

WILLIAM SPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION



COVER PHOTO: Amare' Hayes, now a third-grade student at Stevens Primary School, poses with a book for a promotional photo for the #Millionaires Read program (see page 7).

A Message from the President and Executive Director



ROSE-MARIE GROSS

Dear Friends,

One of the key phrases the WASD Education Foundation introduced during the 2018-2019 school year was "Imagine Your Impact." As you page through our annual report that highlights the accomplishments of our latest fiscal year, we hope you'll see how your impact was delivered to benefit nearly 3,800 students.

The 2018-2019 school year marked the Foundation's 15th anniversary as the district's nonprofit affiliate. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and partners, we've been fortunate enough to grow in our effort to add value to the academic experience of our students. Last year closed out the first half of the second decade of our existence. We're pleased to report that, in that time, we received more than \$2.2 million in contributions and granted more than \$1.8 million to WASD.

As a foundation, we rely heavily on our community to make all of what we do possible. Last year, WASDEF received \$339,852 in total revenue from more than 380 donors and we granted nearly \$125,000 to enrich WASD programs. For that, we THANK YOU!

We want to continue to build on our success moving forward. Outlined in our five-year strategic plan are two key areas we've identified to help us grow. We want to continue building on our endowment structure to provide a permanent funding source to support our key program areas. We also are working to enhance our efforts in attracting unrestricted dollars through our Annual Fund to increase our flexibility in answering the district's needs and priorities.

We hope you take the time to review what we've been able to accomplish together in this publication, we hope you'll share our pride in the work, and continue to make your impact by supporting the WASD Education Foundation.



GREGORY L. HAYES, JR.

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Rose-Marie Gross President, Board of Directors

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About Us

The Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation (WASDEF) is a recognized nonprofit affiliate of the Williamsport Area School District. Led by a 21-member volunteer board, WASDEF facilitates charitable giving and permanent legacies based on individual areas of interest in educational innovation, the arts, athletics and scholarships.

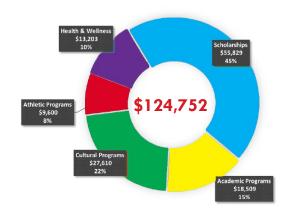
Thanks to loyal and dedicated donors, WASDEF generated \$339,852 in total revenue during the 2018-2019 school year and granted \$124,752 to provide opportunities that Williamsport area students may not

otherwise have gotten to experience.

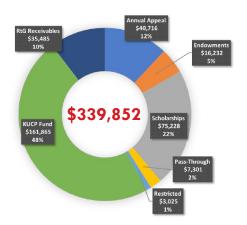
Since 2014, the education foundation has both raised and allocated more than \$2.2 million to the district to help fund capital projects, innovative programs and initiatives, and scholarships. In that same time, the foundation also has grown by \$572,337.

Over the course of the last decade, WASDEF has grown in its mission in supporting students across the district by funding educational enhancements. As of June 30, 2019, WASDEF reached — for the first time — more than \$2 million in net assets.

2018-2019 GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA



2018-2019 REVENUE BY CATEGORY



2018-2019 Board of Directors

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2019-2020 BOARD MEETINGS

- September 11, 2019
- November 13, 2019
- January 8, 2020
- March 11, 2019
- May 13, 2020

2019-2020 COMMITTEES

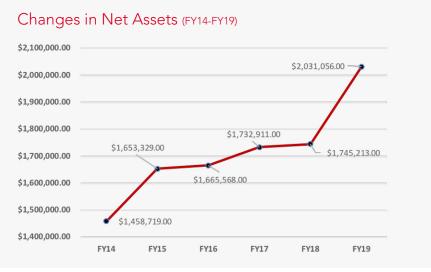
- Marketing & Development
- Finance & Allocations
- Alumni
- Executive/Governance

Financial Report

Statement of Financial Position

| | Operating Fund | | Endowment Funds | | Total All Funds | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Fiscal Year Ended | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 |
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Cash and Equivalents | \$94,819 | \$310,047 | \$74,478 | \$72,532 | \$169,297 | \$382,579 |
| Investments | \$49,805 | \$49,755 | \$1,526,111 | \$1,598,722 | \$1,575,916 | \$1,648,477 |
| Total Assets | \$144,624 | \$359,802 | \$1,600,589 | \$1,671,254 | 1,745,213 | \$2,031,056 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Assets | \$144,624 | \$359,802 | \$1,600,589 | \$1,671,254 | \$1,745,213 | \$2,031,056 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$144,624 | \$359,802 | \$1,600,589 | \$1,671,254 | \$1,745,213 | \$2,031,056 |

PLEASE NOTE: The financial results presented here are intended to provide a general overview of the activities of the WASD Education Foundation between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019. These results have not been audited, reviewed or compiled by an independent Certified Public Accountant, nor are they presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Therefore, this report is not intended to be used as, nor should it be used in place of, audited, reviewed or compiled financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP. To view our IRS Form 990s, please contact the Foundation office or visit our website at: www.wasdeducationfoundation.org.



