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2018 Calendar & 2017 Annual Report

Leadership Message

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our 2017 Annual Report.

Anniversaries provide natural opportunities to reflect on how we got here, evaluate what we are doing and determine how best to serve our community in the years to come.

We are proud to share with you some milestones and accomplishments as the Appleton Education Foundation nears the end of a remarkable 20th anniversary year.

More than 120 grants totaling more than \$175,000 made a difference for students and teachers in the Appleton Area School District. This report features some of the students and staff members who benefited. AEF grants over 20 years total more than \$4.4 million to enhance educational excellence.

In this report you will also read about some of the year's activities and events. Every activity, every event, every grant is evidence of AEF fulfilling its mission: To creatively enhance education in our community. Of special note:

☞ The board set ambitious goals to position the Appleton Education Foundation for long-term sustainability, to award more and larger grants for education, and to partner with schools, individuals and families in growing endowment funds to benefit education for generations to come.

- The current board of directors started an administrative endowment to assure AEF has the resources to meet the needs of donors and award grants long into the future.
- Staff and board members are working with donors to establish at least 20 new endowed funds for education. At the time of this publication, AEF had welcomed 17 new endowments into the Foundation family.
- Six are designated endowments for specific AASD schools that participated in an endowment matching challenge supported by the Appleton Education Foundation, the Doug & Carla Salmon Foundation, and Brad Smith and Kathy Surace-Smith.
- Thus far, the additional funds raised for education in this anniversary year will allow for an increase in grantmaking of at least \$20,000 each year.

☞ A new Foundation video highlights some organizational history and showcases a few of the many innovative grants AEF has awarded. <http://bit.ly/2iSzU1v>

☞ Nearly 100 of AEF's closest friends and supporters gathered for the annual Celebrate Education dinner. At the event, Marcia Engen, retired Appleton Area School District teacher, and tireless advocate for public education, received the 2017 Thomas G. Scullen Leadership Award. Brad Smith, Microsoft President and Appleton West alumnus, also joined us to share memories of his experiences in Appleton public schools and underscore the importance of giving back to organizations like the AEF.

☞ The Foundation also hosted a breakfast for nearly 250 business and educational leaders. Brad Smith delivered the keynote address on *Culture Shift: Fostering a Culture of Learn-it-Alls*.

We can't thank you enough for supporting the Appleton Education Foundation and for celebrating the 20th anniversary with us. With your gifts and partnership, we look forward to many more years of enhancing educational excellence.

One of the executive director's favorite pieces of AEF history is from a letter that Dr. John Mielke, one of AEF's founders, sent to members of the early organizing group back in 1996. He said: "I hope in years ahead that we all can look back on the fall of 1996 and smile to ourselves that we did make a small difference."

Well, John, we hope the success of the Foundation thus far does make you and other early leaders smile. As we like to say: We are just getting started.

As we honor the past and celebrate the present, we also look ahead with excitement and optimism to our next 20 years.

Many thanks,



Gary Jahnke
Board President



Julie Krause
Executive Director

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JAN

A photograph of a young man with short brown hair, wearing safety glasses and blue protective gloves, working with a large industrial forge. He is holding a glowing orange metal rod with tongs. The forge is a large, black, rectangular unit with a glowing orange interior. It is connected to a complex system of pipes and valves, including three large vertical pipes with valves on top. The background shows a blue metal frame and a brick wall.

A grant from the Appleton Education Foundation purchased a forge for Appleton West High School to help "heat up" students' understanding of the relationship between metals and alloys and their internal properties. Students in West's welding classes and in classes offered by Appleton Technical Academy, a charter school located at West, now use the forge to create projects by properly applying the correct amount of heat to various metals. It gives them a visual, hands-on understanding that is missed from just reading a text.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day	2 AASD Classes Resume	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

JANUARY

A photograph of several young students in a school hallway or gymnasium, smiling and dancing. In the foreground, a girl with long dark hair, wearing a blue plaid shirt, is smiling broadly while holding hands with a boy in a blue t-shirt. Other students are visible in the background, some also dancing. A traffic light sign is visible on the wall behind them.

