



**ABILENE
EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**

2018-2019
Annual Report

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WHY I CHOOSE AEF & AISD

Message from Tiffany Lamb, Board President

The Abilene Education Foundation solely exists to support the students and teachers of AISD. This mission is important to me because I have a long history with AISD. I am a graduate of Cooper High School, and my journey continues with my two children: Carlee at Abilene High and Nic at Mann Middle School. AISD is a district full of teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers, principals, and other administrators who truly care about our kids. I have seen it firsthand, beginning in the early days of my children's education at Austin Elementary, when my kids were welcomed in with smiles from everyone on campus. My husband Scott and I are grateful at how willing AISD is to go above and beyond to provide the best education for our children, and the thousands of other kids also in their care. At AEF we work tirelessly to raise funds to help AISD teachers do more – more hands-on learning projects, field trips, additional library books, and science kits just to name a few. My kids have benefitted from the rigor of AISD programming, the additional support provided by AEF, engaging classes with teachers whose true calling in life is to help educate our youth, and the rich cultural diversity of our district. AISD is helping to prepare our children to succeed and thrive in the world.



Not everyone in Abilene can boast about these facts. This is one reason I give my time, resources, and energy to AEF. At the Abilene Education Foundation we help elevate our teachers and our students learning experience by providing additional support that falls outside the school district budget – this is because of you, our generous supporters.

Our COOL program counselors help first generation students attend college. Our Young Masters Juried Art Exhibition celebrates our young artists. Teachers in the Limelight (TLC) celebrates the hard work of our teachers. We hope you enjoy reading more about our programs in our report to you. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Executive Director, Christine Curtis-Carr.

When education is top notch, it makes our community stronger, our economy stronger, and Abilene an even better place to live. AEF is dedicated to helping make AISD the best place possible in which to work and learn.

I am proud to be a part of the Abilene Education Foundation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tiffany Lamb". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tiffany Lamb, President

STAR GRANTS

Supporting Teachers through STAR Grants

“ Student’s loved being able to point out sight words using the plastic alphabet letters and gained such a sense of pride being able to read on their own. They even had opportunities to read to their parents at parent night and when they took the books home overnight! Each student finds an interesting book to read, shares with their classmates, and recommends books to others— like a little book club. ”

— Allison Hefner, 1st Grade Teacher, Ward Elementary



THE PRIZE PARADE

Imagine you're a teacher and you're at work. It's a typical Tuesday. You're working your magic, moving the lesson along, and helping students that need just a little bit of extra attention. All of a sudden, the door opens, an airhorn sounds, and a group of people walk into your classroom cheering wildly with loud applause to present you and your student's with a giant check. It's the AEF Prize Parade and they're here to announce that you've won a STAR Grant. All your students grin as the photographer snaps a picture of you and your class with the award. And then the Prize Parade is off. They've got a busy day, with 72 classrooms to visit and \$55,000 to deliver.

"Thank you so much for the money we used to construct our class library. One book I liked was Hilo. I read all five sequels."

— John Chavez, 4th Grade Student, Thomas Elementary

only his students had the tools they need. Through a competitive selection process, STAR Grants are awarded for teachers with innovative ideas that benefit the greatest number of students and support a positive school culture.

