





Lufkin ISD EDUCATION Foundation

our mission

*To provide opportunities for excellence in education,
promote innovation in teaching, and partner with the community
to enhance the quality of education for all students
of the Lufkin Independent School District*

who we are

- *The Lufkin ISD Education Foundation is a nonprofit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) public corporation operating independently under its own Board of Directors. The Foundation's vision is to enrich and enhance the education in the Lufkin Independent School District.*
- *An all-volunteer Board of Directors comprised of representatives from local and regional businesses, along with community and LISD alumni volunteers*

what we do

The Foundation achieves its mission by:

- *Partnering with the school district and the community to raise funds for LISD*
- *Awarding innovative teaching grants*
- *Recognizing the top 20 graduating seniors for academic achievement*
- *Recognizing Educators of Influence*
- *Recognizing First Year Teachers*

investment in education

The Foundation's achievements are possible because of our community's commitment to investing in education in an effort to provide the highest quality of education to every student.

To accomplish this goal, the Foundation:

- *Established an Endowment Fund to assure the financial security of the Foundation*
- *Awarded grants totaling more than \$284,000 to LISD teachers and campuses from 2014 – 2020*

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ON THE COVER

Khloe from Brandon Elementary at the annual Advanced Academics Night event.

Sheila Adams Photographer
Lufkin ISD

From the president

As we come to the conclusion of year 2020, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the distinguished Board of Directors of our Lufkin Education Foundation. While this was one of the most unprecedented times since our inception, it was also very memorable for our Foundation. The unselfish dedication of our members has cultivated the impressive recognition known around our Lufkin Independent School District. Through the labor of our Executive Director and Board, we pledged to attain our goals as we remained committed to exceed the standards in our values for promoting quality education. This year we honored our top twenty Seniors during our first virtual panthers of prestige banquet and awarded more than \$34,000.00 in innovative teacher grants to support our educators as well as our students. For a second year the Foundation also provided more than thirty first year teacher grants and participated in several fundraising events. The success of our Foundation is due to the generous support of our community and the unwavering dedication of our LISD faculty. It is with this loyal commitment that we have been able to sustain our mission and make an impact within our school district.

I would like to extend a heartwarming thanks to our many donors, volunteers and the entire Lufkin Independent School District for your compassionate support during this year. You have made a difference in the lives of our children through your contributions to the Foundation. Our future remains bright as we pour rich blessings into our young and help them to become the leaders of tomorrow. We value your assistance and would ask that you continue to invest in the Lufkin Education Foundation.

Demetress Harrell

Together we will strengthen the opportunities of learning and build a community of influential leaders.

Years ago, I was honored to meet Maya Angelou and was touched by these; her words "people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel", by this we have achieved greatness. I thank you for making our educators and students feel the unselfish measures of giving.

I will never be able to articulate in words the tremendous privilege it has been to serve as your 2020 President, yet please know it was a humbling experience.

We have learned so much as a society throughout this pandemic and most of all we understand the power of education through technology.

"Education is a gift that no one can ever take away" - American Proverb

Respectfully,



Demetress Harrell, 2020 President



Lufkin ISD
EDUCATION
Foundation

Board Members



Demetress Harrell
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Lufkin ISD EDUCATION Foundation

INCOME

General Donations	\$	20,546
Grants Received	\$	8,000
Academic Banquet	\$	20,832
Teacher High 5 Club	\$	51,041
50/50 Raffle	\$	3,763
Total Income	\$	104,182

EXPENSES

Direct Program Expenses		
Grants to Teachers	\$	35,012
Academic Banquet	\$	4,451
Total Direct Program Expenses	\$	39,463

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

Teacher High 5 Club	\$	6,413
50/50 Raffle	\$	1,331
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$	7,744

OPERATING EXPENSES

Insurance - D&O	\$	474
Supplies	\$	617
Website/Communications	\$	1,590
Postage	\$	347
Printing	\$	1,816
Accounting Fees	\$	2,412
Meeting Expense	\$	1,120
Payroll Expenses	\$	12,341
Conference / Director Expense	\$	100
Miscellaneous	\$	703
Total Operating Expenses	\$	21,520

