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2018-2019 YEAR IN REVIEW









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We are stronger together.

The Lawrence Schools Foundation prides itself in providing resources that inspire learning, enrich teaching and enhance opportunities for students in the Lawrence Public Schools.

The Foundation exists to ensure our students, educators and staff have every opportunity to thrive, succeed and create positive change in our communities. The Foundation has never been in a stronger position to support this vital mission.

Private gifts, prudent investment strategies, an outstanding Board, and a dedicated team of community leaders have helped the Foundation to achieve unprecedented growth during the past decade. Because of you, we know that everybody benefits from great public schools.

Dena Johnston, Executive Director

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Being a part of the Lawrence Schools Foundation Board of Trustees is truly a rewarding experience. Our mission is to provide the support for our teachers, students and staff that is essential to their success.

I believe that our community steps up to the challenge time and time again to provide the Foundation with the resources necessary to accomplish our goals. I would encourage everyone to get involved and see what gifts and talents you can provide to ensure that our kids have the tools they need to succeed now and in the future.



Tim Mock, President, Board of Directors

Together we create community.

We know that strong schools are a hallmark of a strong community. So we work hard to build community partnerships through inspiring events like the Community Education Breakfast, the Foundation Follies, the Expanding Performing Arts Access Dinner, Ovation! and more. We also do this through civic involvement and good old fashioned honest conversation. This kind of currency sparks interest in our schools and generates momentum for the cause — sustaining student achievement and affirming teaching excellence. And everybody benefits.







Partners LEAP to help tornado victims

After a massive tornado in May 2019 devastated homes and businesses in south Lawrence, teachers at Billy Mills Middle School asked what could be done to help. Principal Keith Jones sent a mass text to the school's LEAP partners who responded with offers of support within minutes. "The answer was an obvious yes," says Ashley Corbin of Raising Cane's. Terry and Robin Jacobsen and their family, themselves strong supporters of Lawrence Public Schools, received quick help, Hv-Vee and McDonald's donated food. Teachers brought cases of water and fruit. Raising Cane's supplied gift cards and hosted a fundraiser for the I C.A.N. Fund to support others affected. Says Dr. Jones, "It was overwhelming to receive the support in such little time."

Strong partnership supports student achievement opportunities

A \$50.000 donation from the Truity Foundation is helping fund two important projects. In connection with Truity's partnership with the University of Kansas, the Jayhawk Blueprint Program offsets costs for students who want to access college level courses and may not otherwise be able to afford it. And the Equal Opportunity Schools Program helps ensure equitable access to Advanced Placement courses, "This is equity work in action," says Dr. Anthony Lewis, superintendent of Lawrence Public Schools, "This will be how we will improve academic outcomes for more students. We are grateful that Truity and the Lawrence Schools Foundation are willing to invest in these scholars."

Teacher finds another excellent way to give

In 2015, Cara McNorton, then a 5th grade teacher at Kennedy Elementary, received a \$5,000 Dedication to Education Award from Lawrence Schools Foundation. McNorton chose to put her award toward a future scholarship program for Kennedy students, and school staff and families participated in a 5K walk/run to raise additional funds for it. "We wanted our students to know that we believed in them and cared enough about their success to create a scholarship that would be waiting for them." McNorton says.

Read the complete stories on our website: LawrenceSchoolsFoundation.org



Together we recognize and sustain student achievement.

During the 2018-2019 school year, we recognized four student champions (two from each high school), and we administered more than \$54,000 in scholarships awarded to graduating seniors. Nearly \$31,000 was granted during the year for innovative projects and other specific needs related to promoting and sustaining student achievement.



