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INSPIRE.

from the president

Heather Buchanan

It has been my true privilege to serve as the 2016 President of the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation, and it is with great pride that I report that the Foundation has had another prosperous and impactful year. The Foundation has continued to grow in its third year with the addition of several new members who joined the board in volunteering their time to elevate the quality of education in LISD.

In the Spring, it was all hands on deck as we honored the top 20 graduating seniors of LISD and their designated Educators of Influence at our third annual Panthers of Prestige Academic Awards Banquet. The banquet was once again generously underwritten by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. The night was a huge success, with over 400 in attendance to witness many touching moments as the graduates were recognized and expressed their gratitude to the teachers who had impacted them the most.

For the third year in a row, the Education Foundation was the beneficiary of a \$10,000 check from the First Bank and Trust East Texas Open Adam's Pro Tour. The week-long event was held at Crown Colony Country Club, and brought more than 100 golfers to Lufkin. Board members volunteered in various capacities for the event and are looking forward to participating again in the next one scheduled for July, 2017.

At LISD Convocation in August, teachers and staff kicked off the school year by demonstrating their overwhelming support for the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation once again. Together, they pledged over \$40,000 of their own pay to the Foundation to fund innovative teaching grants and catapult the district's level of excellence to unprecedented heights.

During the Fall, our Programs committee meticulously evaluated dozens of grant applications submitted by teachers from various campuses and backgrounds. The deadline for these applications was moved to allow

implementation of these grants by the Spring semester. We are thrilled to report that the Foundation awarded 13 grants to 9 different campuses totaling more than \$37,000! It is, without a doubt, our favorite day of the year when



board members ride the Prize Patrol bus to surprise the winning educators with fanfare that includes cheerleaders, a drum line, and huge checks! The excitement of the students and the tears of joy from the teachers are the culmination of the community's generosity and all the hard work the board members have put in throughout the year. I speak for the entire board when I say there could be no better return on our investment!

Through these grants our students will learn a myriad of skills—such as how to operate like doctors and how to build like engineers. Advanced biometric software will teach special needs students how to self-regulate their breathing and calm themselves through the use of a video game that monitors their physical responses. This year's grants will impact more than 90 teachers and benefit over 5,000 students.

None of this would be possible without the generous contributions from our donors. We invite you to join in our mission to raise the bar in education here in LISD and to produce the sharpest graduates in the state. You can partner with us by donating online at www.lufkineducationfoundation.org. Together, we can make an indelible mark that benefits our community for generations to come!

Sincerest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Buchanan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Heather Buchanan, President

meet our new president

Tara Watson-Watkins

On behalf of the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation, I would like to thank you for making 2016 another successful year. Due to your generosity, this past December we were able to distribute numerous innovative teaching grants, which benefited all of the schools in the Lufkin school district. We could not have achieved this without the hard work of the volunteers who donate their time to the foundation, and the generous financial support from organizations, local businesses and individuals. Your dedication to helping our students pursue their dreams and aspirations is to be commended.

The Lufkin ISD Education Foundation plays a critical role in funding the educational experience of the students within our school district. By fostering and enhancing the partnerships between our community and the school district, we are able to support educational programs that would otherwise not receive funding through traditional sources. We strive to close the gap between budgetary challenges and the needs of our students in an increasingly competitive world.

As parents, teachers, administrators and community members, we want the schools in Lufkin to be the best. Countless studies show that student achievement is highest when there are strong partnerships between families, schools, and communities. The Lufkin ISD Education Foundation works very hard to grow these partnerships. I encourage you to join our board in supporting these efforts! We have a dedicated group of new and returning board members this year, and we are working on new ideas to get the community involved. We are thrilled to have hired a new Executive Director,

Vickie Evans, long time educator and dream maker. She will begin her new position with the Foundation in June and we are excited to see her take this already successful organization to new heights. I love that she wants the kids to be competitive, not only while they are in school, but competitive when they enter the workforce. We know that through these educational experiences we are helping this dream become a reality.

Let's keep the momentum growing! You may partner with us by giving to the annual campaign, contributing a matching gift or donating in honor or in memory of a favorite teacher, friend or family member. Your tax-deductible donation will help us continue to provide a rewarding educational experience in our schools for many years to come.