FEB

Students at Franklin Elementary School eagerly anticipate fifth grade, the year when they get their turn in the ballroom dance program. Instructors from local dance studios in the Appleton area teach the students important social skills, as well as dance steps, through weekly lessons at school. The culminating event is a dance "Showcase." Students demonstrate what they learned for their family and friends and receive feedback from judges. The program is funded through the Hazel Pope - Franklin School Fund, a designated endowment fund within the Appleton Education Foundation.

Hazel "Cov" Pope taught first grade at Franklin from 1950-1977. When she died in 2001 at age 89, she left a lasting gift for students at the school she loved. Since the fund's inception, more than \$64,000 has been distributed to Franklin for the ballroom dance program, intervention kits to support struggling readers, new playground equipment, technology enhancements, and more.

To learn how you can make a forever gift, call the Foundation office: (920) 832-1517

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Groundhog Day

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*Random Acts of
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Valentine's Day/
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Chinese New Year

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Presidents' Day

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FEBRUARY




MAR

Sewing for a Cause

Students at Wilson Middle School have the opportunity to learn the skill of sewing, as well as sew items for a local charity. Teacher Jennifer Berndt provides sewing instruction during Target Time, a time when students who need extra help in reading or math receive that intervention, while other students rotate through nine week cycles that extend their knowledge in reading or math. Sewing provides literacy practice through reading patterns and directions, and math skills practice through measuring and fractions.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss' birthday)	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Saving Time starts	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 Spring Equinox	21	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26 AASD Spring Break March 26- April 2	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31 First Day of Passover

MARCH

A group of students are working in a garden. In the foreground, a boy in a black t-shirt and blue shorts is pushing a red wagon filled with harvested vegetables like corn, squash, and leafy greens. Other students are bent over, harvesting more vegetables in the background. The garden is outdoors with a chain-link fence and trees in the background.

Students from Appleton East High School and Horizons Elementary School learn where food comes from as they plant and harvest vegetables together in the East garden. They experience the joy of giving as they donate the produce to St. Joseph's Food Program. Environmental science teacher Ryan Marx used a grant from the Appleton Education Foundation to purchase an automatic sprinkler system to improve efficiency of watering the expanded garden space and increase the yield.

APR

"More than 180 elementary and high school students take pride in the garden and in giving back to the community. The students are amazed that St. Joe's feeds over 1,000 Fox Valley families each week."

- Ryan Marx

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AASD Spring Break March 26- April 2	1 Easter	2	3 AASD classes resume	4	5	6	7 Last Day of Passover
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
April 15-21: National Volunteer Week	15	16	17 Tax Day	18	19	20 Volunteer Recognition Day	21
	22	23	24	25 Administrative Professionals Day	26 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day	27 Arbor Day	28
	29	30					

APRIL

A photograph of four students in a wetland area with tall grass and a body of water in the background. One student in the foreground is wearing a grey t-shirt with a graphic and blue shorts, while the others are in various casual clothing. They appear to be engaged in a field activity.

MAY

Education at Winagamie

Students in Annette Schwalenberg's science classes at Appleton West High School put their classroom learning about water quality into practice when they visit Winagamie Golf Course each fall. The students take water samples from course ponds and test them for nitrogen, phosphorous and other chemicals. This year, course Superintendent Josh Linsmeyer added to the experience as he told students how the ponds are used to irrigate the course during the summer, and about proactive measures to keep contaminants out of the water sources.

In 2013, retired Appleton Area School District teacher Mary Beth Nienhaus made the gift of a lifetime when she donated Winagamie Golf Course to the Appleton Education Foundation. The board of directors adopted a simple mission statement: *To create a unique environment where golf and education thrive.* Board members take both sides of the mission seriously. Players of all skill levels, golf leagues, outings and a robust junior program keep golf the center focus. Strong educational partnerships make the course a place where students from the Appleton Area School District and Fox Valley Technical College can practice marketing skills, sharpen mower blades and tinker with small engines, and enhance coursework in almost any subject.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 National Day of Prayer	4	5
6 Teacher Appreciation Week	7	8 Teacher Appreciation Day	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 Ramadan starts	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

MAY



JUNE

Music and strings teacher Gwendolyn Vander Pas wanted to give her students at Columbus Elementary and Appleton Bilingual schools a new way to put their knowledge of music fundamentals into action. She received a grant from the Appleton Education Foundation to purchase ukuleles. The small instrument fits small bodies well and helps students practice their music skills, play as a team with other students, and develop hand-eye coordination and independent movement of fingers. Students also benefit from the calming effect of the ukulele's lyrical sounds.

