



GRAND OPENING



MAIZE
EDUCATION
FOUNDATION

2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

It has been an incredible year for the Maize Education Foundation. We welcomed our very first Executive Director, introduced a new annual fundraising event, expanded existing programs, and created new programs to support educators and students in the Maize School District.

We know that we would not be able to accomplish so much in one year without your support - the generosity of our donors and sponsors, the dedication of our volunteers, and the tireless hours of all the educators and staff throughout the district. Thank you for being part of our education family and helping us in our mission to provide Maize students with the opportunities they need to find success.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Brungardt".

Brandon Brungardt
MEF Board of Directors
President, 2018-19

2018-2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Maize Education Foundation Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2018

Assets

Checking Account	\$18,701
Money Market Account	\$137,417
Money Market Restricted Funds	\$35,861
Total Assets	\$191,979

Liabilities (funds held on behalf of others)

Solar Initiative	\$0
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Net Assets

Unrestricted Funds	\$156,118
Restricted Funds	\$35,861
Total Net Assets	\$191,979

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$191,979**

*unaudited





STUDENT ENRICHMENT GRANTS

FUNDING STUDENT GROWTH

The Maize Education Foundation strives to support opportunities that encourage Maize students to find their own versions of success and to become responsible, civically engaged young adults.

Students in grades 7-12 can apply for a grant of up to \$500 to help cover the costs associated with enrichment activities like leadership seminars, expeditions, educational camps, national competitions, and more.

This year, we worked more closely with school administrators, counselors, teachers, and parent organizations to increase awareness of the program among eligible students. We saw the number of applications increase from 8-10 per semester to a total of 24 applications in the spring of 2019.

We are proud to have awarded 21 grants totaling \$9,310 in the 2018-19 school year, which helped students attend VEX World Robotics competition, Gonzaga Debate Institute, Space Camp, National Journalism Convention, Boys State, and more wonderful enrichment experiences.

EMBRACING NEW CHALLENGE

Many public school foundations award what are called Classroom Grants or Teacher Grants. Until the 2018-19 school year, our foundation was no different. However, this year, we chose to evolve the program and, along with that, change the name to Challenge Grants.

We believe that every employee - even those who are not in the classroom - have innovative ideas that could support Maize students on their educational journey. By removing “classroom” and “teacher” from the program name, we are inviting all district staff to apply for grant funding for their ideas.

We also introduced 3 new phases to the application process: Abstract, Review, and Feedback. Educators now submit a proposal summary that district leaders can review. This review process allows us to provide helpful feedback and guidance to the educator who then applies it to their formal application.

The new process proved successful in a number of ways - by allowing us to redirect applicants to work together or to find funding through their individual buildings. The process also helped one Maize Elementary School educator revise her application for a new STEAM program in a way that led to more than \$11,000 in grant funding.

MEF awarded 6 Challenge Grants totaling \$35,063 last year. To see a full list of our 2018-2019 Challenge Grant recipients, please visit www.maizeeducationfoundation.org/challenge-grants.



RECOGNIZING DEDICATED STAFF

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS



Each year, district and building leaders honor individuals throughout the district for the amazing work they do for the district and its mission of **connecting, learning, and leading**.

These individuals are nominated by their peers, and the Maize Education Foundation is proud to join the district in recognizing these individuals by presenting each winner with a \$25 award as a way to thank them for their dedication to helping Maize students succeed.

MEF awarded \$575 in 2018-19 to honor the 23 winners of the Celebrating Excellence in Education Awards recognizing both Licensed and Support Staff throughout the Maize School District.

SCHOLARSHIPS

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Maize Education Foundation continues the support of graduating Maize USD 266 students by offering a number of scholarships each year.

During the 2018-19 school year, the Foundation maintained two memorial scholarship funds and awarded a total of \$4,000 in scholarships.

The **Shelley Woodard Poynter Memorial Scholarships** are offered to Maize USD 266 seniors in memory of Shelley Woodard Poynter, a graduate of Maize High School and Maize teacher and coach, who lost a hard-fought battle with cancer after 13 years. One Maize High School and one Maize South High School senior received a \$500 scholarship each spring.

The **Kyle Thornburg Memorial Soccer and Art & Design Scholarships** are offered to Maize USD 266 seniors in memory of Maize High School graduate, Kyle Thornburg, whose life was taken by a drunk driver. Each year, \$1,000 is awarded to one graduating senior who participated in soccer. \$1,000 is also awarded to a graduating senior with plans to pursue a career in Art, Architecture, or other visual arts and design fields.