Source: IRS Form 990s

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS COLLECTIVELY **AWARDED**

3,800 STUDENTS IMPACTED BY FOUNDATION **GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE OF THE WASDEF AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT DURING 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR



Intermediate Schools Receive Funding to Support **Digital Music Curriculum**, Recording Studios

In one of its single largest grants given to date, WASDEF granted **\$16,340** to the intermediate school music program to support the implementation of a new digital music curriculum, using funds from the foundation's Violet Compton Estate Fund.

The new curriculum has already helped to form a foundation for digital music education, such as how to create ringtones and remixes/mash-ups, for fifth- and sixth-grade students.

"The technology has allowed students to record their music creations in both written and video form," said Jennifer Wright, a music teacher at Lycoming Valley Intermediate School. "The digital arranging projects have been highly engaging and opened students' eyes to another possible

career in the arts."

Music teachers Jeff Smith and Don Fisher also implemented recording studios at Curtin and Lycoming Valley Intermediate

schools, respectively, from a combined **\$3,000** in grant funding through WASDEF's Teacher Mini-Grant Program.

In addition to other capabilities, the studios allow students to use professional software to record individual, small group or large-group performances.

"I have been very impressed with their creativity," Smith said. "They will record everything from band music with loops to completely composing and producing their own songs."



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Jennifer Wright, music teacher, Lycoming Valley Intermediate School



Foundation Funds Launch of **Girls Volleyball Program** at Middle School

A **\$9,600** grant last spring to the district's athletic program was used to launch a girls volleyball team at Williamsport Area Middle School during the 2019-2020 school year.

The grant was used to provide initial funding for the program, supporting costs associated with equipment, uniforms, transportation and coaches.

"This is an exciting opportunity we have now that the high school team is in place and experienced success this year," said Athletic Director Sean McCann. "The next step for us is the middle school team."

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Sean McCann, WASD Athletic Director

Why I Support the Foundation

Dr. Frederic Sanford '58

Since 2016, Dr. Frederic Sanford's gifts to WASDEF have helped to support the Strolling Strings, upgrades to the high school's planetarium, and, during the 2017-2018 school year, he became the initial founder of the Academic Programs Endowment Fund (see page 8).

Part of Dr. Sanford's philanthropic motivation came nearly a decade ago when he reflected on his experiences at WASD. It wasn't long before then that he watched the Strolling Strings perform at a class reunion. So moved by the performance and their hard work, he knew he wanted to support them.

And in 2016, the opportunity surfaced.

"Whether they used it for travel expenses — or anything — it didn't matter to me as long as I was helping," he said.

Having served on a number of boards throughout his lifetime, Dr. Sanford knows the power in philanthropy. His rekindled connection with his alma mater reawakened a sense of pride and appreciation for the work WASD does to prepare its students for their future, and the work WASDEF does to support that effort.



"It's about giving back, and giving the students something of value. I want to see funds go to foster the types of programs that prepare kids for the future."

Dr. Frederic Sanford '58

2016 Distinguished Alumni Humanitarian Award Recipient

Grants Support Academic Enhancements

Four programs and initiatives were funded through the foundation's inaugural Challenge Grant Program and annual Teacher Mini-Grant Program.

This year, the education foundation awarded **\$8,283** to fund the following five classroom programs that had a direct benefit on about 600 students:

Purposeful Writing Through Game Design Studio

Williamsport Area Middle School teachers Dustin Brouse and Kelly Taormina-Keller were awarded **\$1,499** to support a shared program that combines seventh- and eighth-grade English Language Arts and technology, using the gaming industry as its platform. The program allows students to play school-appropriate video games to review for their peers, using the conventions of argumentative and persuasive writing, and storytelling. Using the building's new FutureLab, students also are able to get a hands-on experience in studying careers related to the industry.

Sphero Robots Added to WAMS FutureLab

A **\$2,704** grant enhanced the seventh-grade robotics curriculum. Funding helped to purchase six Sphero Bolt Robots, four iPads and accessories to complete assigned projects. The enhancement allows students to focus on basic programming, trouble-shooting programming issues, advanced programming, how to use programming to approach different types of tasks, and basic coding with JavaScript.

Lobby of Literacy

Jackson Primary School used a **\$1,230** grant to support enhancements to its Lobby of Literacy. For a few hours each Wednesday through the summer, students are able to keep up with their learning by showing up to read and participate in a number of other educational activities.

Enhanced Scholar Program Sponsorship (WVIA)

With funding provided by WASDEF, the district was among Lycoming County schools participating in WVIA's Enhanced Scholar Program, which provides a way to showcase their talented students and support teachers with resources and professional development.