Scholarships

65 scholarships totaling more than \$54,000 were awarded to graduating seniors

Student Champions

Evann Seratte, Lawrence High School Eric Galbreath, Lawrence High School Jaxon Webb, Lawrence Free State High School Erinn Liston, Lawrence Free State High School



Innovative Teaching Grants (\$14,800 total)

Billy Mills Middle School Cordley Elementary & New York Elementary Hillcrest Elementary Lawrence High School Lawrence College & Career Center USD497 Elementary Gifted Facilitators

School Assistance Grants (\$12,793.45 total)

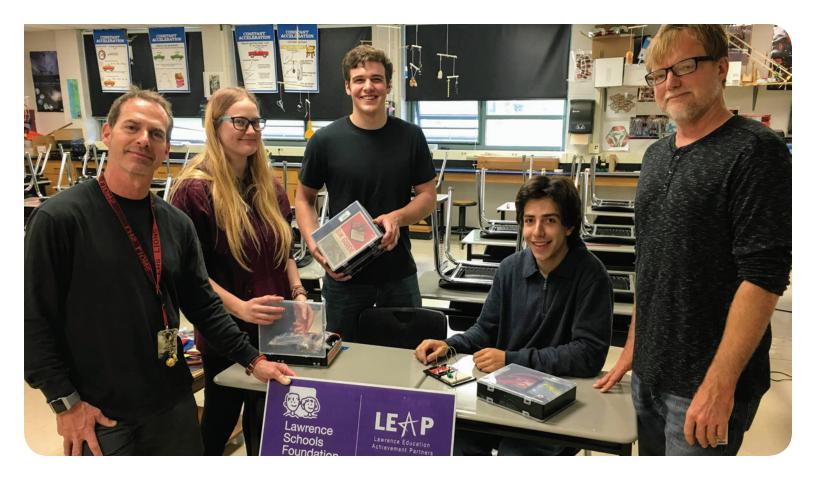
Billy Mills Middle School Hillcrest Elementary Kennedy Elementary Liberty Memorial Central Middle School Southwest Middle School 7th grade team West Middle School

MusicWorks Grants (\$3,314 total)

"Classroom Music Rug" for K-5 students, submitted by Megan Epperson at Broken Arrow Elementary "Q Balls For All" for K-5 students, submitted by Sara Bonner at Deerfield Elementary

Together we affirm and honor teaching excellence.

Students are our hope for the future, and investing in those who teach them is vitally important. Nearly \$25,000 was gifted to teachers and staff in 2018-2019 in recognition of their excellent work. Additional grants, too, were made to teachers to implement innovative projects for students (see previous pages).



Excellence In Teaching/Bobs Award (\$10,000)

Michele Duncan, 2nd grade teacher, Sunset Hill Elementary

Dedication to Education Award (\$5,000)

Mike Harris, special education para educator, Sunflower Elementary

Educators of the Year/Golden Apple Awards (\$1,500 each)

Beth Maloun, special education teacher, Broken Arrow Elementary Mike Hymer, special education teacher, Lawrence High School

McCownGordon Teaching Grant (\$1,200)

"The House (and Other Structures) that Jack Built" submitted by 1st grade teaching team at Sunflower Elementary

Carl Knox Staff Development Grants (\$1,000 total)

Sydney Ice, Quail Run Elementary Shakiyya Bland, Lawrence High School Ericka Waller, Free State High School

2018-2019 A.C.E Awards (\$500 each)

Abby George, parent involvement facilitator, Pinckney Elementary

Shannon Jones, head custodian, Sunset Hill Elementary James Ortiz, head custodian, West Middle School Margaret Dixon, special education para educator, Hillcrest Elementary

Allen Press Distinguished Teacher Award (\$500)

Matt Stiles, Lawrence High School

Barbara Hodgson Dream to Achieve Award (\$100)

Sherana Curley-Becenti, 5th grade teacher, New York Elementary

Together we LEAP forward.





LEAP TOTALS* (2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR)

	SCHOOL PARTNERS	STRICT-WID PARTNERS	E	ALL PARTNERS
Cash Donations	\$ 17,271	\$ 23,909	\$	41,180
In-kind Gifts	29,359	189,873		219,232
Volunteer Value				
Volunteer Hours	1,208	5,289		6,497
Value (\$25.43/hour)	<u> 33,695</u>	<u> 134,499</u>		<u>168,194</u>
TOTAL	\$ 80,325	\$ 348,281	\$	428,606



The Lawrence Education Achievement Partners (LEAP) program matches schools with businesses and community organizations, and magic happens. LEAP partners may focus on scholastic enrichment, such as reading to kids in class, mentoring, tutoring or training, or donating classroom supplies. Others volunteer to help at school events or make monetary or in-kind donations to support them. Many sponsor Lawrence Schools Foundation signature events. Our LEAP partners enjoy being involved with the schools and learning from the students or teachers.