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Flag Day

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Father's Day

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Juneteenth

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Summer Solstice

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JUNE



JULY



Occupations in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields are growing. An increasing number of Appleton Area School District educators are using Project Lead the Way to enhance science classes and spark student interest in STEM classes at a young age. PLTW interdisciplinary modules help pique curiosity and bring learning to life as students work in teams to complete various challenges, such as the tiger rescue, pictured. A grant from the Appleton Education Foundation provided additional PLTW kits for Houdini and Ferber elementary schools.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 AEF's Knowledge Open Golf Event	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	The 2018 Knowledge Open golf event is Friday, July 20, at Winagamie Golf Course.			

JULY

AUG

BOOKS: WHY IT MATTERS AND HOW TO GET IT STARTED

Gay Ivey

William Moran Distinguished Professor in Literacy
University of North Carolina-Greensboro

Professional Development

More than 900 Appleton Area School District educators learned from expert keynote speakers and breakout session leaders during the week-long Every Child, Every Day Summer Institute. The Institute interweaves essential district initiatives, allowing educators to build capacity in one subject while exploring how other subjects connect in order to educate the whole child. A grant from the Appleton Education Foundation funded several keynote speakers, including Gay Ivey, professor in literacy at University of North Carolina-Greensboro.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Mile of Music	3 Mile of Music	4 Mile of Music
5 Mile of Music	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST

SEPT



Richmond Elementary School teacher Teri Fechter found a way to improve her students' attitudes about math, as well as increase their understanding of math concepts. She used a grant from the Appleton Education Foundation to purchase math games, which her second- and third-grade students took home to enjoy with their parents. Students enjoyed the games so much they took them home two or three times each week. As a result, students' math fluency scores increased and parents reported they felt more confident in their own ability to support their child's math learning.

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SEPTEMBER



A photograph of two students, a male and a female, in a classroom setting. They are standing in front of a large, white, vertical indoor growing machine. The machine has many small, circular openings, each containing a small plant. The students are wearing gloves and are harvesting leafy green vegetables from the machine. The male student is on the left, wearing a red shirt, and the female student is on the right, wearing a grey hoodie. They are both looking at the plants. A metal tray filled with harvested greens is in the foreground. A vertical metal cage is also visible in the background.

OCT

Students in Appleton North's Polaris Program, an alternative education program, have a new, hands-on way to learn the personal health aspects of growing their own food and the positive mental health benefits of gardening. An Appleton Education Foundation grant helped purchase an indoor growing machine. Students now plant, care for and harvest leafy green vegetables right in their classroom. They take the greens home for their families and give them to Appleton North staff members.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Boss's Day	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Make a Difference Day
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

OCTOBER



NOW

Appleton Education Foundation funds helped create a comfortable coffeehouse atmosphere to encourage students at Highlands Elementary to read during indoor recess times and after school. The Readers' Café is exclusive to sixth-graders. Teachers personally invite students who need extra encouragement to complete their independent reading. Year one results were promising. Teachers report that students who took advantage of the café met or exceeded growth expectations on spring testing and improved their reading benchmarks by two levels.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 Daylight Saving Time ends	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15 National Philanthropy Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27 Giving Tuesday	28	29	30	

NOVEMBER



DECEMBER

2017 Appleton East High School graduate Heidi Koehnke hopes to make the Hussey family proud as she pursues a degree in radiation therapy at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. Heidi received a scholarship from the Dave Hussey Memorial Scholarship Fund within the Appleton Education Foundation to support her studies.

