

ADDITIONAL AEF PROGRAMS

The Abilene Education Foundation offers programs to enrich education in the Abilene Independent School District and to encourage and help AISD students to pursue a college education.

Young Masters Juried Art Exhibition provides an annual juried art exhibition at The Grace Museum for Advanced Placement Studio Art students to recognize and encourage outstanding artistic expression with a quality museum exhibition.

TLC (Teachers in the Limelight Celebration) honors the dedicated work of teachers in AISD with campus recognition, a formal dinner and a monetary award. A TLC teacher possesses integrity and a love for teaching that spills into the classroom. Awards are funded by the Edwin and Agnes Jennings Sr. Teaching Excellence Endowment.

COOL (College Offers Opportunities for Life) program places four full-time college advisors in Abilene ISD high schools to assist students who are first in their families to attend college with financial aid, college applications, scholarships and college tours. COOL also provides a college educational outreach to elementary and middle school students. To review the COOL Annual Report please visit: www.aaeff.org.

ACT (Achievement, Creativity and Technology) Grants respond to requests from AISD educators and non-profits for the purpose of improving achievement or rewarding academic achievement related to the education of AISD students.

*AEF supports many other programs within AISD including Pass for Success, Art Outreach (partnership with Grace Museum), Million Word Reader and so much more.
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A game changer is someone who completely changes the way a situation develops or creates a new way of thinking. By helping the students and teachers of AISD, you change the game in a significant and positive way.

2016/2017

STAR TEACHER GRANTS



BECAUSE OF YOU and your generous contributions to payroll deduction, AEF has at least 50,000 to give away in STAR Teacher Grants! Payroll Deduction contributions also include grants from the Mary Ann Polnick and Judy Dudley memorial funds. Mary Ann was a 35-year educator who spent 31 of those years within AISD. Mike Dudley in honor of his wife Judy, a longtime teacher at Fannin Elementary, will give a STAR Grant to a deserving teacher at Myra Martinez Elementary.

AEF raises money each year to honor outstanding AISD teachers with classroom and instructional grants. STAR (Supporting Teachers with Academic Resources) Teacher Grants are awarded in September of each year for classroom projects that support curriculum and enrichment activities. The STAR Teacher Grants are funded by the AISD Payroll Deduction Donation Campaign and matching funds from Kaye Price-Hawkins/Priceless Literacy and the Greathouse Foundation.

GIFT GRANTS

The Judy Dudley Memorial GIFT (Giving to First-time Teachers) Grant

is awarded to AISD employees who are teaching for the first time. Grant funds are for additional classroom materials to enhance those provided by the school district. Judy was a teacher at Fannin Elementary and understood the importance of creating an inviting classroom for children to learn and grow.

GIFT Grants are funded by Mike Dudley and **The Martha Scott Carlson Endowment Fund** held at Community Foundation of Abilene. Martha Scott Carlson, a retired teacher, provided the first donation to begin the GIFT Grant Program.

Martha Scott Carlson



Mike Dudley with new teachers.



AEF SCHOLARSHIPS



AEF Scholarships strive to reward deserving students of AISD with scholarships in an effort to make the transition from high school to college as seamless as possible and to avoid huge post-graduation debt. In 2016, AEF gave away \$45,950 in scholarships! Scholarships granted in 2016 include Abilene Education Foundation, AHS and CHS Alumni, Royce Curtis Excellence in Education, Donor Directed, Michelle Scott Memorial, Cougar Nation, Rising Phoenix, Johnny Ortega Jr. Memorial, Coach John McCabe Memorial, Citizens Bank of Abilene, Young Masters and The Meta Alice Keith Bratten Foundation.

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