^{*}These figures are based upon the reports we received.

MASTER LEAP PARTNERS

While we consider everybody superstars when they volunteer to support our schools, some organizations stand out because their combined support totals \$10,000 or more in a school year for their partner school, the district, or the Lawrence Schools Foundation. Thank you to the following 2018-2019 Master LEAP partners:

BASIL LEAF CAFE: district-wide

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS: district-wide

HY-VEE: Deerfield Elementary, Langston Hughes Elementary, Prairie Park Elementary, Quail Run Elementary, Sunflower Elementary, Southwest Middle School, Lawrence Free State High School, and Lawrence High School

JEFFERSON'S RESTAURANT: Quail Run Elementary. Southwest Elementary and district-wide

LAWRENCE ARTS CENTER: Liberty Memorial Central Middle School and district-wide fine arts

LIED CENTER OF KANSAS and U.S. BANK "Adventures in Imagination": district-wide

THE MERC CO-OP: Hillcrest Elementary, Sunset Elementary, and West Middle School

PELATHE DISTRICT, HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA: district-wide

QUINTON'S BAR AND DELI: district-wide

RAISING CANE'S: Billy Mills Middle School, Broken Arrow Elementary, Schwegler Elementary, Lawrence Free State High School, and Lawrence High School

SALVATION ARMY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY: district-wide

TRUITY CREDIT UNION / TRUITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION: Langston Hughes Elementary, Prairie Park Elementary, Lawrence Free State High School, Lawrence High School, and district-wide

WAL-MART: district-wide

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Broken Arrow Elementary

Central National Bank Pet World Premier Martial Arts Raising Cane's

Cordley Elementary

Capital City Bank/Capitol Federal Cottin's Hardware & Rental Dairy Queen-Mass, Street Dillons Stores-Mass. Street Lawrence Noon Rotary Club

Deerfield Elementary

Hy-Vee-6th St.

Hillcrest Elementary

Commerce Bank-Iowa Street Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers Premier Martial Arts The Merc Co-op

Kennedy Elementary

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Langston Hughes Elementary

Dillons Stores-6th & Wakarusa Hy-Vee-Clinton Parkway J&S Coffee Truity Credit Union University National Bank

New York Elementary

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Prairie Park Elementary

Capitol Federal Savings Hy-Vee-Clinton Parkway Peoples Bank-Harper Street Truity Credit Union

Quail Run Elementary

Berry Plastics Darin Domnanish Agency-Farmers Insurance Jefferson's-West Hy-Vee-6th Street Legends Dental Center Pioneer Ridge Premier Martial Arts Rock Hill Church Story Hill Church Zaxby's

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Bowersock Mills & **Power Company** First State Bank & Trust ICL Performance Products Juniper Hill Farms

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Billy Mills Middle School

Hv-Vee-Clinton Parkway McDonald's of Lawrence **Printing Solutions** Raising Cane's

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School

Cottin's Hardware & Rental First State Bank & Trust KU Natural History Museum Lawrence Arts Center Rodrock Chiropractic & Acupuncture The Summit

Southwest Middle School

Bartlett & West Engineers, Inc. Hy-Vee-Clinton Parkway Jefferson's-West McDonald's of Lawrence t.Loft

West Middle School

Commerce Bank-Iowa Street Sonic-6th Street t.Loft The Merc Co-op Zaxby's

LAWRENCE COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

Amarr Entrematic

HIGH SCHOOLS

Lawrence Free State High School

Capital City Bank/Capitol Federal Central Bank of the Midwest Commerce Bank-Wakarusa Street Eileen's Colossal Cookies Hv-Vee-6th Street

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ASSETS Cash and Equivalents Investments at Fair Value Total Assets	\$ \$	193,739 1,542,324 1,736,063
Current Liabilities	\$	61,918
Net Assets Endowed Funds Temporarily Restricted Funds Unrestricted Funds Total Net Assets		404,001 776,960 <u>493,184</u> 1,674,145
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