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Net Income	\$	35,455
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Checking Account Balance	\$	63,654
Endowment Fund Balance	\$	100,008

Notable accomplishments

Hosted Virtual **Panthers of Prestige**

HONORING THE
TOP 20 SENIORS AND
THEIR EDUCATORS
OF INFLUENCE

1st Year Teacher Grants

36 first-year teachers
received \$100 to get
their classrooms up
and running

2ND ANNUAL

Grant Showcase

LISD **High \$5 Club**

- Generated \$51,041.47
through designated giving
- 44% of LISD staff
increased donations

AWARDED

13

INNOVATIVE TEACHING
GRANTS TOTALING
\$34,000.39

RAISED
\$3,763.30

WITH
RAFFLE
FUNDRAISER

Donuts for Donors

DELIVERED DONUTS
TO OVER 30 BUSINESS
OWNERS WHO
SUPPORT THE
FOUNDATION

Our donors

PLATINUM \$10,000 AND ABOVE

- Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

SILVER \$2,000 - \$4,999

- Brookshire Brothers Charitable Foundation
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- HEB
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- Austin Bank
- Lufkin Host Lions Club and Z&OO Board
- Drs. David & Terri Todd
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LEGACY \$500 - \$999

- Junior League of Lufkin
- Todd Stafford
- Beth and Byron Jones
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- Commercial Bank of Texas
- Trey & Sally Denman
- Dr. Leah Guempel / Audiological Services
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- Donut Palace
- Dr. Prashant Kumar/ET Nephrology Associates

BENEFACTOR \$250 - \$499

- Don and Tyane Dietz
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- Haglund Law Firm
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- Marilyn Hartsook
- Drs. Amal & Pratibha Deshpande
- Chance Law Firm
- Morgan Insurance Agency

FRIEND \$100 - \$249

- Kendall Gay
- Dr. and Mrs. Keven Ellis
- Buchanan Reality
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- Doug and Susan Ashburn
- Sue Rolf-Gorden and Jack Gorden
- Skelton Slusher Barnhill Watkin Wells, PLLC
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- McNutt Funeral Home
- James Guest
- Sharon Kruk
- Gip and Andrea Friesen
- Madelyn Porter
- Scotty and Jill West
- Matt and Brandie Knight

SUPPORTER UP TO \$99

- Monique Nunn
- Real Graphics
- Pet Beauty Shop
- Ronnie and Bobbi Robinson
- Scott Neill
- Cathy and Meb Todd
- Bonnie Denmon

IN MEMORY

- Kim Rowley -
Given in Memory of Clark Hooten
- Ginger and Jeff Bates -
Given in Memory of Clark Hooten
- Deanne, Stan, Worth and Lucy Gabriel -
Given in Memory of Clark Hooten
- Jane Ainsworth -
Given in Memory of Clark Hooten
- Marianna and Rufus Duncan -
Given in Memory of Clark Hooten
- Sally Alvis -
Given in Memory of Clark Hooten
- Children's Clinic of Lufkin -
Given in Memory of Clark Hooten
- Donna Spore -
Given in Memory of Alys Frazier
- Donna & Tom Willis -
Given in Memory of Alys Frazier
- Judy Winger -
Given in Memory of Alys Frazier
- Becca & Jeff Chance -
Given in Memory of Mark Skelton
- Becca & Jeff Chance -
Given in Memory of JoAnn Arnold
- Shelli & Dr. Keven Ellis -
Given in Memory of Clark Hooten
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Given in Memory of Mark Skelton
- Mitch and Chere Crocker -
Given in Memory of Clark Hooten
- Doug and Susan Ashburn -
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Given in Honor of Vercie McMullen
- Anonymous -
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Given in Memory of James Kidwell
- Dr. Ravinder and Mrs. Aruna Bachiredy -
Given in Memory of James Kidwell
- Demetress Harrell -
Given in Honor of the Foundation Director and Officers
- Beth Jones -
Given in Honor of Vercie McMullen and Demetress Harrell

