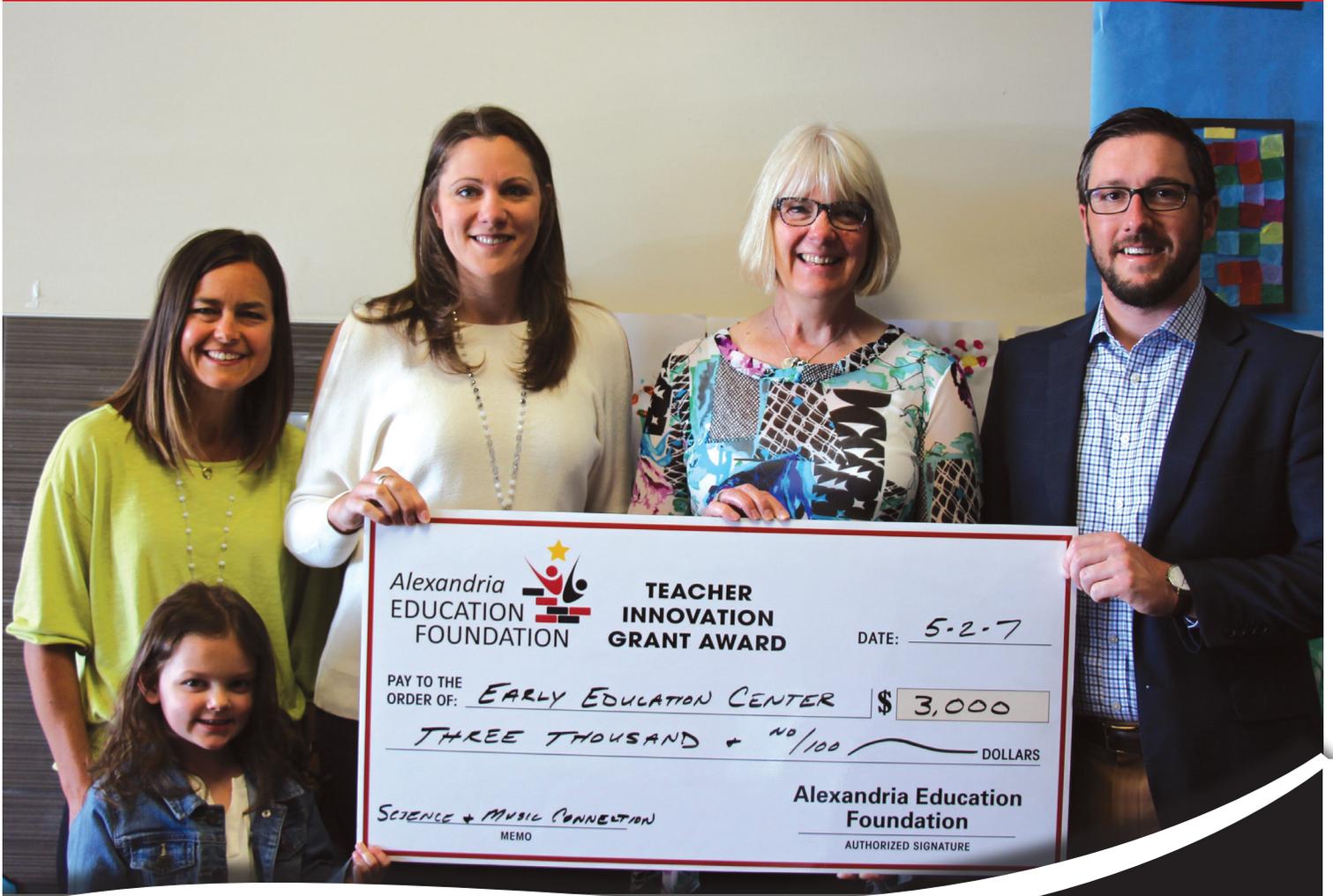


EXPANDING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALEXANDRIA STUDENTS



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ABOUT ALEXANDRIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Alexandria Education Foundation (AEF) is a non-profit organization that partners with Alexandria Public Schools to provide financial support for unique learning experiences for students in grades PreK through 12. Projects funded by AEF expand classroom experiences beyond the boundaries of the district's budget. Since 2009, AEF has distributed grants and gifts totaling more than \$4.4 million dollars that has increased learning opportunities for students in every school, at every grade level.

