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FOUNDATION

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CHANGE LIVES

HOW CAN I HELP?

Donating to the APS Foundation and the Programs it Funds is Easy.

You can donate directly at apseducationfoundation.org. Our online donation method is quick, secure and makes an immediate difference.

You can donate with ease through APSCents which allows you to give pennies, dimes and quarters with each transaction you make through your credit card. You can also help your favorite school. To learn more, go to apscents.com

Our Superintendent's Cup golf tournament is one of the biggest in New Mexico, with two full flights of golfers who agree that supporting public education through the Foundation is critical to our community's long-term health. You can sponsor a team, play as an individual, sponsor a hole or be one of our key tournament sponsors. Detailed information on player registration and sponsorships is available on our website.

Our newest event, the Gold Bar Gala, is a celebration of the best in APS' past, present and future. Held in the spring, the benefit dinner honors inductees to the district's Hall of Honor, as well as the Foundation's Selfless Seniors and our Best In Class recipients - teachers, administrators and schools that have had incredible success with our grants. In our first year, 430 attendees heard the stories of great educators giving students a look into the future.

And if that weren't enough, we're providing a way for you to leave a legacy for public education through a planned giving campaign.

More information is available on our website at apseducationfoundation.org.



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OUR CORE PRINCIPLES

We Believe in Our Students

We Believe in Our Teachers

We Believe in Kids and Families

We Believe Our Community Will Help Public Education

**We Believe Our Students Will Leave School Work-Ready,
College-Ready and Life-Ready**

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

Because we see it happen every day. That's why the Foundation works to raise private funding and enlist public support for the students of this district. We've been around since 1995 and our impact can be felt in individual classrooms and in large, school-wide projects.

We do amazing things with our community's help, often through generous donations that create change and momentum. We also connect our larger community to district and school leaders because we know that human capital is the most powerful agent of change.



The APS Education Foundation has been ranked in the top 15 of K-12 educational foundations for the past two years, regardless of district size, by the Carruthers Institute.

Our rankings exceed those of many larger communities.

IN 2016-17, THE FOUNDATION

- Awarded approximately \$534,000 in unrestricted funding to APS schools
- Funded more than 100 projects district-wide
- Reached 34,800 students

SINCE 2015-16, THE FOUNDATION HAS PLACED:

- More than \$1 million into APS classrooms through our direct-grant programs
- \$2.1 million into APS programs through funds we manage

And the best news is still to come. In 2017-18, we are budgeted to grant more than \$500,000 into classrooms and schools once again.

How do we do it? It's simple: Community support. Albuquerque's corporate partners - Intel, Wells Fargo, Nusenda Credit Union, Technology Integration Group, Sandia National Laboratories to name just a few - band together with small businesses such as Raylee Homes: A New Generation and Westwind Landscape Construction to make us a potent force in every-day learning.

IS THERE MORE?

Absolutely. The Foundation hosts fundraising events such as the Gold Bar Gala and the Superintendent's Cup. We also were the driving force behind the district's new Hall of Honor, a place where our community's best educators will be recognized for lifetime achievement. Our events help support our key focus areas and show off the great works of our students and teachers.

In addition, we are committed to helping humanitarian efforts sponsored by the district, including the APS Community Clothing Bank.



HOW DOES THE FOUNDATION HELP APS?



The Horizon Campaign is the Foundation's annual drive to raise money for a variety of grant programs that go directly to classrooms, schools and initiatives throughout the district. There is no one-size-fits-all granting process, just as there's no one-size-fits-all way to learn in a classroom. Each of the Foundation grants has unique criteria, and some may be targeted at specific levels of the educational process.

The Foundation has different grant cycles available to teachers and schools throughout the year including:



Horizon Awards

Classroom grants for literacy, fine arts, and STEM (science/technology/engineering/math) programs



Success Awards

Larger grants for academic projects



Achieve Awards

Grants supporting clubs and activities that keep students engaged



Varsity Awards

Grants that provide support for a key need as identified by students who are voting members of the Foundation's Board of Directors



Excellence Awards

Unexpected, unanticipated or unusual funding requests that don't fit in to the other award programs or occur outside the Foundation's grant windows

We also have specific partner-funded grants:



Guhl Literacy Awards

The Guhl Literacy Awards are awarded to elementary schools that have an innovative approach or idea to improving literacy on their campuses



Walmart Blue Sky Awards

The Walmart Blue Sky Award goes to a middle school school-wide program that improves school culture, increases student engagement and/or improves academic achievement

**BY PLACING \$534,000 INTO SCHOOLS AND CLASSROOMS
AND REACHING 34,800 KIDS IN JUST ONE YEAR!**



APS BY THE NUMBERS

Our students at a glance

Total Number of Students	86,068
Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-price Lunches	72%
English Language Learners	17%
Students with Disabilities	15%

Student ethnicity

Hispanic	67%
Anglo	21%
Native American	4%
African American	3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2%
Multiple Ethnicities	3%



OUR PARTNERSHIPS IN THE COMMUNITY MEAN EVERYTHING TO US.