2020 grants awarded

Getting Busy with Botzee
Angela Pool
1st Grade
\$2,000.00 – Burley Primary

Techno Kids for Teaching Technology
Meredith Ciziak
Grades 6 – 8
\$945.00 – Lufkin Middle School

Spero Spectrums: Tap Colors-Drop Beats
Lori Meadows
Grades K -5 (Elementary Music)
\$5,000.00 – Districtwide

**Creating Picture Perfect Classrooms with
Picture Perfect Stem Lessons**
Jamie Mahan
Grades K – 2
\$4,913.00 – Dunbar Primary

Smart and Sensible
Savannah Coleman
Grades 6-8
\$435.00 – Lufkin Middle School

**Portable Studio Cubes,
Product/Food Photography**
Sean Dupre
Grades 11 – 12
\$1,145.00 – Lufkin High School

Comfort with a Constant Hug
Debbie Flournoy
Grades 3 – 5
\$1,231.00 – Coston Elementary

**Career Exploration from
Trades to Rocket Scientists**
Connie Burkett
Grades 3 – 5
\$3,020.00 – Anderson Elementary

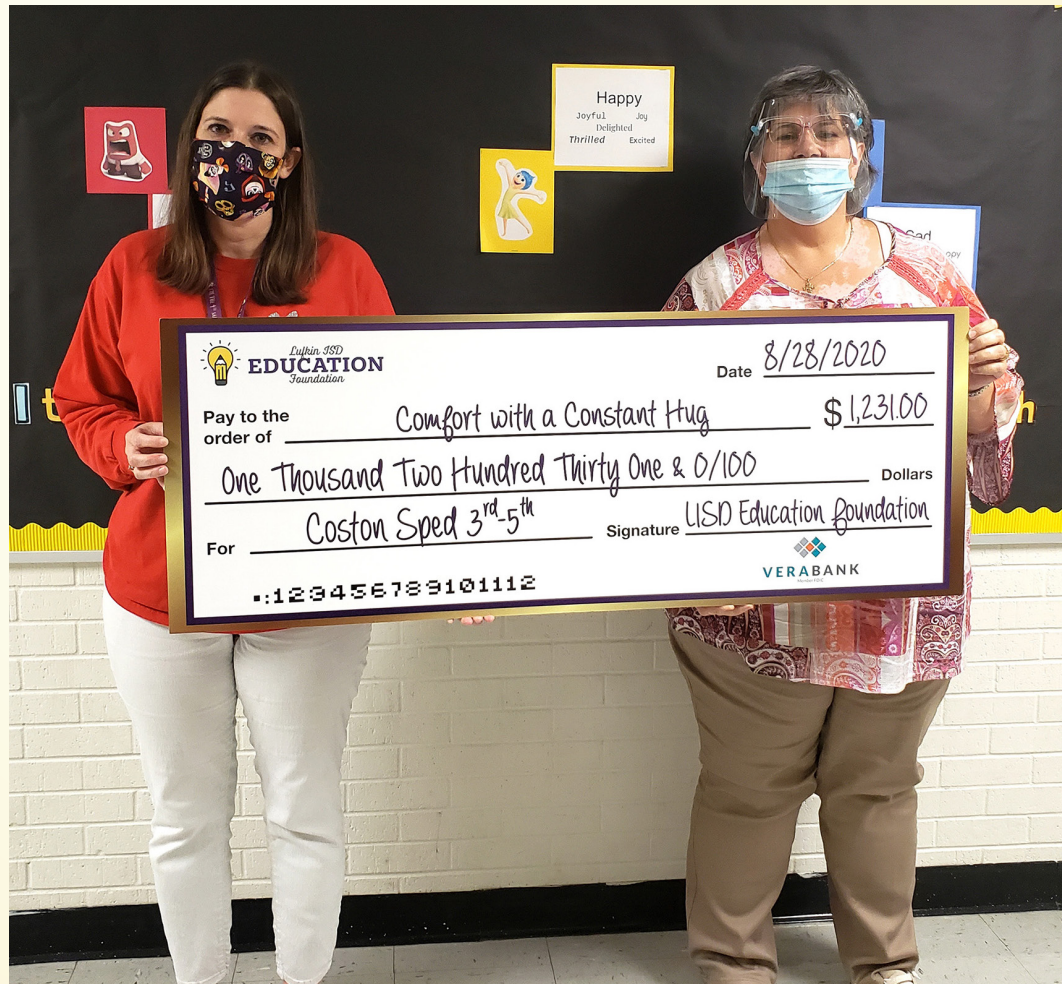
Bit Coding Robot Parade
James Wade
Grades K – 2
\$1,050.58 – Herty Primary