The Husseys established the fund in 2004 as a way to remember Dave, who was an educator and administrator in the Appleton Area School District, and at Xavier and St. Mary's high schools. Since the fund's inception, 13 AASD students have received encouragement and support from the Hussey Scholarship Fund within the Appleton Education Foundation. The recipients rotate annually among Appleton East, West and North high schools. Heidi was one of 21 recipients of more than \$28,000 in Foundation scholarships last year.

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First Day of Hanukkah

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St. Nicholas' Day

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Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day

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Last Day of Hanukkah

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Winter Solstice

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Christmas Eve

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Christmas Day

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Kwanzaa

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New Year's Eve

DECEMBER



Grants Awarded

In the past fiscal year, the Appleton Education Foundation awarded more than \$175,000 in grants to support the following classroom and community projects, educator training, student scholarships and program enhancements not covered by the Appleton Area School District budget.

Grants are from the Appleton Education Foundation Fund – an unrestricted endowment fund – unless otherwise noted.

African Heritage, Inc.:

- Leadership and professional development opportunities for Appleton Area School District high school students and educators. (Diversity Fund)

Appleton Area School District:

- Funds to support keynote speakers and session leaders for Every Child, Every Day Summer Institute, a week-long, multidisciplinary professional development opportunity attended by more than 900 Appleton Area School District staff members.
- Visit by Sharon Draper, author of *Stella by Starlight*, to students in fourth through twelfth grades.
- Unrestricted grants from the Foundation for 18 AASD schools or programs represented at the 2017 golf event, the AEF Knowledge Open. Schools used the funds to upgrade instructional technology, provide additional leveled reading materials, offer staff development and provide support for other programs and activities above and beyond what the site budgets can support.

- Equipment to offer deep pressure input for students with particular sensory needs. (Melzer Fund)
- Interdisciplinary unit for all seventh-graders in the Appleton Area School District. Students will read *Lost Boy, Lost Girl* by John Dau and participate in activities that will culminate with an author visit.
- Leadership training opportunities for English Language Learners at the high school level. (Stoner Fund)
- Low vision simulator goggles to help staff, students and community members better understand what it is like to live with a vision impairment. (Melzer Fund)
- Seating and sensory equipment to support students with significant communication deficits, sensory differences, and special education needs. (Melzer and Heffron Funds)
- Support for the district's robotics team, including materials and equipment for building robots, and team-related expenses. (NEW Apple Corps Robotics Team Fund)
- Web-based training opportunities for occupational and physical therapists.

- Materials to help teachers identify students who could benefit from gifted education programming.
- Block Party – events for parents and young children to learn how blocks can enhance children's math, social and physical skills.

Appleton Area School District and Community:

- High school and college students and teachers from the Appleton Area School District, Neenah and Fox Valley Lutheran high schools, Fox Valley Technical College, Lawrence University, and UW-Fox Valley, as well as other community members, attended the 2017 Nobel Conference together to learn from the world's foremost scholars and researchers. (EMMA Nobel Education Fund)
- Collaboration among Appleton Area School District, Fox Valley Symphony, Lawrence University, Expressive Therapies and the CP Center to provide music experiences to students with special needs.

Appleton Central High School:

- Alternative seating options for students.

Appleton Public Montessori:

- Two-day professional development opportunity for paraprofessionals.

Badger Elementary School:

- Support for schoolwide arts integration project about southern African countries. (Unrestricted and Mile of Music Funds)
- Purchase Ozobots – smart toy robots – to help students learn computer coding. (Unrestricted and Thatcher Funds)

Berry Elementary School:

- Exercise equipment to help students with autism. (Pitt Fund)

Berry and Houdini Elementary Schools:

- Lego WeDo kits for use during library media classes to help reinforce STEM skills taught in the classroom.

Columbus Elementary School:

- Exercise peddlers, a new movement option for students who have high anxiety.

Columbus Elementary and Appleton Bilingual Charter Schools:

- Ukuleles to help introduce string instruments and increase students' dexterity, music literacy and confidence.

Community Early Learning Center of the Fox Valley:

- Grants from the Appleton Education Foundation Fund and Elementary Education Fund supported the Center, which is home to the Appleton Area School District's 4K program and diagnostic center, as well as other agencies and programs serving young children.