With warmest regards,

Tara Watson-Watkins

Tara Watson-Watkins



Incoming Lufkin ISD Foundation President, Tara Watson-Watkins presents Heather Buchanan, outgoing President with an engraved plaque honoring her leadership as the Foundation's 2016 president.



LISD Education Foundation Presidents, Heather Buchanan and Tara Watson-Watkins pose with the Education Foundation's wall plaque which will feature each of the Foundation's presidents' names and their years of service.



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 non-profit, 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.*

investment in education

The Foundation's achievements were possible because of our community's commitment to investing in education in an effort to produce the highest number of quality students. To accomplish this goal, the Foundation:

- *Established an Endowment Fund to assure the financial security of the Foundation.*
- *Awarded grants totaling more than \$87,000 to LISD teachers and campuses in 2014, 2015, and 2016.*

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ON THE COVER

Tyane Dietz, Vice President of Programs, presents a check to Gustavo Monsante, teacher at Coston Elementary. This grant for the "Ultimate Guitar Club" is designed to improve academic performance through an introduction to musical instruments.

Lisa Crow Photographer
Lufkin Education Foundation
Board Member

investment in education

by the numbers

\$37.088

AWARDED IN INNOVATIVE
TEACHING GRANTS

INNOVATIVE
TEACHING
GRANTS
AWARDED

5,000+
ESTIMATED
TOTAL NUMBER
OF STUDENTS IMPACTED

91

TEACHERS'
DREAMS
HAVE BEEN
LAUNCHED

CAMPUSES NOW
HAVE FUNDS FOR
IMPLEMENTATION
OF GRANT(S)

our donors

Platinum ~ \$10,000 and above

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP
First Bank & Trust East Texas Open at Crown Colony Country Club

Gold ~ \$5,000 - \$9,999

Brookshire Brothers Charitable Foundation

Silver ~ \$2,000 - \$4,999

Dr. Robert Kistler, In and Out Clinic

Bronze ~ \$1,000 - \$1,999

Dr. Sally Muhlbach, Audiological Services
Dr. Ravinder and Mrs. Aruna Bachireddy Family Fund
Dr. Lenin Pinnamaneni and Dr. Kavitha Pinnamaneni
The Stafford Family
Drs. Suhasini and Bhagvan Malladi
MSGPR
Ellen Temple
Susan and Doug Ashburn

Legacy ~ \$500 - \$999

Ricky and Kristi Gay
Brenda Elliott
East Texas Professional Credit Union
Anonymous
Drs. David and Terri Todd
Jane D. Ainsworth

Benefactor ~ \$250 - \$499

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Drs. Amol and Prathiba Deshpande
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Sunil Cherry, MD, Neurodiagnostic Center of Lufkin
Marianna and Rufus Duncan

Friend ~ \$100 - \$249

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Manning
Doug and Lynn Smith
Billy and Alys Ray
Scott and Erika Neill
Kendall Gay
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown
Linda Sparks
Chris and Anita Caraway

Supporter ~ \$50 - \$99

Cathy and Meb Todd

grant celebration day

"It was without a doubt, one of the best volunteer experiences I've ever had," stated Education Foundation board member Joe Rich, Jr. This sentiment was echoed by many other board members who climbed aboard the Prize Patrol Bus to surprise the recipients of 2016 innovative teaching grants. Thirteen grants totaling \$37,088 were awarded on eleven different campuses. The awarded grants represented 91 teachers, and over 5,000 students.

The day began at the Lufkin ISD Bus Barn as board members, cheerleaders, and members of the drum line met to board the bus. The group then traveled from campus to campus, surprising educators in the classroom, on the playground, and in the gymnasium. Oversized checks were presented to each recipient as the sound of excitement filled the air.

The grants awarded represented a variety of educational tools. Some will be used to encourage physical activity, while others will foster creativity. From a rock climbing

wall to the use of musical instruments, students will be inspired to excel mentally, physically, and emotionally. In addition, students and educators will be able to "think outside the box" in an outdoor classroom or in a classroom with alternative seating design options. With the focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics, several grants will equip students with tools to enhance their skills in these areas using a collection of shared tools.