Storybook STEAM
Marie Hughes
Grades K – 2
\$2,981.91 – Dunbar Primary

STEM in Physical Education
Aby Goff
Grade 3 – 5
\$3,779.10 – Anderson Elementary

Code R US
Suzy Jungmann, Vada Hughes
Grades K- 12 (STEM Academy)
\$5,000.00 – Districtwide

Continuing to Give Every Child a Voice
Kristen Taylor
Grades K – 12
\$2,499.80 – Districtwide



2020 at a glance

1st Year Teacher Grants

The Lufkin ISD Education Foundation was proud to present 1st Year Lufkin teachers, with zero teaching experience, \$100 to purchase supplies for their classrooms. The Foundation was able to help 36 new teachers thanks to money received from Presenting Sponsor, HEB, Bronze Sponsors, Lufkin Host ZOO Board, Austin Bank and Legacy Sponsor, Junior League

of Lufkin. The LEF Board of Directors extends a thank you to its sponsors and a warm welcome to all 2020-2021 First Year Teachers.



**H-E-B TOURNAMENT
OF CHAMPIONS**

BRONZE SPONSORS



Lufkin Host Lions Club

Austin Bank

**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
LUFKIN**

Fundraisers

\$1000 Raffle

The Lufkin Education Foundation board members sold raffle tickets to raise funds for the innovative teaching grant program. The winning ticket was drawn on Monday, November 16, with LeeAnne Haglund winning the \$1000 bank card. Thank you to all who supported the foundation by purchasing tickets!

Corporate Challenge Field Day Event

The Lufkin Education Foundation cancelled its Corporate Challenge Field Day Event due to the coronavirus pandemic. While the fundraiser is a great event for the foundation, we understand safety. The foundation plans to be back on schedule for September 2021.

Corporate Challenge
**FIELD
DAY**

\$1,000 Raffle



Donuts for Donors

Each morning during the third week of October 2020, LEF board members reached out in appreciation to approximately 30 local business owners who support the Foundation by delivering donuts to their businesses.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Tang, owners of Donut Palace, for providing the delicious donuts!



2020 at a glance

GRANT Showcase

The Lufkin ISD Education Foundation hosted its 2nd Annual Grant Showcase on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center. The Foundation invited corporate donors, community partners, and parents to see how their donations positively impacted teachers and students through innovative teaching grants. In 2019-2020, the Foundation awarded 25 classrooms grants totaling over \$58,000. These grants included: 10 STEM grants, 5 literacy grants, 2 physical education grants, and 8 social skills grants. All 25 grants were showcased at the event.



High Five Club

Each year LISD employees are given the opportunity to support the mission of the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation through their own giving campaign by making a one-time donation of \$60.00 or contributing through a monthly payroll deduction of \$5.00.

We appreciate the dedicated, caring employees

of Lufkin ISD who are committed to enriching the learning of all students through innovative teaching grants.

In 2020, an amazing number of employees (44%) chose to increase their contribution to the High \$5 Club by \$1 each month. High \$5 Club member donations will total \$51,041.47.

GRANT CELEBRATION DAY

The Innovative Teaching Grant Program is one of the most important aspects of the Foundation's work.

The Lufkin Education Foundation offers teachers and administrators with innovative teaching ideas the opportunity to apply for grants to support higher levels of student learning. The grants provide resources and programs not already available through school funding.