FOUNDATION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

The Maize Education Foundation Legacy Scholarship was created in 2019 and is awarded to graduating seniors who demonstrate the core values of the Foundation and have shown innovation and creativity in defining their version of success and a tenacious drive to achieve that success in spite of obstacles that may appear in their path.

Each year, the Foundation will award one \$500 scholarship to a graduating Maize High School student and one \$500 scholarship to a graduating Maize South High School student.

Scholarships are available to students who plan to pursue additional training and/or education in pursuit of their goals. Those plans may include college/university, technical/trade school and a variety of other training and certificate programs.

MEF CORE VALUES

The Maize Education Foundation's core values include dedication, perseverance, innovation, civic responsibility, passion, integrity, tenacity, and compassion.

2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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It is our belief that supporting students in defining and pursuing their individual versions of success is one of the greatest legacies we can leave for our community and one of the most important things we can do to build a better future.

In support of that belief, the Maize Education Foundation supports programs and opportunities that enhance the education and post-secondary preparation of students within the Maize School District, especially those opportunities that instill and inspire our core values in Maize students, who one day will become the stewards of our community. These core values include **dedication, perseverance, innovation, civic responsibility, passion, integrity, tenacity, and compassion.**

Our mission is to work with school and community leaders to pilot educational and enrichment programs, develop new curricula, and champion innovative and advanced experiential and project-based learning opportunities for all students.

It is our vision that Maize students will be the most prepared, the most competitive, and the most successful future students, employees, citizens, and leaders in the region upon graduating from the Maize School District.



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AUGUST 24, 2020 | REFLECTION RIDGE

10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Our 10th Annual Golf Tournament was a great success with nearly 30 teams and nearly 40 sponsors. We gave away some prizes and hosted our first Long Drive Contest, which saw a winning drive of 345 yards.

We are grateful to all of our sponsors and volunteers who helped us raise more than \$37,000!

INAUGURAL SPRING BREAKFAST

In the spring of 2019, the Foundation hosted its first Spring Breakfast Fundraiser at Abode in Wichita and brought together members of the Maize and Wichita area business and education communities.

Breakfast was prepared and served by the Maize Career Academy Culinary Arts students - just weeks before they competed in the national ProStart competition in Washington D.C. Maize broadcast students produced videos for the event that included a feature of the Complete High School Maize General Store at Reflection Ridge Retirement Community.

Thanks to the support of our incredible sponsors and volunteers, the inaugural event raised \$14,000.



APRIL 2, 2020 | BOTANICA WICHITA

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COMMUNITY OF GIVING



STAFF GIVING

We would argue that the staff in the Maize School District are the best in the state! But more than how simply a-Maize-ing they are, they are some of our biggest supporters.

All district staff have an opportunity to pledge a recurring gift that is deducted each pay period from their payroll checks. .

Staff contributed more than \$14,000 in the 2018-19 school year, which is more than any previous year.

We could not be more grateful and proud for that kind of support from our own educators!

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is a day of giving all over the globe. And this year, Heartland Credit Union pledged an incredible match of \$2,500 for every dollar raised during our first #GivingTuesday campaign.

Thanks to their support and our generous community, we were able to raise \$2,500 against the match for a total of \$5,000.

DONATE

Your donations help provide the Foundation with the funds it needs to maintain its operations while providing grants and supporting programs throughout the Maize School District.

Currently, Challenge Grants, Student Enrichment Grants, Legacy Scholarships, Student Workshops, and First Year Teacher Grants along with administrative costs constitute our areas of greatest need.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer support is critical to our mission. Not only do we need help putting on fundraising events, we need volunteers of every kind in the office, in the schools, and out in the community.

If you'd like to support the Foundation, but are not able to contribute financially, please let us know. You'd be surprised how you might be able to help.

SPONSOR

Consider sponsoring our Spring Breakfast Fundraiser and join the Wichita area business-education community for an energizing morning event. If you prefer the outdoors, sponsor our annual Charity Golf Tournament at Reflection Ridge. Various levels of sponsor opportunities are available for both events.

CORPORATE MATCHING

Employee matching programs are corporate giving programs in which the company matches donations made by employees to eligible nonprofit organizations. It's an easy way to double your contribution to us.

Contact your employer's HR or community giving department to find out if your donation is eligible for a company match.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

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