

The Royce Curtis Excellence in Education Endowed Scholarship Fund



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The Abilene Education Foundation is pleased to announce The Royce Curtis Excellence in Education Endowed Scholarship Fund. During their 20th class reunion, the Class of 1993 announced, to a very much surprised Royce Curtis, their involvement in the startup of the scholarship fund which will help future Eagles reach their goals of a college education. Royce served as the AHS principal for 14 years and as the AISD associate superintendent of personnel for seven years until retiring in 2010. His education career began as a teacher at Travis Elementary School, and he was the principal at Locust Elementary, Woodson Skill Center, Reagan Elementary, Valley View Elementary and Franklin Middle School. Many students from the Class of 1993 had Mr. Curtis as a principal beginning in the sixth grade at Franklin Middle School.

The \$25,000 endowment was established by AHS '93 graduate Bracken Kollé (who was also valedictorian of his class) and his wife, Joana.

There is a tremendous need for financial assistance for many of Abilene Independent School District's graduating seniors. Rising poverty levels, coupled with continuing escalation of tuition, room/board costs, books, student fees, transportation, etc., can make it difficult for many graduating Eagles to continue their education.

Royce Curtis was the principal of Abilene High School from 1989 until 2003. He possessed the Eagle spirit and a love for seeing his students succeed. This scholarship honors his legacy at Abilene High by awarding a deserving college-bound senior with a scholarship. The student must show motivation for success and involvement in Abilene High activities.

The first annual Royce Curtis Excellence in Education Endowed Scholarship was awarded May 2014 at the AHS Awards Assembly to Vanessa Ellis. In 2015 the award was granted to Kaitlyn Alcantar.

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson