

"Education is simply the soul of society as it passes from one generation to another."

- G.K. Chesterton



The Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education 25^{TH} ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, March 15, 2018

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Honoring

Jarrett Stein

District Honoree

Woodhull Assistant Principal

Bob & Rich McKean

Community Honorees

Owners, Main Street Nursery





Huntington Union Free School District

"A Tradition of Excellence since 1657"

James W. Polansky

Superintendent of Schools

March 15, 2018

Dear Friends,

Please accept my sincerest gratitude for your support of the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE) and the Huntington School District. As I am sure you know, HFEE continues to work tirelessly in an effort to secure funding for a range of innovative resources and programs that benefit students at all grade levels in Huntington. Members clearly understand the importance of providing students with well-rounded educational experiences both within and beyond the classroom. The list of projects they have undertaken and items they have helped the district obtain is exhaustive.

Your attendance at this year's Gala is appreciated by Huntington students, staff, parents and community members alike. Tonight, we are very proud to honor Assistant Principal Jarrett Stein for his long-time commitment to the district and to Rich and Bob McKean from Main Street Nursery, who have given so much to the school and surrounding community through the years.

Thank you to those joining us this evening and additional thanks to HFEE Board for, once again, outdoing itself with this beautiful event and for 25 years of partnership with the Huntington School District!

Sincerely,

James Volancy

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PROGRAM

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Gala Chairperson



Dear Friends of the Huntington Community,

Welcome to the 25th Anniversary Gala of the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education! Thank you for supporting our mission of enhancing the education of every child. From humble beginnings 25 years ago when a concerned group of parent volunteers banded together to help raise money to support a district in austerity, today we celebrate the history and generosity of an incredible school community with over 1.1 million dollars in grants funded!

We gather together tonight to celebrate not only a milestone anniversary, but to honor three very special people in our district and community. Congratulations to Jarrett Stein and Bob and Rich McKean, all shining examples of selfless generosity!

I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to the amazing HFEE Board, Youth Board and volunteers. This team works tirelessly for the children of the Huntington School District and we are all so blessed by their dedication, and constant willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty as "volunteers".

Thank you also to all the administrators, teachers, aides, the Board of Education and of course our Superintendent Mr. James Polansky. Your support of what we do is critical to HFEE's success.

I'd also like to acknowledge all of the generous sponsors, donors and local businesses that have made this evening possible. We are so appreciative of your continued support!

Finally, so many people have left their indelible mark on our organization, whether it was a board member, honoree, volunteer, teacher, parent or student. Tonight is the culmination of all the years of generosity and support from everyone who has shared that same goal and vision for HFEE. We are honored that you have been a part of our success and legacy. We are forever grateful to you for your continued support as we look to the next 25 years and beyond!

With Gratitude,

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Alice Marie Rorke- President Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education

MENU



SALAD

Tri-color Lettuce with Port Wine Poached Pears, Toasted Pecans and Pear Glaze

DUET ENTRÉE

Grilled Sterling Silver Filet Mignon with Caramelized Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Tied Haricots Verts and Baby Carrots in Port Wine Demi-Glace

&

Pan Seared Chilean Sea Bass with Steamed Jasmine Rice and Citrus Fondue

DESSERT CAFE

by Daniel Andreotti

White Chocolate Mousse with Fresh Raspberries

Dark Chocolate Mousse with Fresh Strawberries, Crocquembouche, Warm Apple Strudel Station

Assorted Fruit Sorbets and Gelato accompanied by Biscotti and Madeleine, Warm Caramel Sauce

Vanilla Ice Cream and Whipped Cream, Sweets and Treats Station, Pastry Chef's Selection of Cakes and Pies

Cheesecake Station (American, Cappuccino and Chocolate)

MINI GRANTS 2017

Belken Rockstar Headphones, Nathaniel Woodhull Intermediate School, Ms. Kandor and Ms. Kane

These headphones assist students in listening and sharing audio from chromebooks and computers. This is also beneficial for English language learners.