Funding Helps Celebrate Academic Success



Each year, WASDEF provides **\$1,000** to the high school's guidance department to host the Top Hat Dinner.

The fifth annual event was held at the Genetti Hotel in May. Eighteen seniors were celebrated for their academic excellence, as well as their selected faculty honorees who influenced and inspired their success.

Those honored at the dinner this year were: **Desiree**Aversa, Ty Baker, Sydney Bruno, JR Confair, Kayleigh Early,
Liam Ferry, Alexis Griess, Derek Lewis, Madison Marchese,
Katie Meale, Alicia Meyer, Sarah Niklaus, Rachel Pardee,
Damien Reese, Gianna Rizzo, Grace Savage, Simon
Wallace, and Kira Winter.

'Grow Your Own': WASDEF Supports Creation of New Club

As part of a district-led effort to attract and retain teachers in a "grow your own" strategy, **\$1,000** was granted to the Williamsport Area School District to launch a new club called Educators Rising.

Formerly known as Future Teachers of America, the club was initiated this year at Williamsport Area High and Middle schools. The purpose of the club is to allow advisors to "cultivate highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers ... extending through college and into the profession."

The club was borne out of the efforts of the district's Strategic Recruitment Committee, which works to not only build a more diverse professional staff, but also develop ways to increase its teaching candidacy pool in the face of a national teacher shortage.

"Data suggests more than 60 percent of all teachers teach within a 20-mile radius from where they went to high school," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Susan Bigger. "Ultimately, by introducing our students to the profession early, the hope is that these same students will return to



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Dr. Susan Bigger

Assistant Superintendent, WASD

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#MillionairesRead: **Building Libraries** Through Literacy

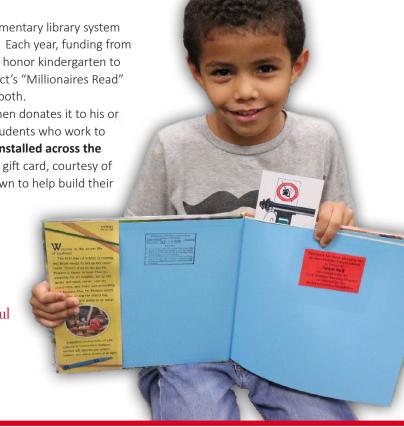
Since 2011, WASDEF has granted **1,129 new books** to the elementary library system to help grow its inventory as a result of summer reading efforts. Each year, funding from the Foundation is used to purchase new books to recognize and honor kindergarten to sixth-grade students who successfully complete either the district's "Millionaires Read" or the James V. Brown Library's summer reading program — or both.

Each book purchased is dedicated to a summer reader who then donates it to his or her respective school library. The program pays tribute to the students who work to help build their school libraries. In 2018, 152 new books were installed across the district. In addition to a book, each "completer" was given a \$5 gift card, courtesy of Otto Bookstore, to put toward the purchase of a book of their own to help build their home libraries.

"Elizabeth is honored to have her name in the book *The Ember Stone: A Branches Book (The Last Firehawk #1)* in the Jackson Primary library. Thank you and the education foundation for everything you do to encourage our children and making WASD a wonderful place."

Megan Kirk

Parent, Jackson Primary School



Endowment Creation

Creating an endowment at the Foundation provides funding to the Williamsport Area School District in perpetuity. The establishment of an endowment fund gives donors the opportunity to impact the lives of present and future generations of students by creating a permanent stream of funding in their particular area of interest.

During the 2017-2018 school year, WASDEF worked to further expand its future impact on enhancing educational opportunities for students with the creation of several endowment funds. These funds, once the minimum criteria is reached to begin distribution, will help to support enhancements in the academic, cultural and athletic programs that exist throughout the district, or provide financial assistance to graduates to further their education.

To date, five endowment funds have been created at WASDEF:

- Endowment for Academic Programs
- Quasi-Endowment for Athletics
- Endowment for Cultural Programs

- The Thomas Kelchner Memorial Scholarship for the Arts
- Youth Mentorship Program Endowment Fund

Those inspired to contribute to any of these funds may contact the Foundation office at 570-327-5500, ext. 40602.



The Thomas Kelchner Memorial Scholarship for the Arts

This fund was established by **Caitlin Winner '01** in memory of late WAHS art teacher Mr. Thomas Kelchner, who passed away in 2006. The permanent fund will provide financial assistance to graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding aptitude in the visual arts and to help them realize success in the discipline. This year marked the first distribution from the fund. As of June 30, 2019, the fair market value of the fund was \$21,012.

The WASD Education Foundation Endowment for Academic Programs

This fund was established to provide district-wide support for innovative academic enhancements. The fund was created by one of the foundation's initial endowment founders, **Dr. Frederic Sanford '58**. As of June 30, 2019, the fair market value of the fund was \$12,684.86. The foundation is working to get this permanent fund to \$100,000 to meet the criteria for distribution.