**We are proud to have strong
ties with corporations
and entities like:**

Alliance Data	Sprint
Comcast	Technology
Intel	Integration
Pepsi	Group
RBC Capital	University of
Markets	Phoenix
Sandia National	Verizon
Laboratories	Wells Fargo

**We also take great pride in
local businesses who believe in
what we're doing.
Businesses such as:**

Anchor Built	RayLee Homes:
B&D Industries	A New Generation
Dion's	Southwest
French Funerals	Capital Bank
and Cremations	Sound and Signal
Hinkle Family	of New Mexico
Fun Center	Westwind
Nusenda	Landscape
	Construction

But we also are just as humbled by those individuals who give what they can.
Hundreds of APS employees and members of the community
contribute to the Foundation through the United Way campaign.

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CLUBS & ACTIVITIES HELP DRAW KIDS INTO SCHOOL AND KEEP THEM THERE.



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Achieve
Awards

When Manzano High School wanted to create a “bridge” program to help struggling eighth-graders get extra help as they moved into high school, the Foundation’s Achieve Awards helped make it happen.

When Albuquerque High’s burgeoning mariachi program needed extra uniforms to make certain the musicians looked their best, we came through.



When Lew Wallace Elementary asked for extra assistance to make its Native Arts Club more viable – boom! – kids got the help they needed.

Our Achieve Awards are all about kids – during school, after school, around-the-clock. We awarded more than \$100,000 throughout the district, making sure students were exposed to things that stir the imagination and make school something to cherish.



THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

The Foundation board awards grants of up to \$10,000 in the Achieve Awards grant program, and teachers throughout the district sing its praises.

"I watch kindergartners come to club and I see children who are Native, Latino, Anglo and African American walking down the hall arm-in-arm," wrote teacher Jennifer Baylee, whose Native Arts Club at Lew Wallace received \$550. "They hug, play and laugh together, and I feel that their connection is the most important reason for the club's existence. I want to say a heartfelt thank you for supporting their growing sense of community."

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Lowell

Barcelona

Armijo

Osuna

Seven Bar

East San Jose

Lew Wallace

Petroglyph

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Wilson

Cleveland

George I. Sanchez

Ernie Pyle

Hayes

Roosevelt

McKinley

Van Buren

Desert Ridge

Truman

HIGH SCHOOLS

Del Norte

Manzano

Rio Grande

Nex+Gen Academy

College and Career High

West Mesa

Sandia

Albuquerque High

Highland

"Thanks to the generous donation, McKinley was able to conduct after-school clubs, including soccer, a fitness club and art. Without the grant, McKinley would have only been able to have one after-school club. These

three after-school clubs had over 90 students sign up and an average daily attendance of 58 participants. Without the grant, these students would have lost out on the opportunities to bond with other students and be in a safe and friendly environment."

Joseph Cordova

*Teacher
McKinley Middle School*



HELP WHEN IT'S NEEDED MOST



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Excellence
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Our Board of Directors sets aside money to help schools and APS programs with emergency or chronic needs that can't be funded through traditional methods. The district's growing anti-truancy program was given its start by a Foundation Excellence Award. We've also funded the APS Community Clothing Bank and innovative programs at schools throughout the district.

In 2017, reacting to a critical funding gap, the Foundation helped the APS middle school sports program. We can't fill the hole completely, but we were in first - and challenged others in the community to help do their part to keep this program viable.

In addition, we were able to fund critical and emergency needs at places like La Cueva High School to help its biology and JROTC programs. We helped get the Del Norte High choir program to a key performance. When the autism-specific program at McCollum Elementary School needed iPad covers - a crucial need that saves equipment and money - we were there.



BOTTOM LINE?

**EXCELLENCE AWARDS
GIVE SCHOOLS AND KIDS HOPE
WHEN ALL OTHER OPTIONS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED.**

CLASSROOM BY CLASSROOM...



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Horizon
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The Foundation's Horizon Awards put teachers in the driver's seat.

For eight years, we've provided hundreds of classroom leaders with tools that allow them to innovate as they educate. Each year, teachers in STEM, literacy and fine arts classrooms submit proposals in a competitive process, with dozens receiving up to \$5,000 in funding.

Horizon starts at the grassroots level – classrooms. We've placed hundreds of thousands of dollars into classrooms in every part of the city.

The impact is immediate. We've helped build a STEAM Academy with virtual reality tools at Petroglyph Elementary. We've expanded math opportunities at Manzano High. We've created a 21st century news platform at Albuquerque High and helped kids at James Monroe Middle School become playwrights. We've helped students at Madison Middle School become better singers, improved the drama productions at Valley High and expanded the music library at Washington Middle School.