Guided Reading Materials, Southdown Primary School, Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Leinwand

Differentiated reading materials so students can read at their own level. This is particularly beneficial for special education students.

Portable Mega Vox System, Huntington High School, Ms. Castaneda and Mr. Stellato

This technology will support the band with learning proper timing, resulting in efficiency and effectiveness in their performance throughout the season. It can be used in small group instruction or for the entire band.

Ball Chairs and Attention Devices, Jack Abrams Stem Magnet School,

Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Roseto

Range of devices to help improve student's attention, work output, independence, self-esteem and motivation.

Leadership Program, Jefferson Primary School, Dr. Mallen-Ozimkewski

Leadership curriculum materials to support the 34-student, Jefferson Jaguar 4th grade Leadership Team.

Speech/Language, Jefferson Primary School, Ms. Murphy

Research based booklets and games to provide additional activities for speech students. Includes various activities.



Stereoscopes for 3D Investigations in Science

STAR GRANTS 2017

Ukulele Enrichment Club, J. Taylor Finley Middle School, Mr. Battista

Funding for equipment which includes a portable PA system, mics and new ukuleles for the club to continue and perhaps expand to Huntington High School. The club has been in existence for 3 years with over 50 members. Sound Equipment for Performing Arts and events in the auditorium, Huntington High School, Mr. Reynolds This grant includes replacement of the sound board and addition of microphones, both hand held and wireless. Microphones will be housed in a movable cart and will be able to be shared with Finley. This will bring performance sound standards up to meet the needs of not only the arts, but all events that take place in the auditorium.

Reading Center for New System 44, Woodhull Intermediate School, Ms. Stanford

Ms. Stanford is trained to teach the New System 44 reading program which helps students to master foundational reading skills in compliance with new standards. This includes individualized reading activities as well as a "nook" for the students to participate. This grant would fund the supplies necessary to fully implement this program.

Stereoscopes for 3D Investigations in Science, Huntington High School, Ms. Carone

This grant will supply 60 (4 classrooms of 15 each) Stereo Microscopes which use 3D magnification technology and support inquiry based learning. These would be used in Living Environment, Forensics, Animal Behavior and Science Research classes.

AP Capstone Class Technology, Huntington High School, Ms. Molenko

This grant funds the camcorder and related supplies necessary to film the students. The students must have presentations video recorded and submitted to College Board for grading. This will also allow the students to have practice sessions prior to final filming.

Choral Attire, Huntington High School, Ms. Mainville

This grant funds new Choir robes for 115 students.

Outdoor Classroom, Jefferson Primary School, Dr. Ozimkowski

The Outdoor Classroom, or Habitat for Learning will be located in the courtyard space at Jefferson Primary. This "outdoor" approach to learning supports not only the sciences but also affords the students a stress reducing environment and an opportunity to increase their social–emotional skills. This grant supports a reading bench, picnic table, yoga mats and a speaker system.

Sound Equipment for Performing Arts and Events in the LGI Auditorium, J. Taylor Finley Middle School, Mme. Trigian–Molvaut

This grant includes replacement of the sound board and speakers in the LGI auditorium at Finley. Microphones will be shared with HHS. This will bring performance and event sound standards up to meet the needs of not only the arts, but all events that take place in Finley's LGI auditorium.

OUR DISTRICT HONOREE



JARRETT STEIN



Mr. Jarrett Stein is an easily recognized figure to all who have passed through the halls of Woodhull Intermediate School over the years and has had an immeasurable impact on the hearts and minds of the district's children for nearly two decades. Serving our district's administration through both Huntington High School and Woodhull Intermediate, Mr. Stein's tireless efforts have directly influenced everything from school safety and alternative education to simply addressing the day-in and day-out needs of our community's children and parents. Mr. Stein is often remarked upon by parents and community leaders as simply being approachable, supportive,

caring, and keeping the best interests of the children in mind.