The WASD Education Foundation Endowment for the Arts

This fund was established to provide district-wide support for visual and performing arts programs. The fund was created by one of the foundation's initial general endowment founders, **Mrs. Anita Gibbons**. As of June 30, 2019, the fair market value of the fund was \$13,332.06. The foundation is working to get this permanent fund to \$100,000 to meet the criteria for distribution.

The WASD Education Foundation Quasi-Endowment for Athletics

This fund was established to provide support for the district's athletic program. The fund was created by one of the foundation's initial general endowment founders, **Dr. David Raemore '69**. As of June 30, 2019, the fair market value of the fund was \$34,137.13. The quasi-endowment will allow WASDEF to liquidate a portion (but not all) of the fund to support capital or programmatic needs.





Youth Mentorship Program Endowment Fund

Established in 2016 by **Beth McMahon '76** and her husband, Frank, this permanent fund was created for WAHS students to lead a mentorship program for the benefit of their younger peers at the middle school. As of June 30, 2019, the market value of the fund was \$14,919.47. Since 2017, the foundation has distributed **\$1,098** to support efforts of the program.

Why I Support the Foundation

Sarah Bohnert

Elementary Librarian Sarah Bohnert has been donating to WASDEF for many years through its payroll deduction program.

"The reason I give to the education foundation is because I believe it is truly remarkable and is helping us educators build the next generation of individuals who will make a positive difference in our world," she said. "The education foundation is a tool, an organization where one individual can join another individual and become a force of many that can make a huge impact on a group of students."

Bohnert said she believes that it takes a village, a community, to raise a productive, contributing and healthy child who will ultimately have a positive influence on the world. It all begins, she said, with "one person giving a donation to the foundation or applying for a grant to start a program."

"With the help of the education foundation, our teachers have been given the funding needed to build, establish, introduce and design so many innovative and inspiring student-centered and student-driven programs," she said. "The foundation provides extraordinary opportunities, which is fundamental in changing lives."



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Sarah Bohnert WASD Elementary Librarian

Funding **Futures**

\$54,679 was awarded in scholarships, awards and prizes to 88 members of the Class of 2019 to help support their future plans.

Awards & Prizes

The following is a listing of award and prize funds from which grants are directly delivered to students upon graduation for unrestricted purposes.

Class of 1897, Martha C. Thatcher Prize Delaney Heller

Class of 1911, Sherman V. English Award Eric George

Class of 1916, Chemistry & Research **Achievement Award** Kayleigh Early

Class of 1924, Dr. Thomas J.S. Heim Prize Simon Wallace

Class of 1928 Prize Derek Lewis

Class of 1939, Clara Casner Carpenter Award Hannah Caccia

Class of 1941, Strolling Strings Award Megan Wike

Class of 1952, Arthur Paulhamus Award Kassandra Niabes

Class of 1958, Mildred E. Kelly Social **Studies Award** Ty Baker & Sarah Niklaus

Class of 1963, George E. Deffenbaugh Award Liam Ferry

Class of 1964 Prize Cameron Butler & Jenna Whitford

Class of 1972, Deceased Class Members **Memorial Award** Katrina Zaczkiewicz

Class of 1987 Prize Leo Daverio & Lia Killoran

Class of 1990 Prize John Confair & Madelyn Bain

Class of 1994 Prize Anthony Hutchinson & Kathryn Meale Class of 1995, Joe Muir Memorial Award Leo Daverio

Class of 1996 Prize Olivia Robinson

Class of 1997 Prize Brian Bond & Samantha Reeder

Class of 1998 Prize Isaac Ritter & Jenna Whitford

Class of 1999, Steven R. Wiser Award Nicholas Stevens & Elizabeth Mendez

Classes of 2000 & 2006, Thomas H. **Bauman Award** Levi Roush

Class of 2009 Prize Blaze McClements & Zola Riccardo

Class of 2012 Prize Alexis Carnevale

Dr. Thomas Antonetti Memorial & Round **Hills PTO Award** Kathryn Meale

Meet a Recipient

"The scholarships I received from WASD started me on the right foot when beginning to chase my dreams after high school. A college education can be expensive, and WAS DONATED I am thankful that the WASD Education BY 55 DONORS Foundation gave me a jumpstart on my TO WASDEF'S post-secondary education so that I can SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS **DURING THE** pursue my goals of being a lifelong 2018-2019 SCHOOL performer." YEAR

Alexis Griess '19

Alexis is attending Bloomsburg University, double-majoring in theatre with a performance emphasis and music with a vocal performance emphasis.