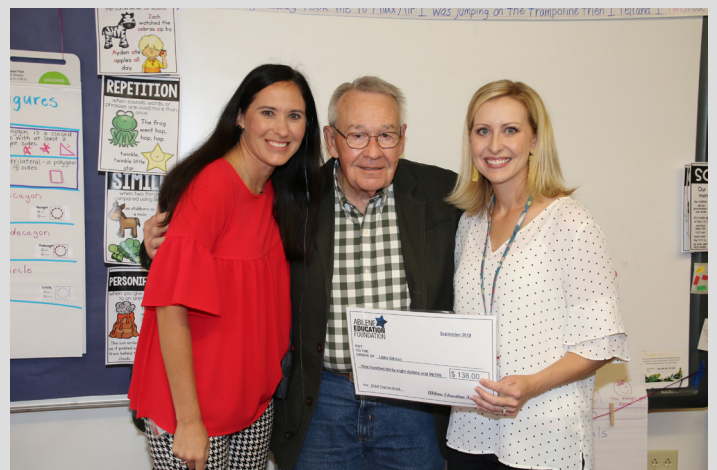
STAR GRANT FUNDING

The 2018 STAR Teacher Grants were funded primarily through the AISD payroll deduction donation campaign, retired AISD teachers, matching funds from Kaye Price Hawkins/Priceless-Literacy and the Greathouse Foundation, a few special grants in memory of long time teacher Mary Ann Polnick sponsored by retired superintendent Dr. David Polnick and his daughter Julie, and several individual donors.

AWARD: \$55,000

SUPPORTING TEACHERS

Everyone recognizes that being a teacher is hard work, but what if there was an easy way to make the job just a little easier and more rewarding? AEF STAR Grants support unique curriculum and enrichment opportunities that teachers envision but lack the funds to implement. STAR stands for Supporting Teaching with Academic Resources and that's exactly what it does. It helps the biology teacher create a photography club through the purchase of cameras. It helps the 3rd grade teacher plant a garden to the benefit of the whole school. It buys technology for the history teacher with an amazing idea for a project, if



THE JUDY DUDLEY MEMORIAL GIFT GRANT

Giving Assistance to First Time Teachers

“ There are few words to adequately describe my thankfulness for the kindness and generosity you have shown with the new teacher gift. Thank you for being aware of what goes into making a new classroom and thank you for understanding. I will remember this incredible kind gift and will definitely pay it forward. ”

— Rebekah Porter, New AISD Teacher



IT'S HARD THAT FIRST YEAR

You've aced the interview and landed your first job as a teacher. Now it's time to set up your first classroom. Teachers spend an average of \$479 per year of their own money in support of their students, according to a study by the National Center of Education Statistics¹. If you're setting up a classroom for the very first time, the need is often greater. A rug for kids to sit on, organizers to shuttle work to and from school for grading, decorations that make the space feel like a classroom. It starts to add up. Worst of all, you've been hired but your first paycheck isn't coming for another month!

THE GIFT GRANT

That's where the GIFT Grant helps. GIFT stands for Giving to First-time Teachers, and the grant assists those entering the teaching profession. Last year, Vice President Mike Dudley awarded GIFT grants to 57 first-time teachers at the district's New Teacher Orientation in August of 2018. These grants help cover the cost of additional classroom materials, enhancing those provided by the school district. The GIFT program also encourages first-year teachers at one of the most challenging times of their careers and is a great way to welcome teachers to the district.

WHO WERE JUDY DUDLEY & MARTHA CARLSON?

Judy Dudley was a teacher at Fannin Elementary who understood the importance of creating an inviting

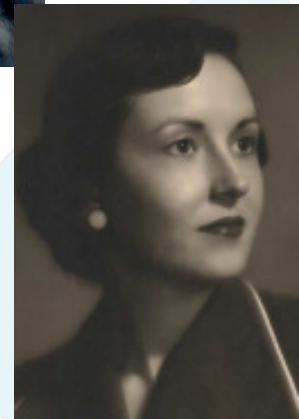
classroom where children were excited to learn and felt safe. GIFT Grants are primarily funded by Mike Dudley, his mother Pat Dudley, and The Martha Scott Carlson Endowment Fund, held at the Community Foundation of Abilene, as well as several retired educators. Martha Scott Carlson, a retired teacher, provided the first donation to begin the GIFT Grant program.

"I support the Abilene Education Foundation because I still remember having to buy materials and supplies out of my pocket to start school each year. AEF has become a vital support team for both the students and teachers." — Billy Bob Neff, AISD 1962-2005

AWARD: \$8,550



Judy Dudley



Martha Carlson

¹ Spiegelman, M. (2018). Public School Teacher Spending on Classroom Supplies. Data Point. NCES 2018-097. *National Center for Education Statistics*.