ENDOWMENT DRIVE

AEF is not part of Alexandria Public Schools. Our organization, its donors, and volunteer board of directors are ardent supporters of the District's vision *"to be an extraordinary school district that tailors learning for each child, by working together!"*

Our ability to support innovative, quality educational experiences in the classroom depends upon the strength of our financial resources. Our goal is to build a financial cornerstone for investing in students and teachers in Alexandria Public Schools.

We started building a permanent endowment in 2007 with a gift from the Klimek family when the district purchased their farm site as the future location for a new high school. Currently our endowment is over \$300,000. Our goal is to grow it to \$1,000,000. At that level, we can invest \$50,000 annually into our classrooms. This is coupled with our giving through our grant programs, college scholarships and support for the Arts and Academies of Alexandria.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We support students to attain college degrees
Through a competitive scholarship process, the Foundation financially supports students in the transition from high school to 2 to 4-year colleges.

Since 2009, AEF has awarded nearly \$25,000 in scholarships in support of 28 students.



GRANTS

We support classrooms

Annually, AEF invites the district's teachers and staff to submit grants for projects and programs that will have a meaningful impact on students. The grant requests are primarily in the areas of engineering, core curriculum subjects, technology, and arts programs.

The Foundation's goal is to grow the endowment to \$1 million, making it possible, with the coupling of annual giving, to fund \$100,000 in education-enhancing grants annually.

Grants would go directly to support:

- Students in developing essential knowledge and skills
- Students in every building and every grade level
- The Arts and Academies of Alexandria

ACADEMIES OF ALEXANDRIA

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My Future Starts Here

We support college readiness and college preparation

To provide a highly educated workforce and support regional economic growth, a partnership was formed between Alexandria Public Schools and our business community to create an innovative learning program at Alexandria Area High School. This program is called The Academies of Alexandria. The district's goal through the academy model is for 100% of our students to graduate with the skills necessary to pursue post-secondary education or move directly into the workforce. Currently, more than 50 business partners are directly involved in educating the future workforce, giving students hand-on learning experiences.

The Academies at Alexandria Area High School personalizes learning for all students by:

- Organizing teachers in a team structure to ensure student success and personal connections within a large high school.
- Providing project-based, interdisciplinary learning that immerses students in an authentic 'real world' experience.
- Engaging students by making classes relevant to personal interests and aspirations.
- Providing connections with local businesses and professionals, linking schoolwork and the workplace.

To date, over \$207,000 awarded in innovative teaching grants for:

- STEM/Engineering
- Core curriculum subjects, like sciences, literacy and math
- Technology
- The Arts

There are four broad academy themes at the Alexandria Area High School:

- Freshman Academy
- Engineering, Manufacturing Technologies & Natural Resources
- Health Sciences & Human Services
- Business, Communication & Entrepreneurship





AEF WANTS TO DO MORE!

Your tax-deductible donation directly benefits all who are involved in our extraordinary school system. Invest in excellence today!

The Students

All gifts to the Alexandria Education Foundation directly affect the academic life of students both today and for years to come.

The Teachers

We provide a means for teachers to apply for grants that transform ideas into instructional programs that engage, inspire and excite students. These are projects that can make a significant difference in students' educational experience.

The Alexandria Area Community

Our schools are at the heart of our community, and the educational experience helps shape the quality of life here. It's in the interest of all stakeholders – students, parents, grandparents, alumni, staff, and property and business owners – to maintain our district's reputation for educational excellence.



THANK YOU!

EVERY GIFT, LARGE OR SMALL, HELPS SUSTAIN THE TRADITION OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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