While the highlights of Mr. Stein's illustrious career are impressive and numerous, some achievements stand out among the rest. Championing "Eli's March Madness", Mr. Stein's efforts have helped to raise awareness, support and funds on behalf of Eli Mollineaux through the annual Woodhull Intermediate vs. Huntington High School basketball game. He is also responsible for the management, introduction, and training of all safety protocol throughout the district, regularly studying under the direction of the FBI and Secret Service to ensure the district is operating at the highest level and using the most modern and advanced security standards available.

However, it isn't the high-profile activities or the critical responsibilities that drive Mr. Stein's dedication. For Mr. Stein, the highest priority is seemingly the simplest—setting up our students to be happy and successful. From helping underprivileged children get new bikes to simply being present in every child's life, Mr. Stein's calling is exactly what we all hope for our children—to have someone constantly and consistently in their corner, instilling confidence, independence and happiness.



"Congrats to our friend Jarrett, We are blessed for all you have done for our district." Rich & Laura Jean McGrath

OUR COMMUNITY HONOREES



BOB & RICH MCKEAN



Bob and Rich McKean, co-owners of Main Street Nursery, have cultivated a mainstay throughout Huntington and beyond. Well known for its expansive and impressive array of botanical offerings, Main Street Nursery is a destination for horticulturists, weekend gardeners, landscapers, and the community at large. With its koi ponds, petting zoo attractions and endless marvels to explore, the McKean brothers bring their inspired visions to delight all who visit. But their contributions to the town of Huntington do not end at their physical boundaries.

One doesn't have to look too far to appreciate the widespread efforts of Main Street Nursery's contributions to Huntington. For years, they have maintained some of the most prominent and highly trafficked areas in our town, beautifying spaces that might otherwise be overlooked or left in disarray—and all as a gift to our town and it's residents. The traffic circles at the Post Office and by Mill Dam are just a few of the locations they maintain with attentive weekly care and seasonal updates that inspire and impress all who pass by. In addition, they routinely open Main Street Nursery to a myriad of events for the public, from hosting holiday BBQs and fall festivals to inviting those attending Huntington High School's prom to take beautiful pre-prom photos with their nursery as a scenic backdrop. At nearly every turn one can find Main Street Nursery working tirelessly to contribute to a more beautiful and scenic Huntington Village.

The McKean brothers' involvement in the local charitable organizations is also extensive and driven by a passion to give back to the greater Huntington community. As active members of the community, they make it a priority to try to fulfill as many charitable requests as possible. They donate raffle baskets and floral arrangements throughout the year to an endless array of events, including but not limited to The Whaling Museum, Caumsett, the Huntington Historical Society, the Family Service League and especially the Huntington Foundation's annual Reach for the Stars Gala, where they routinely donate all the floral centerpieces and table displays with the same care and attention they would any client.

TESTIMONIALS

"The money that HFEE has donated to our students to enable these students to attend Greenkill each year with their classmates has been a true blessing. These students are able to create memories that will last a lifetime and create even stronger friendships. I have never heard of students not finding this trip to be the most memorable of their Woodhull years, and for many of them it is their most memorable throughout their time in the Huntington School District." **Traci Roethel, Principal of Woodhull Intermediate School**

"Our student-athletes are consistently told it is vital to live a healthy and fit life, and this type of lifestyle revolves around water. Our student-athletes can now make a better decision with the water filtration system that was installed in the Huntington High School gym lobby by HFEE. Our student-athletes bring their own container and are seen throughout the school day and during athletic practices and games refilling. It also has made the students more conscious of their environmental responsibilities as they see less and less plastic bottles being used." **Georgia McCarthy, Athletic Director, Huntington Union Free School District**

"On behalf of the guidance department, I would like to express our sincere appreciation of HFEE's donation of the Talk Technology devices. I can't thank the HFEE organization enough for their generosity and support. Over the past year, these translation devices have enhanced our communications with families to the extent that our school community relationships have become stronger. Moreover, not only have our meetings become more diversified, both counseling staff and families feel better connected."