AEF SCHOLARSHIPS

Helping Students Succeed

“ Thank you all for continuing to provide assistance to hardworking students like me, who just need a little help furthering their education. You are helping the future doctors, presidents, and soldiers, and that is incredible. ”

— Candace Foster-Johnson, 2018-19 scholarship recipient



INCREASING COSTS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Why does AEF financially help students pursuing a higher education degree? Because we know our students simply cannot afford to skip their higher education. Those with a bachelor's degree earn around \$17,500 more per year than their peers with only a high school diploma, a group whose earning potential continues to fall.¹ Whether a technical, associates, or bachelor's degree, students with at least some form of higher education are "considerably more likely to be employed fifteen years after high school."²

We also recognize the cost of going to college has soared over the last few decades. Per US News and World Report³, average tuition and fees have risen 154% at private universities, 181% for out-of-state public universities, and 221% for in-state public universities over the last 20 years which is why financial education for families and students is also key to long-term success and an integral part of our college advising program.

AEF SCHOLARSHIPS HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED

To help students reach their potential, complete their college education, and graduate with reduced debt, AEF awards a number of scholarships to deserving AISD students. In recent years, the number and quality of scholarship applicants has risen as AEF's

COOL program has worked with students to make them aware of scholarship opportunities.

AEF scholarships are funded through a number of initiatives, including AEF's annual fundraiser, endowment earnings, class alumni reunions, memorials and honorariums, individual donors, and AISD payroll deductions. AEF scholarships are also matched (with certain guidelines) by local colleges including Abilene Christian University, Cisco College, Hardin-Simmons University, and McMurry University. You give a dollar and AISD students get two!

SCHOLARSHIPS GALORE

AEF scholarships awarded in 2018-2019 include: AEF Scholarships, Royce Curtis Excellence in Education, AHS Alumni, Donor-Directed Scholarships, AHS Class of 1969, Coach John McCabe Memorial, Mike 'D-Ring' Degering Memorial Scholarship, Rising Phoenix (ATEMS), Meta Alice Keith Bratten Foundation, Meta Alice Keith Bratten CTE Scholarship, Cougar Nation, CHS Alumni, Citizens Bank of Abilene, Johnny Ortega Jr. Memorial, AHS Employee Scholarship, and Young Masters Juried Art Exhibition.

AWARD: \$52,450

(not including Young Masters)

¹ Taylor, P., Fry, R., & Oates, R. (2014). The rising cost of not going to college. *Pew Research Center*.

² Giani, M. S., Attewell, P., & Walling, D. (2019). The Value of an Incomplete Degree: Heterogeneity in the Labor Market Benefits of College Non-Completion. *The Journal of Higher Education*, 1-26.

³ Boyington, B., & Kerr, E. (2017). 20 years of tuition growth at national universities. *US News & World Report*.

YOUNG MASTERS JURIED ART EXHIBITION

Now in Its Twelfth Year!

“ Thank you for another outstanding Young Masters ceremony and show. The impact that Young Masters has on our art students is tremendous. We are extremely blessed to have a generous organization such as AEF and so many community supporters. ”

— Jason Clements, AP Photography Teacher Abilene High School



CELEBRATING ARTISTS

What happens when you take the talented artists in AISD and partner with the famous Grace Museum? You get the Young Masters Juried Art Exhibition, a unique scholarship and celebration of student artists. Every student in Advanced Placement Studio Art has the opportunity to submit one work of art per class to be considered for the exhibition.

HOW IT'S JUDGED

All submissions were reviewed by a selection committee of three local artists—Jack Maxwell, Tootsie Nichols, and Esme Glenn were jurors in 2018-19. This past year, AEF received 67 submissions and selected 42 pieces for the show. Those pieces were then judged by Patrick Gabriel, a professional artist from Fort Worth who chose a Best in Show, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place, Merit, and Honorable Mentions awards. Martha Kiel, retired AISD art teacher, also chose two winners for the coveted Kiel Merit Award.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The exhibition is about more than just the art though. It also supports the artists themselves by enhancing the overall student experience. For many artists, it's their first opportunity to be recognized by the public and to share their work with a broader audience. Each artist is also given a printed catalog and flash drive showcasing their work, providing tangible examples

for the artist's portfolio. Such experience is invaluable as students continue with their artistic passion and seek acceptance into prestigious art programs for higher education.