Grant Celebration Day is the culmination of many months of research on the part of teachers and the Education Foundation. Teachers apply for grants at the beginning of the year. The grants are then evaluated by a selection committee of retired teachers, district representatives, and Foundation board members. "We are blessed with some of the brightest and best educators in the state," stated Tyane Dietz, VP of Development. "It is an honor to award these grants, and we can't wait to see them implemented."



2016 grants awarded



Limitless Innovation Science Department

Erin Kay, Suzanne Kouts, Amanda Kingsley,
Truitt Eubank, June McAdams, Lacey Crawford,
Jessica Cantrell, Christy Fox, Gretchen Minor,
Jacob Ford, Sara DePaepe
\$5,000.00 • Lufkin High School

The Texas Instruments Innovator Hub provides opportunities for students to collaborate and make relevant connections to many academic content areas for increased mastery and retention. It is the latest addition to a line of products already in place at LISD, and bridges gaps between content coursework and the College and Career Readiness Standards by addressing procedural and technical fluency, scientific method and reasoning, and cross-curricular relevance. It allows teachers and students to enrich the learning across math and science and to address deficiency in procedural fluency, preparing them for the next century.

Alternative Seating Redesign Will Make Our Students Shine!

Kelly Adams-Williams, Kori Estrada,
Melia Hunter, Pam McGilvra, Katie Yeary
\$4,979.15 • Trout Primary

This research-based classroom redesign incorporates alternative seating options for students who are active, and those with ADHD and ADD. For second graders at Trout Primary, it will provide a classroom environment that enables every student to become a successful student, regardless of learning style, special needs, or activity level by providing a selection of alternative seating options. Some of the alternative options include Hokki Stools/Balance Balls, folding desks, bouncy bands, balance cushions, and standing desk extenders. Physical activity has been linked to higher academic performance, better health, and improved behavior.



2016 grants awarded



Outdoor Classroom

Megan Frederick, Jacqueline Grubb,
YaShema Richards, Keisha Bryan, Jessica Sheppard,
Samantha Peters, Kellie Preston, Lindsey Jacobs
\$2,096.56 • Trout Primary

An outdoor classroom enlivens learning, supports big ideas, emphasizes new concepts and vocabulary, increases motivation, and allows for student-centered involvement that promotes authentic learning for natural and social sciences. The outdoor classroom would provide opportunities for kindergarten through second grade students to observe, record and graph weather, thus making daily connections to the natural environment. It also allows them to implement recycling projects, and utilize scientific tools such as magnifying glasses, scales, and measurements to classify objects found in nature.

Full STEAM Ahead with MakerSpace

Rebecca Tucker, Kathy Goehring,
Sarah Dixon, Jamie Mahan, Caitlin Marshall,
Connie Shriver, Ann Goff, Lori Bennett
\$2,719.57 • Dunbar Primary

MakerSpace is a world-wide movement that encourages individuals and institutions to provide a space for their community to design, prototype, and create works using a collection of shared tools. This grant will give students at Dunbar the freedom to discover what interests them, independently problem solve, and learn about the design and engineering process through explorative "making." This program will inspire and invoke passions for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) related pursuits now and in the future.



2016 grants awarded



Rock Climbing Wall

Amanda Malone, Katy Swift
\$3,890.00 • Trout Primary

Utilizing a climbing wall, Kindergarten through Second grade students will achieve better overall physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development. It will also improve aspects of personal health and well-being that all students must learn to become productive and positive students in school, and in our community. The Rock Climbing Wall is a beneficial activity that will stimulate the physical and emotional development skills of students, while also providing opportunities for cross-curricular programming including music and counseling services.

Mobile Maker Faire: Tinkering with Technology

Vada Hughes, Suzy Jungmann, Julie McManus,
Truitt Eubank, Ryan Cantrell
\$4,547.95 • Lufkin High School

This grant will enable elementary students to participate in a "Maker Faire" – a festival of invention, creativity, innovation, and experimentation across the spectrum of STEAM. Through involvement in this project, high school students will critically curate a variety of resources using digital engineering tools to construct knowledge, produce creative artifacts, and make meaningful learning experiences for themselves and others. Students will also use a variety of technologies within a design process to identify and solve problems by creating new, useful, or imaginative solutions.