Dr. June Baskin Award

Grace Savage

Florence Laubscher Baver Memorial

Prize

Dayquan Eisner

J. Ronald Beck Award

Taylor Fulmer

Richard A. Berry Jr. Band Award

Anthony Smith

Patrick Breining Memorial Award

Anthony Smith

Barry Campbell Award

Jeremiah Williams

Career & Technical Education

Teachers' Award

David Burkhart

Pasqualino Ciccarelli Memorial

Award

Alicia Meyer

Joan Collins Art Award

Kassandra Niabes

Arlyne Hoyt Confair Award

Desiree Aversa

Richard C. Connor Award

Leo Daverio

Larue Cooke Memorial Award

Angelique Lomison

Curtin Intermediate School, William

K. Miller Scholarship Award

Grace Pfleegor

Curtin Intermediate School, Robert

D. Smink Scholarship Award

Lynna Robertson

Sharon D. Deckard Scholarship

Award

Ty Baker

Shirley L. Dieffenbach Scholarship

Award

Savanah Tillotson

Carrie Oliver Dove Award

Tad Rentzel

The Michael G. Durrwachter

Memorial Award

Liam Ferry

Lynn B. Ertel Award

Nicholas Stevens

Beula Faber Manley Prize

Nicholas Stevens

Carl V. Gaus Prize

Abigail Thomas

Martina B. Mangiardi Geiger Award

Serena Lewis

Regina Girio Award

Naomi Rintelman

George E. Graff & Flora S. Graff

Journalism Awards

Nicholas Stevens, Margaret Dickinson-Sherry & Anika Huynh

Christopher Hecknauer Memorial

Award

Kyle Cipriani

Doris Heller Teufel Award

Mieren Kendall

Ida R. Heller Award

Cameron Butler

Eric John Hostrander Memorial

Award

Samantha Reeder

Floretta J. Hunter Award

Aaliyah Sampson

George and Rose Kaplan Memorial

Award

Mieren Kendall

Kathleen R. Kelley Award

Mercedes Rothrock

Anne Knecht Starner Award

Nicole Beck

Elmer Koons Prize

Margaret Dickinson-Sherry

Coach Dave Love Football Award

Tucker Kreisher

Eleanor Love Award

Levi Roush

Patricia A. Lowery, Ph.D.,

Scholarship

Aurora Beagle

Deborah S. Lundy Memorial

Scholarship

Taylor Fulmer

Lycoming Valley Intermediate

School PTSO Award

Sylvia Robinson



Shown here in this 2012 photo are, from back left, Cris Morrone, Travis Dawson and Scott. At front are Roman Morrone, and Porter and Carter Dawson.

Memorial Scholarship Named for Scott A. Harmon '88

During his time at WAHS, **Scott Harmon '88** was a student-athlete. He excelled in football and track and was a member of the winning Eastern Conference Championship football team and record-holding track team. But for those who knew him, he was known for much more: his smile, his heart, positivity and zest for life.

Scott was a beloved family member, friend and co-worker who devoted his time to coaching youth sports. Scott passed away suddenly while vacationing in Hawaii in June 2018. His friends established a scholarship fund in his name to benefit college-bound football players who embody the spirit of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. It was awarded for the first time this year.

"He smiled a lot — every day," said friend Travis Dawson.

"He had a huge heart and was always smiling," said friends Cris and Jenna Morrone. "He had a passion for sports, but loved football the most.

He was a great player on the field, but an even better coach. He had a way to connect with kids and get them to perform their best for him."

As of June 30, 2019, the scholarship fund's fair market value was \$21,417.39.

Funding Futures, cont.

Chuck McConnell Memorial Award
Daniel Sarch

Marie A. Miele Scholarship Laura Coup

Mary S. and Clair A. Miller Business Award Joshua Bernocco

Percy D. Mitchell Memorial Award Sharice Coleman, Dayquan Eisner, Liam Ferry, Alexis Griess, Treyson Potts, Jordan Robinson, Dashirah Williams & Jamal Williams

Orville Mitstifer Memorial Fund Award John Confair & Megan Wike

George Butler-Swan Mix Award (Band) *Daniel Sarch*

George Butler-Swan Mix Award (Orchestra) Liam Ferry

William H. O'Neil Memorial Award Bailey Riley

Terry D. Ohnmeiss 1964 Memorial Award

Ethan Williams

John A. Regelman Award
Derek Lewis

Jason P. Rogers Memorial Award Liam Ferry

The Ross Family Award for True Humanity
Rachel Pardee

Round Hills Elementary School PTO Academic Award Kayleigh Early

Round Hills Elementary School PTO Business Award Kyle Caringi

Round Hills Elementary School PTO CTE Award Matthew Getaen

Salabes Brotherhood Award Serena Lewis Simon Samuel Award Hailey DeLand

Brenden Shipman Memorial Award *Elaina Stone*

James A. Slattery Memorial Award Blaze McClements

Mark L. Steele Memorial Award Michael Engel

Thaddeus Stevens Primary School Award Damien Reese

Margaret B. Stouffer Award Delaney Heller

Myrtle Stroup Award *Naomi Rintelman*

Richard Allen Swartz Award Noelani O'Connell

Jackie Thomas Award
Daniel Sarch

Why We Support the Foundation

Philip Sprunger and Elizabeth Yoder

Through their children, Dr. Philip Sprunger and wife, Elizabeth, know the value of the district's educational program. They also know that it often takes extra resources to provide an even stronger academic experience.