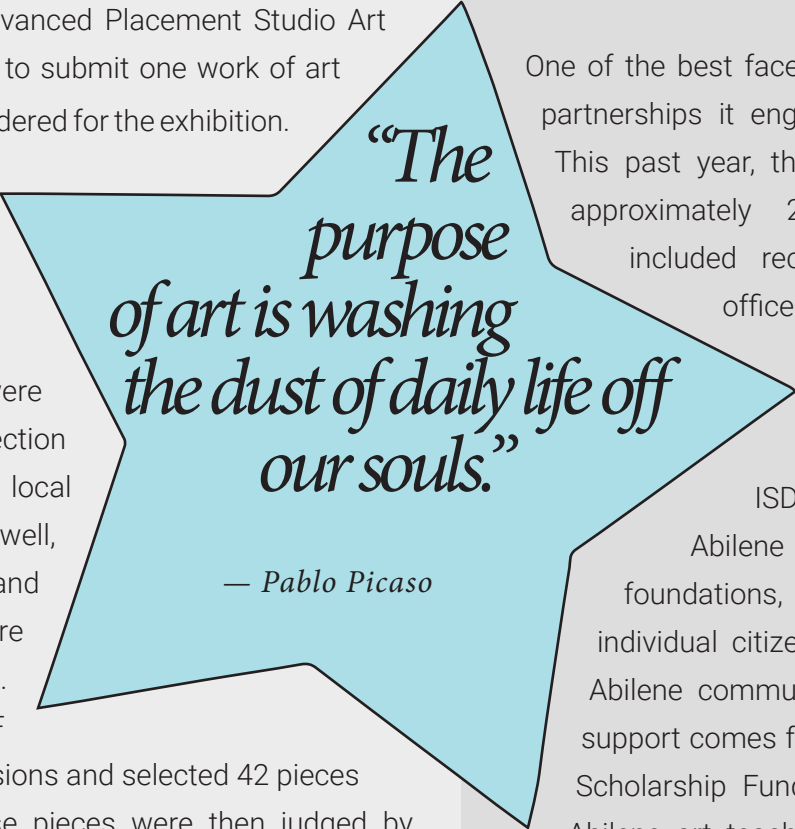
PARTNERSHIPS APLENTY

One of the best facets of the art exhibition is the partnerships it engenders with the community. This past year, the awards ceremony brought approximately 200 people together and included recognition from the mayor's office. The exhibition and the scholarships granted offer a unique partnership, bringing together Abilene ISD Fine Arts Department, the Abilene Education Foundation, private foundations, the Grace Museum, and individual citizens and businesses from the Abilene community. One source of financial support comes from the Endowed Martha Kiel Scholarship Fund, in honor of a much-loved Abilene art teacher who dedicated her life to the arts in Abilene. The Young Masters program was also the recipient of a generous grant from the HeArts for the Arts program of the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council and the City of Abilene. Once the exhibition ends at the Grace Museum, the Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union hosts the 2-D art for public display at their branch on Antilley Rd. through the end of May.

AWARD: \$8,500

EXPENSES: \$7,750

(not including in-kind)



“The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls.”

— Pablo Picasso

TLC - TEACHERS IN THE LIMELIGHT CELEBRATION

Celebrating Excellence in Teaching

“ Thank you so much for the great evening at the Teacher in the Limelight Celebration. What an honor and fun time it was eating a delicious meal and listening to the stories of district colleagues. I appreciate the gift and have already put it to use. Thanks for the outstanding year-round work you do to support our local district and teachers. ”

— Mark Graham, Taylor Elementary



RECOGNIZING A JOB WELL DONE

How do you tell some of your best teachers how much they're appreciated? The Teachers in the Limelight Celebration, or TLC for short, recognizes great teachers in three ways. First, it publicly affirms great teachers on each campus by nominating them for the award and displaying a giant poster spotlighting their selection as a TLC teacher. Second, each spring a formal awards dinner is hosted by AEF, and a video showcasing what makes these teachers so special is shown to the audience in attendance and eventually on AISD TV. Finally, a monetary award is given to all the nominees, with an additional award granted to an elementary, secondary, math and science finalist. Campus recognition, formal appreciation from the district, and a cash award for a job well done are all ways that the TLC award recognizes great teachers.