2016 grants awarded



Surgery is Suite

Teresa Roe, Cinda Taylor
\$1,256.00 • Brandon Elementary

"Surgery is Suite" is a one of a kind project for our district and area that introduces the medical profession to fifth grade students. The program allows students to "walk in the shoes" of a medical professional performing biopsies and sutures. This project will inspire young minds and provide exposure to the medical field through the classic "operation" game, teach them the different types of biopsies, and how to tie a surgical knot. Guest speakers from the medical community will also visit the classroom. Finally, students will create their own "Operation" game using their knowledge of electricity and the careers of pathology, surgery, and emergency medicine.

Plyo Play Circuit *Stimulating the Mind/Body* *Connection through Movement*

Amber Barnett
\$1,572.25 • Coston Elementary

The Plyo Play Circuit allows students to progress through a workout that is specifically designed to enhance their motor skills, improve balance and speed, and overall body health. Plyometrics is an exercise that students can continue to use throughout their lives. While encouraging physical activity, all students at Coston Elementary will use the circuit to practice specific TEKS related to math and science.



2016 grants awarded



Get on the Move with Learning

Jana Richardson, Lyndsey Acosta,
Courtney Huval, Lauren Henderson,
Aimee Weber, Angela Bennett, Allyson Dunn
\$3,438.84 • Herty Primary

Each year, students have difficulty staying on task while seated at their desks. Research has proven that the use of stability balls, standing desks, and movement seats help students become more focused and attentive. Each second grade classroom at Herty Primary will be equipped with these learning tools thus improving students learning and productivity. Sitting on a stability ball instead of a traditional chair has been proven to help children improve focus and engage muscles that stimulate the brain.

Ultimate Guitar Club

Gustavo Monsante, Kathy Jost
\$2,110.00 • Coston Elementary

Studies have shown that guitar lessons for children improve academic, physical, and social skills while also boosting self-esteem, discipline, and patience. However, many times students cannot afford to purchase the necessary instrument or pay for lessons. Through playing the guitar, students will learn to connect reading, math, science, and writing concepts. Fourth and fifth grade students will be introduced to beginning level guitar holding, tuning, and playing the instrument. Students will also learn to use creativity by creating a chord progression and writing their own songs.



2016 grants awarded



Drum Fit

Laura Yuja, Kaye Slover, Alison Ishmael
\$3,619.77 • Burley Primary

Drum Fit focuses on the physical, mental, social, and emotional growth of each student, while providing opportunities for cross-curricular programming. Exercise balls, buckets, and rhythm sticks will be used on the Burley campus to promote lifelong fitness habits among all students. Drum Fit introduces a unique way for students to become more active, build confidence, and develop leadership skills.

Steaming Lego

Elli Williams
\$407.73 • Kurth Primary

Through the use of LEGO sets, students will use manipulatives in multiple subjects to give them a hands-on approach to learning. Kindergarten students will use these tools to focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) and incorporate them into everyday experiences in the classroom. By creating a classroom of learners who use math and science on a daily basis, it will enhance problem solving skills and encourage creativity.



Alive

Self Regulation through Biofeedback

Tonya Turnage, Jana Richardson
\$1,450.00 • Herty Primary

With the purchase of two self-guided Biofeedback software programs, kindergarten through second grade students at Herty Primary will learn coping skills for anxiety, anger, and aggression. Students use this software during stressful times to relax and calm their breathing. Breathing techniques learned will help students develop coping mechanisms to be used in everyday situations.

high 5 club

INSPIRE.

LISD Staff and Teacher Convocation Signing up to be “INSPIRED”

Now in its third year, the LISD staff and teachers enrolled in the High 5 Club in astounding numbers, each year surpassing the previous years' enrollment. This support enables us to unite in large numbers for the sole purpose of “building a stronger academic foundation for our students.” Staff and teachers donated \$5 per pay period, or made a one-time donation of \$60 and were given an “Inspire” shirt to be worn each week. The shirt featured numerous verbs to describe our faculty, but the word “INSPIRE” was prominent, as we feel they inspire our students, each and every day.

