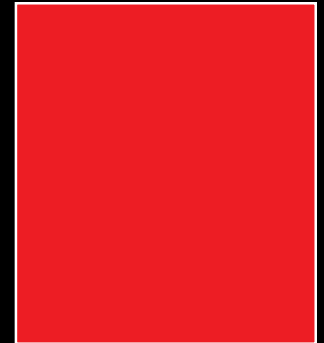
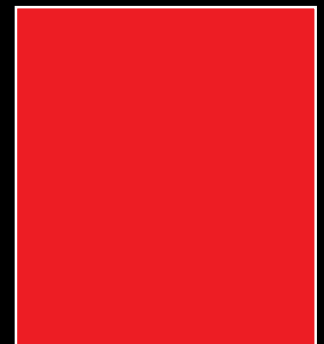


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*The Alexandria Education Foundation is committed to supporting excellence in education and expanding learning opportunities in Alexandria Public Schools.*

November 2022

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.



In May of this year, the board approved funding for seven Teacher Innovation Grants totaling \$36,802. These grants will be implemented in the current school year and are highlighted in this publication. Your gifts made all of these grants possible!

This year, we are especially thankful for the teachers and staff of District 206. We know that the 2021-2022 school year was far from easy, and we can't thank them enough for the energy, commitment, and care they put into teaching the kids in our school system. Teachers have to take extra time to plan, write for, and implement their Teacher Innovation Projects, which is just one more example of how much they care about their students.

As we reflect on the successes of 2021-2022, we are so grateful for the support of the community, and we look forward to creating an even bigger impact in the future.

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

With gratitude,

Kelli Minnerath

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# INVESTING IN STUDENT LEARNING



**TEACHER GRANTS** AEF AWARDED **\$36,802**  
in Teacher Innovation Grants for 2021-2022

Visit our website for details on each of these exciting grants – as well as the 91 previously awarded to Alexandria Public Schools.



### VIDEO PRODUCTION STUDENTS PARTNER W/THE CAF JUMBOTRON

Teacher: Eric Hartmann  
School: Alexandria Area High School  
Students Impacted: 48 currently enrolled in class-school-wide/community-wide impact  
Amount Funded: \$10,000



### LIGHT TABLES FOR KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

Teacher: Lexie Prom  
School: Woodland Elementary  
Students Impacted: 3 Kindergarten Classes (approx. 64 students per yr)  
Amount Funded: \$2,915.82



### ORFF APPROACH USED IN THE MUSIC CLASSROOM

Teacher: Rhonda Blaser  
School: Voyager Elementary  
Students Impacted: 500 Students  
Amount Funded: \$4,280



### KNITTED CIRCLE LOOMS FOR FIBER ART PROJECTS

Teacher: Mitch McGuire  
All elementary schools in District 206  
Students Impacted: School-wide, approximately 140 students in grades K-5  
Amount Funded: \$8,856



### GEARED UP FOR STEAM LEARNING

Teacher: Amy Revering  
School: Milana Science Magnet School  
Students Impacted: Approximately 140 students in grades K-5  
Amount Funded: \$5,250



### DMS BANDS RECORDING EQUIPMENT PROJECT

Teacher: Derek Ziemer  
School: Discovery Middle School  
Students Impacted: Over 300 band students in grades 6-8  
Amount Funded: \$3,500



### OUTDOOR MAKERSPACE

Teacher: Barb Walswick  
School: Woodland Elementary  
Students Impacted: Woodland Elementary K-3 with potential for grades 4 and 5  
Amount Funded: \$2,000

**4,000**  
PreK-12 students impacted yearly by AEF Funding

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AWARDED IN GRANTS TO TEACHERS SINCE 2009

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# INVESTING IN FUTURE LEADERS

## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

AEF Board member, Lori Schmidt, presented 7 Alexandria Area High School (AAHS) seniors with scholarship awards at the annual Honors Night celebration.



Myles Sansted (r) and Emma Blanshan (not pictured) were recipients of the *The Class of 1988 Scholarship*, each receiving a scholarship in the amount of \$2,200.



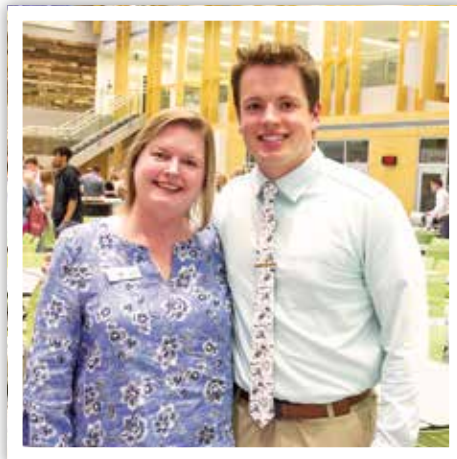
Brittany Lanus (l) and Evan Schroeder (r) were the *Seeds for Future Learning Klimek Family Scholarship* recipients, each awarded a \$400 scholarship.



Katlyn Eggert (l) was awarded *The Kim Jensen "Lift Her Up" Scholarship* in the amount of \$1,000.



Julia Wilmesmeir (l) was the recipient of *The Bev "B" Lohrman Grossman Scholarship* for \$2,000.



Wyatt Odland (r) was awarded the *Ken and Jeanne Howell Scholarship* in the amount of \$1,000.

### 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.



SINCE 2009,  
**\$66,200**  
has been awarded to  
help **67 students**  
further their  
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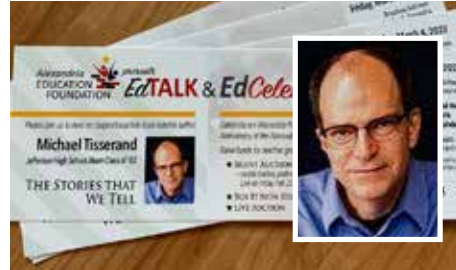
## EdCelebrate

Guests enjoy games, silent auction, prize drawings, live auction, fabulous food, and friends while they raise money to support Alexandria Public Schools staff and students.



## EdTALK

The 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.



**Michael Tisserand**, notable author and Jefferson High School Alum Class of '82, was the 2022 EdTalk speaker, with an inspirational message of 'The Stories That We Tell'.



A wonderful time was had at the annual **STEAM Expo** engaging with students and families with a fun activity and showcasing teacher grants funded by AEF.



Pictured (l to r):  
Dr. Daniel Suchy '61  
Mari Leuthner '71  
DeWayne Bisek '57



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