In an effort to further recognize our outstanding teachers, Abilene ISD submitted the outstanding elementary and secondary teacher of the year's names for the Texas Teacher of the Year competition, and both were selected as the Region 14 Teachers of the Year! Future Shapers was a new award funded by Uniqu3 Solutions. In an effort to reward an outstanding, but also up-and-coming teacher in AISD, the Future Shapers award strives to give a truly exceptional future shaper of our community a little more time away with the gift of travel!

TLC SUPPORTERS

The TLC Award Dinner is funded by financial donations from the Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union and in-kind support from Abilene ISD. The monetary awards to teachers are funded by an endowment established by Mr. Edwin Jennings Jr. in honor of his parents Edwin and Agnes Jennings Sr. The endowment was established by Mr. Jennings to recognize, celebrate, and award monetary gifts to outstanding teachers, especially those in the fields of math and science, in the Abilene Independent School District.

2019 WINNERS — EDWIN & AGNES JENNINGS TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

TLC Elementary Teacher of the Year
Molly Harless, Lee Elementary

TLC Secondary Teacher of the Year
Kathy Ellison, Abilene High

TLC Science Teacher of the Year
Jessi Spitler, Cooper High

TLC Math Teacher of the Year
Allison Stanley, ATEMS

Future Shapers Award
Nicole Flores, Ortiz Elementary

AWARD: \$17,900

COOL PROGRAM

College Offers Opportunities for Life

“ Words cannot explain how thankful I am for you. College was never something I thought was possible, but you walked me through the entire process, encouraged me even when I thought it was impossible, and relentlessly poured out love for your students. When I think about the kind of teacher I want to be, you are always someone who floods my thoughts. Thank you for being the person I needed. I would not be here—a college graduate about to have my very first classroom—without you. Thank you. You have forever changed my life. ”

— Chelsey Medina (CHS Class of 2015), first-generation college graduate from Texas State University (2019), and about to begin her first assignment as a Special Ed Inclusion Teacher at Martin Middle School in Austin, TX.



HELPING STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS

College graduates with a bachelor's degree earn \$2.8 million dollars over their lifetime, 84% more than those with only a high school education¹. But getting to college is tough! Filling out applications, navigating college admissions, and finding financial aid – it's a lot to ask of a young person who's not even done with high school, especially if he or she is the first in their family to go to college.

That's why AEF has the COOL (College Offers Opportunities for Life) program, a unique and innovative approach helping students reach college and find success. The COOL program places four full-time college advisors at Abilene ISD high schools to help students—especially those who are the first in their families to attend college—navigate the college admissions process and all that comes with it. COOL counselors help students find financial aid, fill out forms, tour campuses, and more. Imagine how encouraging it must be for students to know that someone is there to help answer their questions and provide advice as they prepare for college.

AND SO MUCH MORE

COOL also conducts educational outreach about college to elementary and middle school students and tracks high school graduates through college graduation. The COOL program provides a number of additional services—too many to fit in this small space. To learn more about COOL and see the

difference it's made in students' lives, read the COOL Annual Report at www.aaeff.org.

The COOL program is funded primarily by the Shelton Family Foundation and the Dian Graves Owen Foundation and is unique to the Abilene area, helping to close the post-secondary gap for high school graduates.

NEXTUNIVERSITY - NEW!