LISD employees donated \$41,800 through Convocation, exceeding last year's contribution. Thank you to all of the LISD employees for your participation in the High 5 Club. Together, we are making a difference in the education and lives of our students.



Abner, Autumn Rene
Abney, Brandy R.
Acevedo, Norma H.
Acker, Rebecca A.
Acosta, Lyndsey Gabrielle
Adair, Teresa Michelle
Adams, Casey Oates
Adams, Catherine Justine
Adams, Ima Vineyard
Adams, Kasandra Allen
Adams, Sheila Marlo
Adjankara, Marlo Yvette
Aguilar, Amanda Gail
Aguilar, Bethaney Joy
Aguilar, Juan Carlos
Aguilar, Teresa H.
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Alger, Thomas Bryce
Allen, Carlye Rebecca
Allen, Dorothy D.
Allen, Juli Diane
Allen, Robin M.
Allen, Shellie Carol
Alvarado, Armandina F.
Alvarez Santoyo, Jessica C.
Alverson, Jeanne Y.
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Anderson, Amy K.
Anderson, Donna C.
Anders, Elizabeth A.
Anderson, Sharlene
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Armstrong, Joy Nell
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Ashworth, Jacobly Ryan
Aten, Lori D.
Bailey, Deitra Vachell
Barnett, Amber Kay
Barnes, Camiyla La Jerica
Barnett, Jessica Cne'
Barnes, Kaneesha Meschelle
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Barrett, Jessica
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Bate, Janet A.
Beaman, Hannah Marie
Beaudion, Amy Denise
Belcher, Phyllis
Bell, Yolanda Jones
Bennett, Amy Elizabeth
Bennett, Angela Kay
Bennett, Benita Ann
Bennett, Gina A.

Bennett, Jennifer Christine
Bennett, Lori Ann
Bentley, Kamron Raen
Benton, Rashundra Larae
Bergman, Julie B.
Bickley, Dana M.
Blanton, Reavie J.
Boles, Darla K.
Boudreaux, Tiffany Dawn
Bourlon, Gina F.
Bowers, Kay Spears
Bowman, Melinda M.
Brevard, Kayla Danette
Bridges, James Reginald
Bristow, Catherine B.
Bristow, Stephen Doyle
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Brown, Lori Allison
Brown, Taleah Shardae
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Bryan, Veronica Bragg
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Chavez, Maria E.
Chavez, Maria Louisa
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Chesser, Sherrie June
Chinn, Eleanor Deaundra
Clark, Danielle Leigh
Clark Jr, Kenneth Duane
Clark, Linda Louise

Cole, Amelia Yvette
Cole, Judy G.
Coleman, Lamona O'kema
Colley, Virginia Pearl
Collins, Katherine J.
Concha, Asucena
Conley, Nancy Carson
Conner, Cheryl Denise
Conway, Jennifer K.
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Cook, Sharon L.
Copenhaver, Juliana
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Crager, Jessica Darlene
Crager, John M.
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Crew, Brittany Nicole
Criner, Barbara G.
Crocker, Callie Tatum
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Cruz Ovalle, Karla M.
Cuellar, Maria Del Carmen
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Flowers, Rebecca Lucas
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Foley, Kelley Brashear
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Fulbright, Jannifer L.
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Fullerton, Carman Ann
Fuller, Elizabeth A.
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Gamboa, Evita Santana
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Garcia, Crystal W.
Garcia, Dalia Mireya
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Garcia, Sara Esther
Garcia, Summer Leigh
Gardiner, Delisa K.
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Gipson, Kimberly D.
Gleen, Tamesha Yvett
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Goetzman, Kerri Elizabeth
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Green, Regena D.
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Grimes, Shekeitha Shonta
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Lewis, Cynthia A.
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innovative grant update

Microscopy: The Digital Age

In 2015, a grant for \$5,000 was funded for the Science Department at Lufkin High School. With this grant, students are able to transfer laboratory learning using classroom microscopes and convert the image into digital and video segments.

Moticam digital microscope cameras capture color images and short video clips of microscopic specimens that previously had to be hand drawn by students. With the Moticam, students can download a free app and collect images. Once the images are in the app they can be shared with other students without limitation.