East High School:

- Training program for student leaders and coaches to identify and maintain a growth mindset, overcome setbacks, and influence others in a positive way. (Co-Curricular Fund)
- 3D printer for the school's Makerspace in the library media center. (Stoner Fund)
- Automatic sprinkler system for the school garden.
- Upgrade furnishings and equipment for the Makerspace in the library media center.
- Enhancements for the visual arts. (Donor pass-through)

Edison Elementary School:

- Special projects and programs to enhance education. (Edison Fund)

Einstein Middle School:

- “Dancing Through the Decades” – students researched a decade and learned a dance from that time period.

Ferber Elementary School:

- Expanded access to hands-on STEM learning materials, part of Project Lead the Way.
- Educational enhancements and basic needs items for at-risk students. (Ferber Compassion Fund)

Fox River Academy**Environmental Charter School:**

- Curriculum enhancements. (Fox River Academy Fund)
- Enhancements for the arts. (Donor pass-through)

Franklin Elementary School:

- Special projects and programs to enhance education. (Pope Fund and Donor pass-through)

Highlands Elementary School:

- Creation of Readers’ Café, an inviting, supervised space for students to read during indoor recess and after school.

Horizons Elementary School:

- One new book for each student. (Reading is a Gift Fund)

Houdini Elementary School:

- Special seating for use by students with disabilities. (Melzer Fund)
- Supplies for new after-school literacy activity. (Scheuerman Fund)

- Expanded access to hands-on STEM learning materials, part of Project Lead the Way.

Huntley Elementary School:

- Ukuleles to help introduce string instruments and increase dexterity, music literacy and confidence. (Unrestricted and Mile of Music Funds)

Jefferson Elementary School:

- Help at-risk students participate in extra-curricular activities. (Seeds for Learning Fund)
- Support for IMPACT program. (Donor pass-through)

Johnston Elementary School:

- Equipment and supplies for the school sensory room.

Kaleidoscope Academy:

- Robotic camera that follows a tracking device worn by a teacher so lesson videos can be shared with students who are absent. (Scheuerman Fund)
- Virtual technology goggles and accessories to support learning math and science concepts.
- CNC router to help students explore careers in manufacturing, STEM, architecture, and information technology.
- Sewing machines for use in family and consumer science classes.
- General educational enhancements. (Donor pass-through)

Madison Middle School:

- Kelvin Structure and Materials Tester to allow students to test the strength of model

bridges. (Thatcher Fund)

- Storytelling workshops to encourage students to use poetry and hip hop for self-expression. (Kort Fund)
- *Potency of Poetry* workshop. (Wiese Fund)
- Subscription to the *New York Times Upfront* magazine for use in English Language Arts classes. (Wiese Fund)

McKinley Elementary School:

- Materials for hands-on STEM projects.

North High School:

- Support for student participation in business-related events and activities. (Lang Fund)
- Tools and supplies to introduce glass fusing into the art curriculum.
- Indoor Growing Machine for use in the at-risk program.
- Training program for student leaders and coaches to identify and maintain a growth mindset, overcome setbacks and influence others in a positive way. (Co-Curricular Fund)
- Start-up expenses for a café that gives students with autism, intellectual disabilities and those in speech and occupational therapy programs a way to learn and practice real-world skills. (Heffron Fund)
- Speakers and Bluetooth dongles to help improve attention and communication for students in special education classes. (Heffron Fund)

Richmond Elementary School:

- Supplies for Family Game Nights to encourage students to continue math learning outside of the classroom. (Pitt Fund)

Dan Spalding Academy:

- Educational enhancements for at-risk youth attending the Dan Spalding Academy program. (Spalding Fund)

Valley New School:

- Support for the school’s operations and activities. (Valley New School Fund)