NextUniversity (NextU) is a career development program that empowers students to transition from high school into the local workforce through higher education and training. In fact, NEXTU focuses primarily on students who decide to pursue careers in fields such as welding, electrical, nursing, and aircraft maintenance. NEXTU will continue to assist students while they are still in high school through dual credit coursework, and after high school while they pursue higher education (from certificate programs to Associates degrees). NEXTU also gives students access to technical schools by providing them with workforce development dollars, which work as scholarships provided by the Development Corporation of Abilene (DCOA) and one-on-one mentoring from the Workforce Development Coach. NEXTU is primarily funded by the DCOA, Abilene Industrial Foundation (AIF), and AISD with in-kind and supplementary support from AEF.

COOL EXPENSES: \$278,000

NEXTU EXPENSES: \$32,700

(Does not include student scholarships or supplies, also provided by the DCOA/AIF.)

¹ Carnevale, A. P., Cheah, B., & Rose, S. J. (2011). The College Pay Off.

AIDE TO TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS - NEW!

From Teacher's Aide to Certified Teacher

“ Thank you for offering the scholarship for the aide to teacher program! I am very grateful that I was one of the winners. It is difficult to attend and also afford school while being a single working mom. ”

— Traci Curtis, AISD Aide to Teacher Recipient

The Abilene Education Foundation is pleased to offer up to \$1,000 in scholarship funds to teacher's aides currently employed by Abilene ISD working on becoming a certified teacher. These funds are only available to students participating in the Teacher's Aide to Certified Teacher - McMurry University program. McMurry has established a formal partnership with Abilene ISD to offer aides a special tuition rate, courses at times outside regular school hours, and the option for a clinical teaching or paid internship with a bachelor's degree upon graduation. Students who successfully complete the program will be eligible for the standard Texas teaching certificate.



SCHOLARSHIPS: \$6,000

LEAVING A LEGACY

Endowment Update

AEF endowments help fund college educations, classroom supplies for new teachers, and monetary awards, making a difference in the lives of teachers and students in Abilene ISD for generations to come. A permanent record of donors and gifts is maintained by AEF. The Community Foundation of Abilene manages investments of the donations and contributions to these endowments. The principal gift remains and the income continues to generate funds for teachers and students in perpetuity.

CHESSMATE: SCHOLASTIC CHESS CLUB OF AISD FUND - NEW!

Established by Mr. Bill Wright, this fund will support the scholastic chess clubs in AISD from elementary to high school with additional resources including chess boards, training sessions, and master classes. Some studies show that chess helps elementary and middle school students achieve higher scores in math and increases their overall mental abilities¹. Chess also teaches

¹ Sala, G., Foley, J. P., & Gobet, F. (2017). The effects of chess instruction on pupils' cognitive and academic skills: state of the art and theoretical challenges. *Frontiers in psychology*, 8, 238.

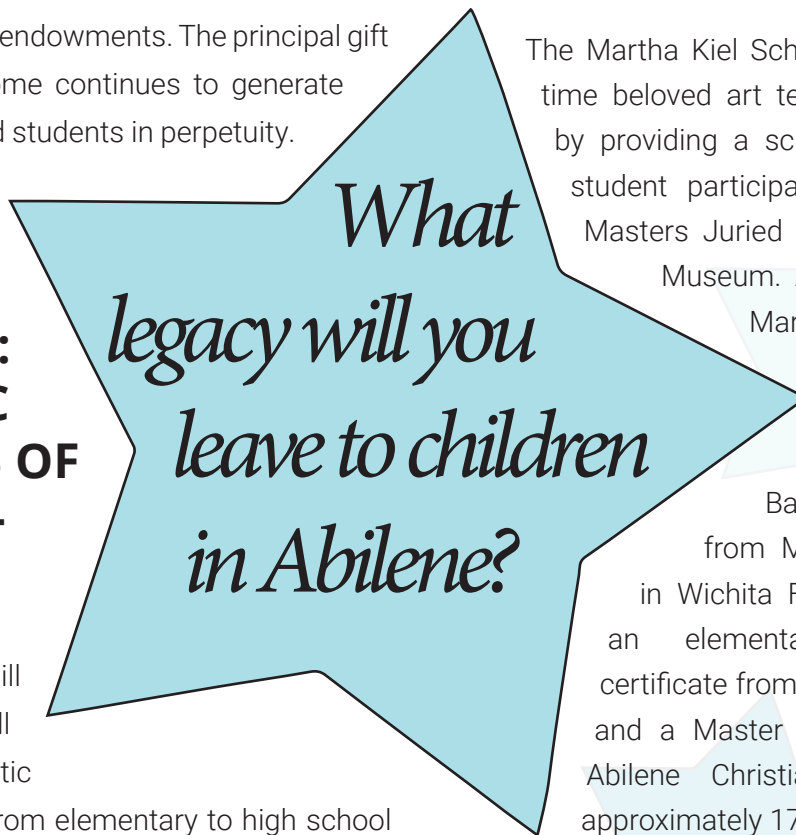
kids patience, helps them create plans, and provides social interactions. AEF is deeply grateful to Bill for his generous gift to AISD students.

