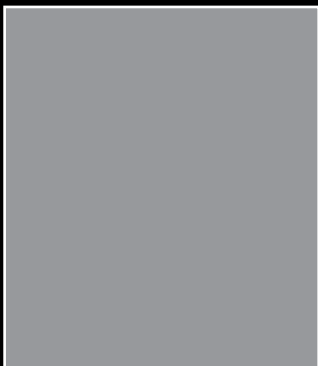


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Jeff Montgomery, Dana Christenson, Anthony Zimny, Tom Ellison, Patrick Kalina. Seated (l to r): Jennifer Heydt, Jay Sieling, Jean Bristow, Sarah O'Kane, Meri Ripley. Not pictured: Eric Karlstad, Linda Nelson, Josh Tatge.

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

The Alexandria Education Foundation had a successful year in 2018 and has exciting things on the horizon for 2019. As you look through this impact report, you will get a glimpse of the organization's work over the past year. The foundation's main goal is to help the teachers of Alexandria Public Schools impact students every day. Last year, the foundation awarded \$38,083 in teacher grants. This results in more opportunities and enhanced learning experiences for students.

The foundation is always striving to connect alumni, businesses and community members to join efforts in supporting our public schools. We connected with friends and supporters at our annual events: the Hall of Fame Luncheon, the annual fundraising gala, EdTalk, and EdRock.

The first EdRock fundraising concert was a hit where over 500 people enjoyed a beautiful summer evening with great music and dancing.

The Alexandria Education Foundation continues to grow and evolve and this could not happen without your support. We look forward to another successful year in 2019!

With thanks and appreciation,

*Christine Reilly*

Christine Reilly  
Executive Director



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# INVESTING IN STUDENT LEARNING



**TEACHER GRANTS**  
AEF AWARDED **\$38,083**  
in Teacher Innovation  
Grants for 2018-2019



*Visit our website for details on each of these exciting grants –  
as well as the 55 previously awarded to Alexandria Public Schools.*

**SPHERO EDU**  
Discovery Middle School -  
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**\$290,000+**  
AWARDED IN GRANTS  
TO TEACHERS  
SINCE 2009

**3,700**

PreK-12 students  
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# INVESTING IN FUTURE LEADERS

## 2018 **SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**



*The Class of 1988 Scholarship* recipients, Bryce Ludwig (left), Craig Olson, foundation board member (middle) and Alexis Habberstad (right).



*Seeds for Future Learning Scholarship* recipients, Jared Fridgen (left), Craig Olson, foundation board member (middle) and Tori Jeseritz (right).

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Michael Helgeson, **2016 AEF Scholarship** recipient, U of M-Twin Cities Kinesiology major and avid Gophers fan.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Foundation wants to build a financial cornerstone for investing in students in Alexandria Public Schools. One of the ways we do this is by helping students attain college degrees.

Through a competitive scholarship process, the Foundation financially supports students in the transition from high school to 2 and 4-year colleges.

Visit our website for details on these continuing education scholarships to graduating seniors.



"Thanks to the scholarship awarded through the Alexandria Education Foundation my loans are reduced and I feel the support of a community that I have grown up in."

– 2016 AEF scholarship recipient  
Michael Helgeson



SINCE 2009,  
NEARLY  
**\$30,000**  
has been awarded  
to help **32 students**  
further their  
education



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# ENGAGED WITH THE COMMUNITY

## EdCelebrate

Our fall fundraiser (formerly Jeans & Jewels) is a part of Homecoming Connections weekend and remains the signature event of the Alexandria Education Foundation. Guests enjoy games, silent auction, jewelry prize drawings, fabulous food, and friends while they support our schools and our students.



## EdTALK

Our annual EdTalk event brings notable alum back as a tie-in to the strong education foundation they received in Alexandria Public Schools and to give back by creating connections with current students.



Alexandria native and current University of Minnesota Associate Athletic Director Scott Ellison ('77) was the 2018 EdTalk speaker. Ellison, the Associate Director for the Gophers oversees all the athletic facilities at the University of Minnesota.



Robert C. Johnson ('66)  
Heather Stefanski, M.D. ('89)  
Ed Rooney ('53)



The stage was set, the weather was fantastic, and the band was rockin' at our summer concert fundraising event featuring **The Fabulous Armadillos**.



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