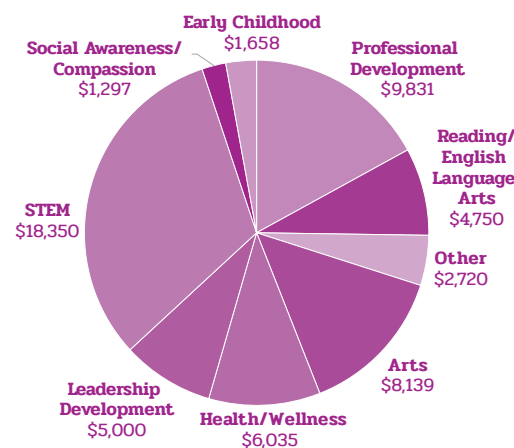
West High School:

- Materials for students in child development classes to create hands-on activities for children ages birth-five.
- Forge to help students better understand the relationship between metals and alloys.
- Equipment to allow physics students to analyze industrial scale motions and forces.
- Grants from the Appleton West High School Endowment Fund, the AWHs Class of 1941 Fund, the Gerald E. Hoffman Memorial Fund and the Appleton West High School Historical Fund provided support for the arts and other educational enhancements at the school.
- Grants from the Jinny Bosser Memorial Fund provided assistance for low-income students to participate in band and other school activities.

Wilson Middle School:

- Sewing machines to extend student learning of literacy and math concepts.

COMPETITIVE GRANTS BY TYPE



The Appleton Education Foundation funded nearly \$58,000 in last fiscal year's two competitive grant cycles. Funds supported educators' innovative classroom and school project ideas and professional development opportunities. AEF favors projects that demonstrate educational innovation, focus on content enrichment and skills development, and those that have measurable indicators of success.

Scholarship Grants

A number of AEF funds provided continuing education scholarships for graduates of Appleton high schools.

Appleton East High School Patriot Athletic Club Scholarship Fund:

- Provides scholarships for East High School seniors who have participated in Patriot Athletic Club-sponsored activities and are planning to pursue post-secondary education.

2017 Recipients: Tricia Dailey, Heidi Koehnke, Blair Murphy-Pociask, Matthew Polfuss

Gene Britton Memorial Scholarship Fund:

- Provides a scholarship for a graduating Appleton East, North or West high school senior who attended Einstein Middle School and plans to become an educator.

2017 Recipient: Lane Koehler

Pete Carlson Memorial Scholarship Fund:

- Provides a scholarship to a West High School graduate with special interest and ability to pursue a college art degree.

2017 Recipient: John Arteman

Excel Volleyball Scholarship Fund:

- Provides a scholarship to a female graduate of West, North or East high school who has played volleyball at least three years of high school.

2017 Recipient: Madelyn Ahrens

Thomas Haag – AEHS Class of '79 Scholarship Fund:

- Provides a scholarship to an East High School graduate who participated in a sports activity and who has faced and overcome a personal challenge.

2017 Recipient: Thea Pflum

Donald and Vivian Huth Family Scholarship Fund:

- Provides a scholarship for a student from East or West high schools who is planning to pursue a degree in education or culinary arts.

2017 Recipient: Lane Koehler

Columbus Elementary School-Fred Hoffman Memorial Endowment Fund:

- Awards a scholarship to an Appleton Area School District student who attended Columbus Elementary School during his or her elementary years.

2017 Recipient: Mai Chong Xiong

Dave Hussey Memorial Fund:

- Provides a scholarship to a graduating, college-bound senior. The award rotates annually among Appleton East, West and North high schools.

2017 Recipient: Heidi Koehnke

Albert & Mary Rhoades Museum and Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund for A-Tech:

- Awards scholarships to graduates from Appleton Technical Academy.

2017 Recipients: Emmanuel Almanza, Adrian Bashi, Cole Froehlich, Jacobi Pollei

Tim Schroeder Memorial Scholarship Fund:

- Provides scholarships for graduating Appleton East High School seniors who have participated in school athletics and plan to pursue post-secondary education.

2017 Recipients: Tricia Dailey, Matthew Polfuss

Valley New School Scholarship Fund:

- Provides scholarships for graduating seniors at Valley New School Charter School.

2017 Recipient: Sabrina Honts

WCA Thomas Scullen Memorial Scholarship Fund:

- Provides scholarships for graduates of Wisconsin Connections Academy Charter School who attended an accredited high school and plan to pursue a degree at an accredited university, technical college or trade school.