Kitty Klein, District Director of Guidance and Testing K-12, Huntington Union Free School District

"One student who has definitely been impacted with robotics is Nick B. I have seen his growth from a sophomore to a junior. We are grateful to HFEE for providing the resources for these amazing clubs and classes. This student excels in hands on learning and is able to have a real world experience using the tools and machines that HFEE was able to obtain for us." **Omar Santiago, Technology Teacher, J. Taylor Finley Middle School**

"I am so very grateful for HFEE's help in acquiring a new CNC Milling Machine, which is instrumental for our Robotics program and brand new Computer Integrated Manufacturing course. This costly piece of machinery is essential for the new course to run. With HFEE's help, we are able to run this exciting and innovative course of study, which will bring new STEM opportunities to a wide array of students from all walks of life. HFEE's leadership, partnership, dedication and generosity continue to benefit all of Huntington's students. For this I am truly thankful."

Brenden Cusack, Principal of Huntington High School

TESTIMONIALS

"Without the help of HFEE and the Claire Friedlander Family Foundation we would not have been able to launch our new Computer Integrated Manufacturing/Robotics class. I wanted to offer our students a college level engineering based learning environment at Huntington High School and I was drawn to the rigor of the "Project Lead the Way" curriculum. This advanced coursework requires very specific 21st century machines which are way outside the normal operating budget of the technology department. The funding leadership that HFEE offered, allowed these equipment purchases and made our amazing robotics curriculum come to fruition. Thank you HFEE for seeing the value in our vision and helping us execute an exceptional learning environment that has a multitude of positive permanent implications for both the students and the entire Huntington community."

Brian Reynolds, Technology Teacher/Robotics Moderator, Huntington High School

"This engineering course is allowing me to get hands on experience with the advanced CNC machines I will be using at WPI where I will be pursuing a degree in robotics engineering." John Riley, Huntington High School Senior

"This new course really gives me experience with manufacturing systems and has helped me learn about manufacturing concepts and principles I never thought about before." **Luke Eidle, Huntington High School Senior**

"This course has introduced me to the field of robotics and allows me to pursue valuable college credits."

David Mosden, Huntington High School Junior



OUR WORK

OVERVIEW

The Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation which was founded in June 1993. Our organization is a group of volunteers dedicated to improving the quality of education for the children of Huntington by funding innovative learning opportunities, which would otherwise not be offered due to district budget constraints. Since its inception, the Foundation has funded over One Million Dollars in educator-requested grants ranging from creation of the Robotics Club at Finley Middle School, building the AP Biology cell culture lab and supplying technical measuring tools at the High School, to founding and supporting leadership clubs at the primary schools. We support bringing the latest technological advancements into our schools to keep our students as prepared as possible for the challenges they will face in college and beyond. With your help, we will continue to support the passion of our teachers to provide our children with the high level of education they deserve!

WHO WE ARE

A volunteer group of education supporters who work with a board of directors to fund innovative and exciting educational opportunities for all children in the district. This funding affords our teachers access to educational programs that are not funded by the school budget. Often these new programs are then incorporated into the curriculum on an ongoing basis.

OUR MISSION

The Huntington Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of the Huntington Union Free School District in education, the arts and athletics. From state-of-the-art technology and equipment to cutting-edge teaching techniques, the educator-generated grants we fund expand our students' curriculum as well as their enthusiasm for learning.

HOW WE DO IT

We primarily raise funds through our annual Gala event. We also seek grants from other foundations and organizations which support education. We are always looking for new ways to fund the grant applications submitted by our educators. Our goal is to fulfill every Star and Mini Grant that is approved by our board. We know we can do it...and graciously thank all our supporters.