MARTHA KIEL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

The Martha Kiel Scholarship Fund honors long-time beloved art teacher Martha Kiel's legacy by providing a scholarship to a high school student participating in the annual Young Masters Juried Art Exhibition at the Grace Museum. A truly remarkable woman,

Martha Kiel has been described as a "master teacher... who touches children's souls." Kiel earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Midwestern State University

in Wichita Falls in 1953 and achieved an elementary education teaching certificate from Hardin-Simmons University and a Master of Education degree from Abilene Christian University. Instructing approximately 17,000 students in her 34-year AISD teaching career, Kiel taught at Jefferson Junior High and Cooper High School, while serving as an adjunct professor at McMurry University. At Hardin-Simmons University she served as an adjunct professor from 1974-2013 and was head of the art department from 2000-2006 prior to retirement. While at Cooper she began the Advanced Placement classes for the visual arts and started the Visual Arts



LEAVING A LEGACY

Endowment Update (continued)

Scholastic Event for Region 14. Kiel demonstrated her passion to promote art programs for all students by connecting, mentoring, and inspiring all students regardless of their background.

EDWIN & AGNES JENNINGS TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD ENDOWMENT

With the donation of 3,000 shares of Exxon Mobile stock from Mr. Edwin Jennings Jr. a permanent endowment held at Community Foundation of Abilene has been established to honor teachers making a difference in the lives of students in Abilene ISD with an "Edwin and Agnes Jennings Teaching Excellence Award" in memory of his parents. This endowment will allow AEF to continue these awards yearly for generations to come, as part of TLC (Teachers in the Limelight Celebration). Due to his passion for teaching math and science, Mr. Jennings Jr. also honors a secondary math and secondary science teacher with an "Edwin and Agnes Jennings Teaching Excellence Award." Nominations for these awards are made by students, parents, colleagues, and community members, as well as school administrators. Mr. Jennings Jr.'s parents, Edwin and Agnes Jennings, were active and well-regarded members of the Abilene community. For more information on TLC please see page 11.

THE MARTHA SCOTT CARLSON ENDOWMENT FOR AEF GIFT GRANTS

Martha was a sweet gracious lady who continuously carried a joy for friends and family and a love for education. She was regarded as a wonderful friend, cherishing and helping those around her wherever she lived. While in Abilene, she donated funds to AEF to begin the GIFT (Giving to First-time Teachers) Grant Program. She provided donations through AEF to have a security officer present at the AISD School Board meetings and funded needs in the deaf education classroom at Ward Elementary. In her memory, her family established an endowment held at the Community Foundation of Abilene, to continue to support the GIFT Grant Program each year with funds to help first-year, new-to-the-profession teachers outfit their classrooms. What an amazing tribute and honor given in memory of this former teacher and truly generous individual!

AHS & CHS ALUMNI ENDOWMENT FUNDS

In 2009, Abilene High School and Cooper High School alumni helped establish the groundwork for two additional endowments to provide scholarships for AHS and CHS graduates. Additional funds for the endowments were raised by our first annual Cajun Festival fundraiser. Abilene Education Foundation is working with donors and class reunions to increase

these endowments so that scholarships can be awarded every year to Cooper and Abilene High graduates.