2017 Recipient: Morgan Gruber

Grant Delivery — Foundation board and staff members surprise educators with news of accepted grants.



Charitable Funds within the Appleton Education Foundation

The Appleton Education Foundation manages endowment and other charitable funds to help individuals, families and businesses make a meaningful difference for education in Appleton.

As part of its 20th anniversary efforts, the board set a goal to work with donors to create 20 new endowed funds by December 31, 2017, to build AEF's long-term capacity for grantmaking.

At the time of this publication, 17 new funds had been established or had passed the \$10,000 endowment threshold.

The following list reflects the funds in place by the end of fiscal year 2017:

Unrestricted Funds

- Appleton Education Foundation Fund
- Opportunity Fund

Field of Interest Funds

- Lee and Amy Allinger Education Fund ●
- Early Childhood Fund
- Diversity Fund
- Bob and Gerri Heffron Family Endowment Fund
- Ellen Kort Endowment Fund
- Betsy Melzer Endowment Fund
- John Mielke and Sally Morey Mielke Education Fund
- Mile of Music Fund
- EMMA Nobel Education Fund
- Connie Pitt Memorial Endowment Fund
- SAACC Endowment Fund
- Scheuerman Family Fund
- Thomas G. Scullen Leadership Award Fund
- Vira and Alan Stoner Education Fund
- Stan and Phyllis Thatcher Family Fund for STEM ●

Scholarship Funds

- Aramark Scholarship Fund
- Gene Britton Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Pete Carlson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Excel Volleyball Scholarship Fund
- Thomas Haag-Appleton East Class of '79 Scholarship
- Earl W. Harder Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dave Hussey Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Donald and Vivian Huth Family Scholarship Fund
- Patriot Athletic Club Scholarship Fund
- Joe Perez Scholarship ●
- Albert & Mary Rhoades Scholarship Fund for A-Tech
- Tim Schroeder Memorial Scholarship
- Valley New School Scholarship Fund
- WCA Thomas Scullen Memorial Scholarship

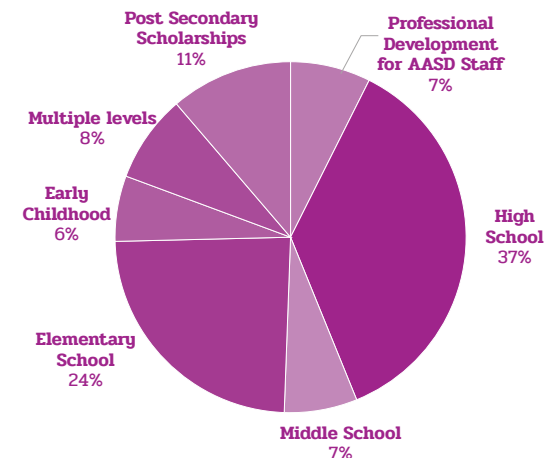
Designated Funds

- AEF Administrative Endowment Fund ●
- Paul and Carol Anderson Education Fund ●
- Appleton Bilingual Charter School Fund
- Appleton Career Academy Endowment Fund
- Appleton East Library Campaign Fund
- Appleton East "Patriots Pay it Forward" Fund ●
- Appleton Public Montessori Endowment Fund ●
- Appleton Public Montessori General Fund
- Appleton West - Addition to Tradition Fund
- AWHs Class of 1941 Fund
- Appleton West High School Class of 45 Fund
- Appleton West High School Endowment Fund
- Appleton West High School Historical Fund
- B.G. Society Fund
- Jinny Bosser Memorial Fund
- Columbus Elementary School – Fred Hoffman Memorial Endowment
- Edison Elementary School Fund
- Edna Ferber Elementary School Endowment Fund ●
- Ferber Elementary School Compassion Fund
- Fox River Academy Fund
- Highlands Elementary School Endowment Fund ●
- Horizons Elementary "Reading is a Gift" Fund
- Horizons Pay it Forward Endowment Fund ●
- Gerald E. Hoffman Memorial Fund
- Paul E. Hoffman Fund for Foster Elementary School
- Kaleidoscope Academy Endowment Fund
- Erik J. Lang North High Business Education Fund
- Tom "Love all" Teachers Fund for McKinley Elementary School
- Tim Meyer Memorial Fund
- NEW Apple Corps Robotics Team Fund
- North Booster Club Endowment Fund
- Hazel Pope - Franklin School Fund
- Albert & Mary Rhoades Fund for A-Tech
- Seeds for Learning Fund