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TOWNWIDE FUND OF HUNTINGTON GENEROUSLY SUPPORTS OUR DISTRICT 6TH GRADERS

Every February, the 6th grade students of Nathaniel Woodhull Intermediate School attend the Greenkill trip for a 3-night, 4-day adventure that not only impacts their knowledge and appreciation of the environment also fosters individual growth beyond the classroom.



Over the years, The Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education has, through various fundraising efforts, been able to allocate monies to

the Greenkill Fund to help offset expenses for students unable to pay the entire cost of the trip. For the past two years, The Townwide Fund of Huntington has fulfilled this grant to assist with the funding. In particular last year, The Townwide Fund fulfilled 100% of the expense and invested \$5,325 in the Greenkill Fund so that the school district could send all students!



Janice Shea, Board Member of The Townwide Fund of Huntington states, "The Townwide Fund of Huntington strives yearlong to raise charitable funds that stay right here in Huntington. The Fund is honored to have assisted HFEE's noble work to ensure that every Woodhull 6th grader is able to participate in the Greenkill rite of passage and create lifelong memories with their classmates."

The Board of Directors of HFEE, along with the Huntington Union Free School District and the students of the Greenkill trip extend a heartfelt thanks to the wonderful board and volunteers of The Townwide Fund of Huntington for their incredibly generous support.

OUR GRATITUDE

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Meet the HFEE Youth Board

The 2017–2018 Youth Board of the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education is made up of eight

volunteer High School seniors. They support the organization's mission and efforts by engaging in meetings and projects, developing new skills and expertise along the way.

Additionally, two interns on the HFEE Youth Board work with designated board members, receiving weekly guidance to support their participation. Each intern receives one credit for their work across the year in concert with the HHS College Office in the Guidance Department.

Francine Nastasi is the HFEE Intern working with Alice Marie Rorke, the Foundation President. Francine has attended grant writing and



fundraising seminars, learned first-hand about HFEE's grant process, shared information at monthly meetings with peers and board members, wrote solicitation letters for the annual gala and developed skills in charitable education foundation leadership. Francine states "HFEE is an amazing organization and I'm so lucky to be one of the interns; I've learned so much throughout this experience and loved being a part of it".

Abby Fernandez is the HFEE Gala Intern working with both Alice Marie Rorke and Kimberly Steinberg, Events Coordinator and Gala Chair. Abby has participated in all aspects of planning for the 25th Gala, learning how the annual event's fundraising supports the HFEE grants. Abby has also crafted solicitation letters to acquire special services and generated new ideas to involve students and maximize support during the event. Abby has learned about the complexities of large scale event planning and the details that enable success.

Kyle Chin is a member of the Youth Board and the Video Producer for the 25th Gala. Kyle graciously accepted the important assignment of filming, producing and editing the video that is shown tonight–which represents 25 years of inspirational and generous awards that grew from needs identified by the Huntington Education Community. Kyle states "I have come to appreciate the dedication of volunteers of both the school and community, and how they come together to provide the students in our district with all of the "extras". HFEE has helped me learn that when there is a will, there is a way. Learning about the grants process, fundraising efforts and organized teamwork will be beneficial to me in college and beyond".

Our additional Youth Board Members are Bethany Danziger, Casey Moskowitz, Rachel Moss, Alyssa Befumo and Zach McGinness. They have worked individually and collectively to generate ideas to increase awareness about HFEE and the range of ways it impacts students' educational experiences in Huntington. In particular, they have increased HFEE's presence on social media by using Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat and writing content about grant awards and their uses. Members also worked on responsible promotion techniques in an effort to increase donors/sponsors. The team also attends tonight's gala, selling raffles, signing in guests, and helping manage the numerous tasks involved in making this a successful night. They have greatly contributed to the gala's success, developing their skills through their assigned roles. They participate in the monthly HFEE Board meetings and additionally learn the process of being team members of a charitable education foundation.

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