"Schools always operate in the reality of tight budgets," Sprunger said. "The WASD Education Foundation can provide the sort of enrichment extras that can make a difference."

The two applaud the work of WASD teachers, and recognize the WASDEF's support of teachers' work in the classroom.

Not only have the two provided financial gifts to support the work of the Foundation, Sprunger also has given his time, having served on the Foundation's board of directors from 2009-2015. Most recently the two committed their support of the Kids United Community Playground project (see page 14), of which WASDEF is a partner in the effort.

"As parents of a child with special needs and another child who had a wonderful experience at Stevens, we were particularly happy to support the construction of the accessible playground project at Stevens Primary School," he said.



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Philip Sprunger

Parent, Williamsport Area HS

Funding Futures, cont.

VFW Post 844 Award

Joshua Bernocco & Liam Ferry

Robert C. VanAllen Career & Technology Award

Joshua Bernocco

Francis T. Vottero Award David Burkhart

William J. & Rose H. Weber Award Jensen Jean

Williamsport Area High School Alumni

Shara Brennan

Williamsport Area High School P.T.S.O. **Academic Achievement Award** Madison Marchese

Williamsport Area High School P.T.S.O. **Business Achievement Award** David Burkhart

Williamsport Area High School P.T.S.O. Arts **Achievement Award** Kara Hurne

Williamsport Area High School P.T.S.O. **Career and Technical Education Award** Sean Bush

Williamsport Area High School P.T.S.O. Lillian M. Reider Award Maya Holmes

Williamsport Area High School P.T.S.O. Mary B. Smith English Award Sarah Niklaus

Williamsport Area High School P.T.S.O. David W. Stuempfle Award Samuel Hillman & Alexis Griess

Williamsport Area High School P.T.O. Paul R. Warnick Award Liam Ferry

Deborah L. Smith Young Memorial Award Derek Lewis

Rachel Hayes Youngman & Elizabeth **Ludwig Youngman English Prize** Simon Wallace



Scholarships

Grants of at least \$500 are issued from the scholarship funds below and are sent directly to the awarded student's college or university upon proof of enrollment.

Valeria M. Aponick Scholarship Kathryn Meale

Kylee Elizabeth Case Memorial Scholarship Matthew Getgen

Ann Conser Curley, Class of 1959, Scholarship Derek Lewis

Bessie Herman Conser, Class of 1930 Award David Burkhart

Richard S. Coulter Scholarship Alexis Griess

Football Academic Scholarship Tucker Kreisher

Girls Soccer Academic Scholarship Sydney Bruno

Margaret Hamilton Quinn Scholarship Mercedes Rothrock

Scott Harmon Memorial Scholarship* Anthony Robinson

Abram Howard Memorial Scholarship Liam Ferry

Mildred E. Kelly Scholarship Nakota Szymoniak

Sandy R. Lawson Scholarship Kara Hurne

Joseph A. Muir Scholarship Anthony Robinson

John and Lenna Braddock Person Fund Alexis Griess, Margaret Dickinson-Sherry & Kira Winter

Dr. David N. Raemore Penn State Scholarship

Simon Wallace

Louise H. Stryker Award Benjamin Byham

Anthony "Tag" Tagliaferri Tucker Kreisher

Williamsport Sun-Gazette Scholarship Basketball 83-84 Samuel Hillman

Endowed Scholarships

In 2018, the WASDEF Board of Directors set a new policy that all scholarship funds established at the education foundation must be created with an initial minimum fund balance of \$10,000. This minimum amount will ensure that appropriate levels of funding are distributed over time in perpetuity. (See page 8 for more information.)

All funds established at \$9,999 and under will be considered awards with an annual minimum payout of \$100. These funds will be spent down unless replenished or restructured to meet the qualifications of a scholarship fund.

Thomas Kelchner Memorial Scholarship for the Arts* Kiley Kiser

^{*} First time scholarship has been awarded.



Partnerships in Action: WASDEF Joins Effort to Help Realize New All-Inclusive Playground

The Kids United Community Playground is a collaborative community project formed out of a joint partnership between the Williamsport Kiwanis Club, Williamsport Rotary Club, WASDEF, American Rescue Workers and the Stevens Primary School PTA.