- Dan Spalding Academy Endowment Fund
- Forrest and Roberta Sprowl Fund
- Judy Steindorf Fund for UFRS ●
- Talented & Gifted Fund
- Teacher Idea Exchange Fund
- Tesla Engineering Education Fund
- United for Success Tutor Program
- Valley New School Fund
- Brad Wiese Family Fund for Literary Arts
- Wilson Middle School Endowment Fund ●

● Indicates new funds established July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

GRANTS BY LEVEL



The Appleton Education Foundation awarded more than \$175,000 in grants from unrestricted, designated, field of interest, and scholarship funds to support educational excellence in the Appleton Area School District and community. Competitive grants comprise one-third of the total. Grants categorized as "multiple levels" were designed to benefit students in two or more levels of education: early childhood, elementary, middle, or high school.

Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$300
Contributions receivable.....	\$7,430
Investments	\$3,287,117
Property and equipment, net.....	\$293,569
Total assets	\$3,588,416

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES:

Other liabilities	\$3,464
Total liabilities	\$3,464

NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted.....	\$3,577,522
Temporarily restricted.....	\$7,430
Total net assets.....	\$3,584,952

Total liabilities and net assets **\$3,588,416**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017

Support and other revenue

Contributions	\$721,099
Gain (loss) on investments	\$464,215
Investment income	\$35,878
Total support and other revenue.....	\$1,221,192

Grants and expenses

Grants expense	\$173,809
Other Program related expenses	\$88,326
Management and general:	
Investment manager fees	\$24,414
Administrative expenses	\$91,756
Fundraising expenses	\$76,745
Total grants and expenses	\$455,050
Change in net assets	\$766,142

Net assets

Beginning of year	\$2,818,810
End of year	\$3,584,952

This is a summarized financial statement presentation that does not include Winagamie, Inc., the Appleton Education Foundation's wholly owned subsidiary. The Appleton Education Foundation is a Supporting Organization of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. A complete audited financial statement of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and Supporting Organizations is available upon request. Auditors: Schenck SC

CELEBRATING

20 YEARS



"Every dollar granted, every milestone achieved, and all the good things still to come are possible because of the solid foundation you have provided for AEF."

Gary Jahnke, Appleton Education Foundation board president, shared these words with a group of nearly 50 current and past board members and volunteers at a social event early in 2017. The gathering helped kick off the Foundation's 20th anniversary efforts.

While we were able to thank this group in-person, we also extend our thanks to you and the hundreds of other donors and volunteers who have helped the AEF reach significant milestones in its first 20 years. We are forever grateful for your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

A group of extra-special volunteers helped develop and carry out the 20th anniversary goals and activities. We thank our 20th Anniversary Cabinet members: Pam Gruner, Gary Jahnke, Tom Mangold, Laura Meronk (chair), Bob Molitor and Nancy Scheuerman.

More than
\$4.4 million
awarded

More than 70
charitable funds

Grants to every
AASD school

Leaving a Legacy

The Appleton Education Foundation's Legacy Society celebrates the future generosity of those who have named the AEF as a beneficiary of a will or trust, insurance policy, retirement account, charitable gift annuity, or another planned gift that will take effect after one's lifetime.

Currently 10 individuals and couples have shared their plans with AEF. Through their future gifts, they will make a meaningful and long-lasting impact on education in Appleton.

Foundation staff members welcome the opportunity to speak with you about a bequest or similar planned gift to benefit the area of education closest to your heart.

If you choose to make the AEF aware of your intentions, we would be honored to welcome you as a member of the Legacy Society. Membership includes invitations to the Society's members-only activities. To learn more: 920-832-1517.

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To creatively enhance education in our community.

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