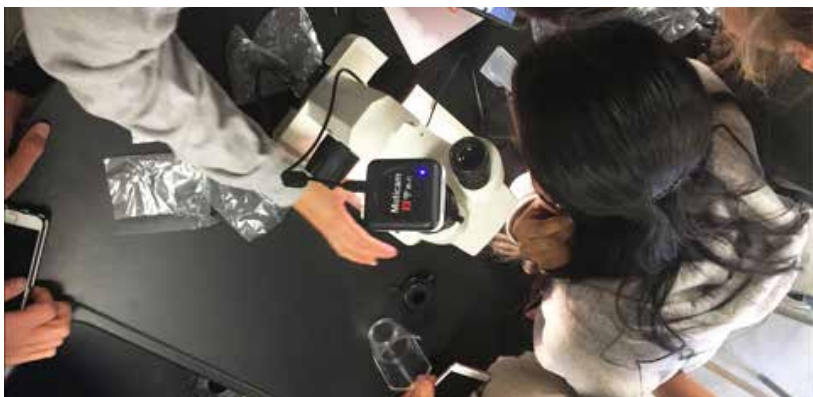
Students are no longer spending valuable class time attempting to sketch the specimen needed. They are able to utilize their time in collaborative discussions about their observations. The ability to utilize this process provides students a plethora of real-time images to identify, study, and classify organisms with more clarity and precision.

Students have found great value in being able to keep the images on their personal devices because it does not limit the specimen studies to school hours. Once the image is stored on the personal device it does not require Wi-Fi or a cellular data plan to access the images.

The Moticam has changed the way students are able to view and analyze microscopic specimens. Students have praised this technological advancement as “time saving” and “fun, because it helps more than hand sketched drawings”.

Thank you Education Foundation for funding this grant to provide students 21st century learning skills, technological advances in science, and increasing engagement in our science classrooms.

by Erin Kay, LHS Science Instructor



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Honoring Students and their Educators of Influence



In May, 2016, the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation recognized the top 20 LISD graduates at the 3rd annual Panthers of Prestige Banquet. Also honored were the outstanding educators who were chosen by each student as having made a significant impact on their educational experience. Medals were awarded to each student while they also received certificates acknowledging their academic achievement. The banquet was held at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center, and was attended by over 400 student families, LISD personnel, and members of the local community.



This class of graduates will represent LISD at many higher institutions of learning including the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brigham Young University, Texas Christian University, Trinity University, Rice University, Fashion Institute of Technology New York, and Minerva Schools at KGI.

Luke Rowley, one of the top 20 graduates, honored his second grade teacher, Mrs. Jamie Mahan. "She was my teacher many years ago, but I will always remember the impact she had on me," stated Luke. Another top 20 graduate, Hannah Young, recognized her father, educator David Young. She quoted the lyrics from "For Good," saying "Because I knew you, I've been changed for good."

The banquet was once again generously sponsored by Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP. In addition, there were many table sponsors and in-kind donors who contributed to the evening's success. "What an honor to recognize these students and their educators of influence," said board member Becca Chance. "This is a culmination of many years of hard work, and now it is time to reap the rewards."

If you would like to serve as a sponsor for this event, please visit our Ways to Donate page.

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Honoring Students and their Educators of Influence



Top 20 students, front row, left to right: Elisabeth Alvis, DeAndra Cavazos, Paige Coleman, Diana Dunman, Morgan Evans, Daniel G. Gonzalez Cunningham, MaiChi Jenae Hyde, Marilyn James, Reagan Jordan, and Benjamin Osgood. Second row, left to right: Kenneth Poskey, Luke Rowley, Alyson Riley, Corrine Rudis, Erika Sloan, Jessica Todd, Monica Vegiraju, Jackson Vier, Kyle Wiggers, and Hannah Young.



Top 20 students pictured with their Educators of Influence are: Julie McManus, Tim Krause, Sarah Porter, Marcy Weibe, Mark Keith, Robyn Segrest, Sean Dupre', Truitt Eubank, Mary Gail McCarty, Sadale Lamb, Callie Crocker, Bruce Runnels, Jamie Mahan, Denise Davis, Danny Eubanks, Bret Lockhart, Alison Hillis, Zoie Lovejoy, Janice Holcomb, and David Young.