With a proposed location at Stevens Primary School, the fundraising team's mission is "to build a positive, healthy,

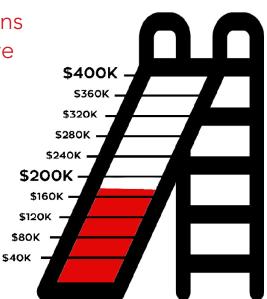
The development of this playground creates a uniquely accessible environment where disabilities disappear and promotes inclusive play for all children.

fun environment inspiring our whole community to learn, imagine and play together."

Over the course of the 2018-2019 school year, 33 donors contributed \$170,968 toward the \$400,000 goal (as of June 30).

The playground will feature equipment that contributes to the five elements of inclusive play.

It will include poured rubber flooring, accessible ramps for wheelchairs and other assistive devices. It also will have traditional equipment and structures that encourage imaginative and cognitive play, fitness and instrumental



activities, including: Sensory Panels, Whirl with Me, Oval Swing, Conga Drums, Reflection Swing, Max Climb Summit, and the Rock 'n Wave.

For more information on the project, visit www.kidsunitedplayground.com.

Grants Support Prevention, Health & Wellness Programs

WASDEF distributed **\$13,203** in funding to provide support to some of the prevention, health and wellness programs across all levels of the district:

TRU Program

A **\$5,000** grant received from the American Lung Association helped support drug and tobacco prevention programs at the middle school.

'Wounds You Cannot See'

Between two visits to the district, youth advocate and author Rodney Walker worked with counselors and connected with more than 100 students who had been through adverse or traumatic experiences. Mr. Walker offered them ways to work through the healing process and toward positive growth.

BackPack Program

WASDEF continued to support of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank's BackPack Program at WAHS. A \$200,000 grant secured by the food bank from the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania in 2018 also helped to launch the program district-wide.

Needlework Guild of America

A partnership with Needlework Guild of America provided nearly 1,000 items, such as clothing and coats, to students in need in 2018.







Funding Continues for Odyssey of the Mind

WASDEF granted **\$8,227** to the Odyssey of the Mind teams that made their way to the World Finals at Michigan State University in May.

The Foundation was able to contribute a combination of gifts received from those in the community, area businesses and WASDEF's unrestricted fund.

Of the eight contending teams from the district that competed at the state competition in April, teams representing Cochran Primary and Williamsport Area Middle schools advanced to the World Finals.

Williamsport Area Middle School secured a historic Division II, third-place win for "Leonardo's Workshop" and Cochran Primary School earned a Division I, 12th-place spot for "Opposites Distract."

This was the fifth consecutive year WASD teams have competed at the international level.

In 2018, two teams from Curtin and WAMS were successful in the program's regional, state and world



competitions. Those teams competed at lowa State University, both ranking in the top 25.

Since 2016, WASDEF has contributed \$28,166 to World Finals-bound teams.

Odyssey of the Mind is a competition that blends creativity, engineering and teamwork. It is 100 percent student-directed, with adult coaches acting as guides.

Over the **Edge**

In collaboration with the River Valley Regional YMCA and YWCA Northcentral PA, the WASD Education Foundation conducted the area's first Over the Edge (OTE) event on Oct. 27, 2018.

OTE allows members of the community to voluntarily commit to raise at least \$1,000 for the nonprofit of their choice — or have it divided evenly among all three — in a daring exchange to rappel from the top of the Lycoming County Housing Authority's William Hepburn High Rise Apartments downtown.

WASDEF raised \$13,376 during the event.

Together, the nonprofits collectively generated more than \$50,000 for their organizations through the efforts of about 70 "edgers."





Annual Golf Outing

The WASD Education Foundation hosted its 14th annual Golf Tournament on June 24 at the Williamsport Country Club to benefit the Athletic Program Endowment Fund (see page 9).

This year's event, once again presented by Aramark, raised **\$8,831**.

Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, it was decided that tournament proceeds would be directed to support and jump-start the revenues needed to grow the new endowment fund. The fund ultimately will help enhance students' health and wellness experience at WASD.

Together, the last two golf outings have generated more than \$21,000 for the endowment fund, which will be used to provide a permanent funding source to offset capital improvement and program needs for the district's athletic program.





Funding Innovation

Students at the intermediate and middle schools found a new learning experience waiting for them when they returned to school last fall.

Each of the three buildings were outfitted with new, specially-designed classrooms called FutureLabs to support innovative learning.

A **\$9,352** EITC grant helped to upgrade lab space and fund equipment at Lycoming Valley Intermediate School.

While STEM concepts have already been embedded across every grade level, the district officially adopted a curriculum and designed physical locations to bring a cohesive approach to its future ready philosophy and further next-generation learning opportunities.