AHS: Due to generous contributions from the classes of 1940, 42, 43, 48, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 63, 64, 65, 79, 93, 95, 96 and 2002 and funds raised by the Abilene Education Foundation Cajun Fest event, the AHS endowment currently provides an AHS graduating senior with an annual scholarship.

CHS: Due to generous contributions from classes of 1964, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1988 and 1996 and funds raised by the Abilene Education Foundation Cajun Fest event, the CHS Endowment currently provides a CHS graduating senior with an annual scholarship.

THE ROYCE CURTIS EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

During their 20th class reunion, the Class of 1993 announced, to a very surprised Royce Curtis, the scholarship fund which will help future Eagles reach their goals of a college education. Royce served as the AISD associate superintendent of personnel for seven years, before retiring in 2010. Many students from the Class of 1993 had Mr. Curtis as a principal beginning in the sixth grade at Franklin Middle School and graduated under his administration from Abilene High School, where he served as principal from 1989 until 2003. Mr. Curtis personified the Eagle spirit and had a passion for seeing his students succeed. This fund, which was established by Dr. Bracken Kolle, and continues to grow with additional donations from AHS alumni and parents, honors Mr. Curtis's legacy at Abilene High by awarding a deserving college-bound

senior with a scholarship.

JULIA JONES MATTHEWS ENDOWMENT

In 2005, Julia Jones Matthews established an endowment benefitting Abilene Education Foundation. The corpus of that endowment is owned and managed by the Community Foundation of Abilene. Mrs. Matthews forever changed the landscape of Abilene. Over a lifetime of "anonymous" philanthropy, she quietly, exquisitely, and selflessly rendered a tour de force for her hometown. Her gracious spirit and her generous heart worked powerful and positive changes among legions throughout this community and beyond. She was the quintessence of the scriptural verse "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Interest earned helps with AEF's operational expenses.

ABILENE EDUCATION FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

The Abilene Education Foundation has established a second endowment fund. This endowment, initially established with generous contributions from Lee and Ruth Caldwell, continues to grow and support AEF programs. The Board of Directors for AEF continues to focus on growth of the organization's endowment through its annual fund and corporate drive efforts.

LEGACY DONORS

Legacy Donors choose to include AEF in their estate planning leaving a legacy of education for future AISD students. AEF legacy donors include Mike Dudley, Mindy Morris, Dr. Bracken Kolle, Anonymous (COOL Program), and Anonymous (AEF).

ANNUAL DONORS

Donation levels from August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019

UNIVERSE STAR

\$10,000 and Up

Abilene ISD*
Abilene Teachers
Federal Credit
Union
Anonymous
Anonymous
Bob and Peggy
Beckham Quasi
Endowed Fund via
CFA
Community
Foundation Of
Abilene
DevelopAbilene/
Development
Corporation of
Abilene
Dian Graves Owen
Foundation
H-E-B Grocers*
Shelton Family
Foundation
Meta Alice Keith
Bratten Foundation

GALAXY STAR

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Jim Alexander
John and Carolyn
Beckham via CFA
Mike Dudley
Melody Hunt
Mary Jo Lloyd
STAR Dodge
Hyundai*
Nationwide Products,
LLC
Bill Wright via CFA

NOVA STAR

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Abilene Cultural
Affairs Council

Anonymous
The Barber
Foundation
Budget Blinds/Mike
Breckenridge
CHS Class of 1980
Cisco College*
Citizens Bank
Claude & Mae Moss
Charities, Inc.
Community
Foundation Of
Abilene
Condley & Company,
LLP
Brandon Carr &
Christine Curtis-
Carr
Vic & Carol Corley
Cody Davis
Pat Dudley
Eagles 69 Reunion
First Financial Capital
Corporation
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Greathouse
Foundation
Roger Hall
Hardin Simmons
University*
Hartmann & Brothers,
Inc.
Raymond & Kathy
Haynes
Galen & Basilia Hester
Hendrick Health
System
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Lynn Beckham
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McMurry University*
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Mary Ross

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