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FIRST BANK AND TRUST EAST TEXAS AND ADAMS PRO GOLF TOUR TEAM UP TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE LISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION



First Bank & Trust's Jay Shands, front right, presents a check to Mark Walker, front left, for winning the Adams Pro Golf Tour First Bank & Trust East Texas Open Saturday at Crown Colony. Congratulating Walker, back row from left, are Ben Burns, Lin Lentz, Kris Neal and Steve Tucker. Walker finished at 10-under par to win the second edition of the event.

The second annual First Bank and Trust East Texas Open was held in July at Crown Colony Country Club. The tournament was also sponsored by the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The field of 119 players for the 2016 tournament included local players Sam Fidone, Will Griffin, Tyler Dunbar and Wesley McClain. "What the Education Foundation and Adams Tour have brought to our community is amazing," stated Sam Fidone. "Playing a professional tournament at my home course in front of friends and family while benefitting such a great cause, is a win-win."

In addition to the two major underwriters, other businesses and individuals also helped sponsor the tournament. Education Foundation board members volunteered at the tournament in a variety of ways by providing water stations, and serving as ball spotters and live scorers. "It was a great volunteer experience and we were able to watch some incredible golfers," said board member Scott Neill.

Through the generous support of incredible sponsors and individuals, the First Bank and Trust Adams Pro Golf Tournament has now raised \$20,000 to benefit the Education Foundation in the first two years. "We are very proud that we have been able to bring professional golf back to Lufkin and Crown Colony after an absence for many years," stated Lin Lentz, General Manager of Crown Colony. "In addition to raising funds for the Education Foundation, hosting a sporting event of this caliber brings a significant economic impact to our community." The 2017 tournament will be held July 10-14. For more information, please contact Lin Lentz at Crown Colony Country Club.



from their perspective

grant recipients tell their story

Teresa Roe

School: Brandon Elementary

Number of years teaching: 27 years

Number of Grants Received: 3

Number of Students Impacted: 550+



What was your project inspiration?

Students need problem solving skills to become productive members of our society. Understanding how the world and its many “parts” work is vital to our students. I want to guide them through science content so that they will be able to utilize it throughout their lives. Students need to be able to experience science, not just read about it. Hands-on science is expensive, but the payoffs are huge!

What is the impact for the school and the community?

Our students have been able to learn about new technologies and use them to build solar powered cars. We have learned what earthquakes could be like and how to prepare for them, even though we are not located in an area where earthquakes commonly occur. They will soon learn what pathologists and surgeons do in a non-scary environment, by using

games, Jello, and fruit. The impact to our community will be evident as these students grow into adults. They will be our future engineers, inventors, and medical professionals.

How has it impacted you personally and professionally?

The grants have provided me the opportunity to dream “BIG”. Money for new and innovative activities is difficult to acquire. Our world is rapidly changing, and educators often find it very difficult to keep up with the advances in technology and information. The grants have allowed me to reach students in ways I could not have previously. It is challenging to develop a concept for, to write, and to implement, yet it is incredibly rewarding when you see a difficult concept making absolute sense to the students. They “get it”! That is truly exciting.

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from their perspective

grant recipients tell their story

Laura Yuja

School: Burley Primary

Number of years teaching: 2 years

Number of Grants Received: 2

Number of Students Impacted: 440+



What was your project inspiration?

Coach Abby Goff at Anderson inspired me. She held a PE work day at Anderson and introduced us to Drum Fit. The second I played it , I knew I had to have it for my kids.

What is the impact for the school and the community?

It shows my students that there are many different ways to be physically active, and the importance of remaining physically active throughout their lives.

How has it impacted you personally and professionally?

I hope that I am making a difference with my students and the Lufkin PE program.

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from their perspective

grant recipients tell their story

Gustavo Monsante

School: Coston Elementary

Number of years teaching: 3 years

Number of Grants Received: 3

Number of Students Impacted: 340+



What was your project inspiration?

My passion to take care of the environment, and my love of creating and inspiring others.

What is the impact for the school and the community?

