July 2021

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

The Alexandria Education Foundation Board of Directors and I are grateful for a strong donor base that has allowed us to continue to provide financial support to the Alexandria Public Schools throughout the challenges of 2020 and 2021. Thank you!

In the spring of 2020 the Alexandria Education Foundation Board of Directors was quick to respond to the needs of the Alexandria Public Schools by granting $41,473 to purchase chrome books for students in grades K-2. Learning at home and connecting with teachers and other students was made easier because of financial support from donors like you.

In May of this year, the board approved funding for thirteen Teacher Innovation Grants totaling $40,773. These grants will be implemented in the upcoming school year and are highlighted in this publication. Your gifts made all of these grants possible!

When you make plans to give to the Alexandria Education Foundation this year please consider donating online. It is efficient, easy to navigate, and allows you to make monthly or annual contributions.

The Alexandria Education Foundation continues to grow because of your support.

With much appreciation,

Christine Reilly
INVESTING IN STUDENT LEARNING

TEACHER GRANTS
AEF AWARDED $40,773 in Teacher Innovation Grants for 2020-2021

Visit our website for details on each of these exciting grants – as well as the 78 previously awarded to Alexandria Public Schools.

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INVESTING IN FUTURE LEADERS

2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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.

SINCE 2009, $55,200 has been awarded to help 58 students further their education.

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**Love for Learners Fundraiser**

The Foundation held its first online fundraiser on February 8-14. In keeping with the theme for Valentine’s Day, our theme was **Love for Learners!** The online auction featured all Alexandria Area businesses. Over $8,000 was raised to support classrooms for PreK-12 in Alexandria Public Schools. Thank you to the generosity of all who participated and for your support of area businesses.

Thanks to all of you who attended EdRock 2021 - we had our highest attendance yet with 560 and raised $13,000 to support enhanced learning experiences for students in Alexandria Public Schools. It was such a fun night… a beautiful MN summer evening and The Fabulous Armadillos were, well, fabulous!

The band will return next year for EdRock - mark your calendars for June 24, 2022.

**Hall of Fame Virtual Celebration**

A virtual celebration of the Hall of Fame inductees from 2007-2019 was held on Friday, September 25, 2020. The virtual celebration reintroduced Hall of Fame inductees for the past 13 years. The presentation went year by year and recognized each inductee through photos. We had 364 views for the virtual celebration which was a terrific response! If you missed it, watch at the following link: [https://bit.ly/3x82Jfj](https://bit.ly/3x82Jfj)
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Did You Know... THAT THE ENDOWMENT HAS REMAINED STRONG AND MAINTAINED A HEALTHY BALANCE OF $409,000+
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In honor of Marge Van
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In memory of Paul Donley
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Timothy & Tracy Lindley
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Timothy & Tracy Lindley
Ronald Lindley Scholarship
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Bob & Mary Grossman
Beverly Lohrman Grossman Scholarship

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New York Life Insurance
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GRANTS
Meals With Care Grant
A $4,000 grant from the Ruth
McDonald Fund of the Alexandria Area
Community Foundation (AACF).
AEF used the grant to support
Alexandria Public Schools families who
may not qualify for free or reduced
price meals but were experiencing
a financial hardship and needed
assistance with covering the cost of
meals at school for their children.

Sustainability Grant
A $5,000 grant from the Alexandria
Response Fund of the Alexandria
Area Community Foundation (AACF).
AEF will use the grant award to
meet general operating costs given
fundraising efforts in the 2020-21
fiscal year were significantly impacted
due to the pandemic.

2020-21 IMPACT REPORT
THANK YOU
to the many supporters who
participated in our fundraiser
and attended our annual events.

All efforts have been made to make
this report as accurate as possible.
If you find an error or omission,
please accept our apology and notify
the Foundation at 320-815-5052
so corrections can be made.