AND THE LIST GOES ON

In 2016-17, the Foundation provided funding for 40 different projects throughout APS, totaling nearly \$100,000.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Petroglyph
Collet Park
Hodgin
Osuna

Corrales
Rudolfo Anaya
Barcelona
Atrisco

Edward Gonzales
Comanche
Mary Ann Binford
Bandelier

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Garfield
John Adams
Madison
Lyndon B. Johnson

Desert Ridge
James Monroe
Hoover
Washington

Taft
Truman
Polk

HIGH SCHOOLS

Manzano
Albuquerque High
Sandia

Del Norte
Highland
Valley

Eldorado
Homebound Instruction

"The Horizon Award grants from the APS Education Foundation have been huge in allowing my middle school students to have access to experiences to which they would normally never have access. Through the support of the Horizon Awards Grants, my middle schoolers have developed an expertise in telling their stories through multiple media in a 21st century setting. I have been able to start programs that have become some of the most popular programs at my school. Without the APS Education Foundation, the instruction at my school may still be stuck in the 90s."

Dale Simpkins

**Drama Teacher
Hoover Middle School**



BIG NEEDS, MAJOR HELP



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Success Awards

"As the lucky recipient of APS Education Foundation's Success Grant, Truman Middle School has been using the award money to support our students in learning math in an after-school club called "Math Masters." Math Masters provides our students with a non-threatening, safe environment where they are able to practice their math skills as well as receive individualized support. We are diligently working to change our students' perception of math. We want to make it "fun" and accessible for them; this program has afforded us that opportunity!"

Michele Torres

Principal

Truman Middle School

Sometimes, you can help lots of people with targeted funding. That's what the Foundation's Success Awards are for: a big, school-wide hit of up to \$25,000. In 2016-17, one of the programs we supported was Truman Middle School's Math Masters effort – a major, school-wide mentoring and tutoring program aimed at getting kids to grade level. It's an incredibly important goal, because Truman serves more than 1,000 students at its sprawling West Side campus.



STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS



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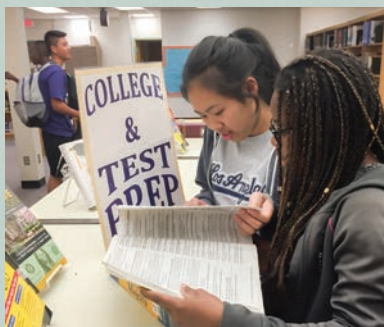
Varsity Awards

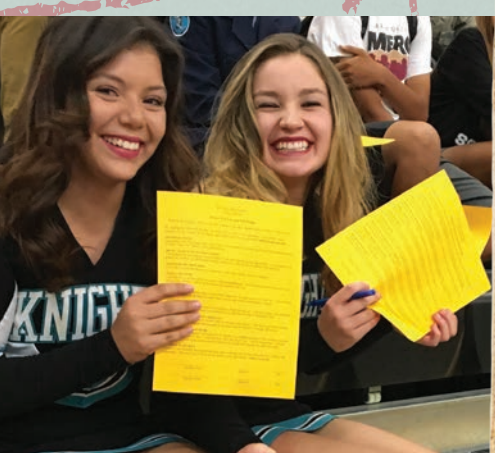
The APS Education Foundation has three student members who are voting members of the Board of Directors. Each year, we ask them to direct grant money to a key student need. In years past, they've helped direct funding to needs such as ACT/SAT prep materials, or difficult-to-finance college applications. In 2016-17, they decided upon helping the district's AVID program, which helps students with the potential to get to college realize that dream.

Educators will tell you that if you don't come from a family that's ever been to college, it's hard to conceptualize just how to get there. We tried to fix that with the Varsity Award, a \$23,000 grant that sent hundreds of APS students to colleges and universities in the area to learn just what post-secondary life is all about.

Students from throughout the district had the funds to visit the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State, Texas Tech and Fort Lewis, among others.

That's just one reason we're proud of our board - it includes students who understand student needs, and gaps in funding that create problems. By helping kids have a hands-on experience, our Varsity Award helps get kids to college.





"The support and the success of students is huge when the APS Education Foundation is involved. We were fortunate this school year to have a grant that our schools could use for field trips and that grant meant the world to our students, their parents and the teachers as they moved out to colleges and universities to see and experience college life. Many of our students would not be able to extend themselves to those lengths and it was a privilege and an opportunity that our high school students may never get again. This is one of the major events that high school AVID students use to choose their path."

Eva Vigil

*AVID District Director
Albuquerque Public Schools*

WHAT IS THE APS EDUCATION FOUNDATION?

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to improving education within Albuquerque Public Schools. The Foundation was created in 1995 and helps drive public awareness and private assistance to classrooms throughout the state's largest school district.

HOW CAN I HELP?

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