Preservation Restoration Club & PRC Plus offers students an opportunity to learn responsibility, teamwork, and leadership. The community has benefitted from this as well through the addition of garden beds at a local church and a painted wall. It has also enhanced my classroom and created multiple functions of learning inside and outside the classroom. We are also capturing water and growing tomato seedlings which has inspired many other enhancements like an outdoor garden/classroom. The club also received a 1st place award from KEEPTexas BEAUTIFUL, for Best Elementary School Community Project (2015-2016).

Ultimate Guitar Club - Students' creativity will be enhanced through the process of learning to write their own music, learning to play a new instrument, and also speaking and singing on stage with a microphone. The school will also gain a sound system that will be utilized during other events and school functions.

How has it impacted you personally and professionally?

It has challenged me as a teacher, a leader, and a team player. I have learned that it is not easy to do things alone, and that if I have a dream, it is to help students be better students. The funding has helped students be better leaders and focused learners. It has also given me tools to use in my classroom and my students' interests and resources have increased.

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from their perspective

grant recipients tell their story

Elli Williams

School: Kurth Primary

Number of years teaching: 11 years

Number of Grants Received: 2

Number of Students Impacted: 20+



What was your project inspiration?

I have been wanting to integrate more project-based learning activities into my kindergarten classroom. I currently have one small LEGO set and any time I bring it out, the students go crazy. The small set I had only allowed a few students to work together at one time. They would normally run out of pieces before they could complete their project. I wanted more LEGO sets in order to ignite excitement in various STEM activities in my classroom and allow my whole class to be working on various projects at one time.

What is the impact for the school and the community?

My campus will benefit from this grant by having these large LEGO sets to borrow if they choose to create a lesson that requires these STEM building

materials. It will also help the community by sparking an interest in STEM subjects while they are still young, in hopes that they will grow up to become scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and other professionals in our community.

How has it impacted you personally and professionally?

I am excited to see what I can do to excite my students in expanding their knowledge and skills. I enjoy watching my students try new things and I feel that this grant will allow me to add more innovative and engaging lessons in my classroom.

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ENRICH.

Representatives from the Brookshire Brothers Charitable Foundation presented a donation to members of the Education Foundation board. Funds raised through their annual golf tournament enable donations to many worthy organizations throughout the state.

ENGAGE.



Sally Mulbach, AuD, Audiological Services, presents a check to the Education Foundation board. This check represents \$1 for each wellness hearing exam performed by Dr. Muhlbach.



EMPOWER.

Representatives from the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP present a check to the Education Foundation board. For the past two years, the firm has graciously underwritten the Panthers of Prestige banquet.

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2016 Financial Summary Annual Report Lufkin ISD Education Foundation

■ GENERAL OPERATIONS FUND INCOME

Contributions	\$ 72,220
Academic Banquet, net*	\$ 16,125
Total Income	\$ 88,345

■ EXPENSES

Insurance	\$ 474
Website/Social Media	\$ 2,280
Printing, Supplies, Postage, Misc	\$ 4,749
Accounting Fees	\$ 1,000
Teacher T-Shirts**	\$ 5,249
Total Expenses	\$ 13,752

■ NET GENERAL FUND INCOME \$ 74,593

Less:

Teacher Grants	\$ 37,088
Endowment Fund Transfer	\$ 20,000

■ NET GENERAL OPERATIONS FUND \$ 17,505

*In May 2016, the Foundation honored the top 20 graduating seniors and their Teachers of Influence at the Panthers of Prestige Academic Banquet. Funds of \$27,426 were raised from sponsorships and ticket sales. Our total expenses were \$11,301 for a net income of \$16,125.

** Lufkin ISD teachers donating \$60 to the Foundation are provided a Foundation T-Shirt.

ways to donate

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There are a number of ways to become a part of the Solution and help strengthen the education of Lufkin ISD students.

Lufkin ISD Education Foundation website sponsor (\$300/annually)

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Panthers of Prestige Academic Awards Banquet

- Underwriting opportunities (\$500 and up). Your name and/or your business name will be included in all media and marketing materials including the evening's program booklet.
- Table sponsorship (\$350/table). Your name and/or your business name will be featured on your reserved table, displayed on sponsorship boards, included in the evening's program booklet and on the Foundation's website.

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