The district worked with Creative Learning Systems, based in Longmont, CO, to install the FutureLabs at Curtin and Lycoming Valley Intermediate schools and Williamsport Area Middle School.

Equipped with cutting-edge technology, the labs are designed for students to work in teams to develop projects in the areas of scientific data and analysis, circuitry, computer graphics, media arts, mechanics and structures, alternative and renewable energy, software engineering, and robotics and control technology.

Students start using the labs in sixth grade and continue through middle school.

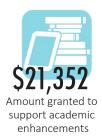
"The labs are providing an unprecedented learning opportunity for our students beginning in sixth grade that strongly support our district-wide college-and-career-readiness effort through project-based learning," said John Killian, supervisor of elementary curriculum.

Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program at WASD

The Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program is administered by the state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) under Act 48. Established in 2001, the program awards tax credits to businesses that make contributions to scholarship organizations and/or educational improvement organizations that are on a list approved and published by DCED.

The WASD Education Foundation actively pursues EITC dollars from approved businesses and identifies eligible programs for funding on behalf of the school district. EITC funds for WASD are held at and administered by the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP). Since 2009, more than \$160,000 has supported 40 venture or educator-in-residence programs.

In 2018-2019, \$30,852 in grant funding was approved for three WASD programs, supporting academic enhancements and cultural programs.





How do you direct your company's tax dollars to benefit WASD?

Decide if you'd like to participate for one or two years. The tax credit is a 75-percent credit (against taxes owed). However, if a company provides a written two-year commitment of equal funding, the credit becomes 90 percent. For more information, visit: www.newpa.com/eitc.

EITC contributions can be made on the district's behalf by sending checks payable to:

First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania 201 West Fourth Street Williamsport, PA 17701

THANK YOU!

In 2018-2019, the district received \$24,600 in EITC contributions through FCFP from the following businesses:













UPMC HEALTH PLAN



Celebrating Champions of Student Success: Donor & Alumni Appreciation Event Held

On Sept. 20, 2018, the WASD Education Foundation hosted its first Donor & Alumni Appreciation Event.

The event specially recognized 2018's Distinguished Alumni:

- Dr. Herbert I. Hurwitz '80
- Michael D. Stratton '09
- Philip M. Thomas Sr. '61
- Greg Walker '87

About 100 guests attended the inaugural event at Trade and Transit Center II in downtown Williamsport to witness the cohort of Distinguished Alumni formally accept their honor.

Keynote speaker Rodney Walker, author, inspirational speaker, and at-risk youth advocate, shared his personal life story and explained how just one person believing in him made all the difference. Rodney's presentation centered on his memoir, "A New Day One: Trauma, Grace and a Young Man's Journey from Foster Care to Yale." The book details how education and corporate philanthropy helped him to rise out of adversity and shape his success as a Yale and Harvard University student and entrepreneur.

The event also celebrated its donors, who, with their help, allowed the education foundation to grant nearly \$295,000 to WASD during the 2017-2018 school year. It supported academic programming, the arts, athletics and capital improvement projects.

Executive Director Greg Hayes closed out the evening by saying: "As we wrap-



up tonight's program, whether it's time, talent or treasure, I would like to once again thank you all for your ongoing support and partnership in helping the education foundation advance in its mission to create powerful classrooms and inspire futures, and being our community's champions of student success."

2018-2019 Donor Report

We are very grateful for the financial support of the contributors, listed on the next several pages, who have made donations (including in-kind), grants and annual pledge payments between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019. The generosity of these donors allow us to provide support to an array of student programming and district needs.

What kind of legacy will you leave?

The WASD Education Foundation Legacy Society recognizes individuals and families who have remembered WASD or the WASD Education Foundation in their estate plans through documented planned gifts, including: bequests, life insurance, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts and other testamentary gifts.

How can you become a member?

If you have already made a planned gift or have included WASDEF in your will, you are already eligible for membership in the WASD Education Foundation Legacy Society. If not, you may become a member simply by notifying us that you have named WASDEF as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan.

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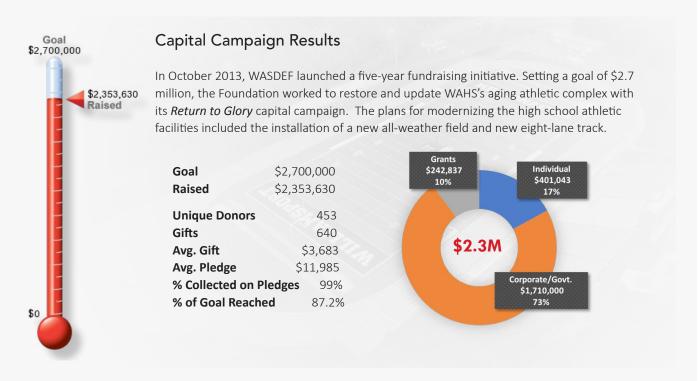
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