The Lufkin Education Foundation Program Committee lead by VP of Programs, Sharon Kruk, received applications during the month of May and worked diligently throughout the summer months to evaluate and make grant selections.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the Foundation was unable to award the grants with all the pomp and circumstance of



past years; in person with cheerleaders and drumline.

However, 13 grants totaling over \$34,000.00 were awarded to teachers on multiple campuses in the Lufkin Independent School District. The grants included STEM, literacy, fine arts, social skills grants and physical education initiatives.

What an exciting and rewarding opportunity to provide excellence in education for the students of Lufkin ISD!

Panthers of Prestige

Honoring Students and their Educators of Influence



7TH ANNUAL

ACADEMIC AWARDS BANQUET

HOSTED BY



Lufkin ISD
EDUCATION
Foundation

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LINEBARGER
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

Each year the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation hosts an academic banquet honoring the Top 20 graduating students from Lufkin High School. In addition to the students being recognized, each student selects an Educator of Influence who has made the most positive impact on their educational career at LISD.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which closed all schools, the 7th annual Panthers of Prestige Academic Banquet was cancelled for 2020. The Lufkin ISD Education Foundation did not want the remarkable accomplishments of these students and educators to go unnoticed due to these unprecedented times. Therefore, the decision was made to celebrate the students and their educators through a Virtual Banquet Presentation on May 27, 2020.

Student honorees for 2020 were: Andrew Adams, II, Logan Armstrong, Garin Ashby, Kaylin Davis, Hilda Gonzalez, Jaxon Griffith, Nicholas Hargroue, Alexander Hill, Zachary Hill, Paige Hoelewyn, William Lanigan, Kimberly Ly, Elizabeth Martinez, Cy Murphy, Natalie Naramore, Pooja Ramnath, Amal Saleh,



David Sloan, and Riley Thornton.

Educators of Influence recognized were: Dayna Kerr, Guadalupe Lila, Truitt Eubank, Janice Holcomb, Suzy Jungmann, Ryan Cantrell, Danny Usher, Savannah Tutt, Elizabeth Perkins, Nicole Stewart, George Little, Andy Adams, Gary Hamilton, David Willis, Addie Gardner, Shelly Tatum, Kathy Thannisch, Christy Fox, and Kathy Williams. The Top 20 students will represent Lufkin ISD at higher institutions such as Rice University, Texas A & M University, The University of

Texas at Austin, Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas Tech University, University of the Ozarks, and Angelina College.

The Foundation thanks Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson Law Firm for their continued support in underwriting this banquet as well as numerous local businesses and individuals who assisted in funding this memorable event. We would also like to thank Real Graphics, BP Media and MSGPR for putting together a wonderful virtual banquet honoring both students and educators.

The power of giving



Chase Luce from Verabank presents a check to Executive Director, Vercie McMullen and board president, Demetress Harrell. Verabank's contribution sponsored the cost of printing the big checks given to teachers receiving innovative teaching grants.



Jonathan Pinner from Commercial Bank of Texas presenting a check to Executive Director, Vercie McMullen and Board President, Demetress Harrell.



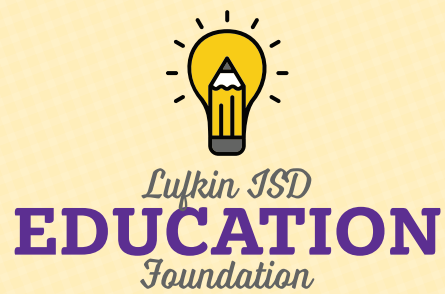
Dustin Jones, Melanie Shirley and Terry Fauble from Austin Bank presented board president, Demetress Harrell with \$1000 to sponsor First Year Teacher Grants. Thank you to Austin Bank for sponsoring the 2020 First Year Teacher Grants.



The Lufkin Education Foundation wants to give a big Thank You to Mr. & Mrs. Tang, from the Donut Palace, for providing the delicious donuts for our Donuts for Donor recognition!



Representatives from the Brookshire Brothers Charitable Foundation presented a donation to members of the Lufkin Education Foundation board.



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