



29th Annual Gala

The 916 Education Foundation held its 29th Annual Gala on Friday, February 21 at Northeast Metro Event Center in Shoreview. Nearly 180 guests gathered to raise funds for the students and programs of Northeast Metro 916. The evening featured an hors d'oeuvres dinner buffet and cocktails, and silent and live auctions. The event raised \$38,851, that includes the Fund-a-Need's \$11,425 to support the purchase of equipment for the new music program at Quora High School.

The Foundation would like to thank all of the individuals and businesses for their generous donations to the live and silent auction, and to the many individuals who participated in the pledge drive that evening.

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From the 916 Foundation Board of Directors

Greetings!

For so many of us, this past year – and particularly the past five months – has been one of transition and changing the way we do things. And as we move forward, the global pandemic continues to shape our daily lives in new ways. As we continue to see the effect the pandemic has on our schools, now more than ever the 916 Education Foundation feels the need to meet our mission of supporting our students and staff with student scholarships, program learning grants, and student and staff recognition.

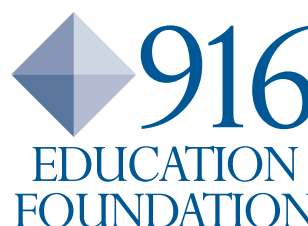
We are able to meet our Foundation's mission each year through the generous support we receive from our membership, business associates, friends, and Northeast Metro 916 district staff, and their participation in our annual fundraising efforts. Even though the pandemic of recent months forced the cancellation of our Annual Golf Tournament this past June (after 32 straight years of success!), our Foundation still saw a record fall Membership Drive last September, followed by the success of our Annual Gala in February.

Looking back on the year, we were able to award funds of over \$50,000 in grants to enhance learning programs and another \$33,800 in student scholarships to qualifying seniors. In addition, the Gala "Fund-a-Need" provided over \$11,000 that went towards funding music program needs in the classrooms at our new high school – Quora, located in Little Canada.

Each year we see the stories of our students succeeding in their educational programs and life skills pursuits, and the 916 Education Foundation is proud to be a part of supporting these students. In addition, we continue to acknowledge the exceptional work of our staff and recognize their dedicated service to the success of our District's specialized learning programs.

It is a pleasure for us to share the information in the Annual Report. Looking ahead to the 2020-21 school year, we know that meeting our funding goals will be more critical than ever, and we hope you will continue to support our 916 Education Foundation and its mission. Please join us in our Membership Drive this month and help us get started!

Gary D. Benson
Vice President



Foundation Mission

The mission of the 916 Education Foundation is to enhance teaching and learning with economic support to students, staff, programs, and member districts of Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District.

SCHOLARSHIPS

916 Education Foundation General Scholarships

During 2019-20, the Foundation awarded 43 scholarships in amounts of \$500, \$750, or \$1,000 to students who will be attending any post-secondary institution. Recipients of the scholarships were:

Centennial: Victoria Donner (EMT), Samantha Kraby (Animal Science)

North: Soliana Ghidewon (Medical Careers), Sophie Jorgenson (Dental Careers), Tara Jorgenson (Medical Careers), Abby Lebens (Medical Careers), Macy Shaul (Animal Science), Kim Tran (Medical Careers), Miah Vang (Medical Careers), Elijah Xiong (Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice)

Tartan: Samantha Baker (Medical Careers), John Cashin (Construction Occupations), Seng Lor (Medical Careers), Jala McGee (Animal Science), Kaitlyn Niemann (Dental Careers), Paige Panagiotopoulos (EMT), Lauren Rekucki (Medical Careers), Jenny Xiong (Cosmetology)

Roseville: Tehatunhahelahawi Arnold (Mentor Connection), Jennifer Brand (Medical Careers), Nsoyuni Chelsy (Dental Careers), Chloe Figgins (Cosmetology), Brianna Graham (EMT), Toni Kringstad (Mentor Connection), Aastha Patel (Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice), Seth Xiong (Entrepreneurship)

White Bear Lake: Alexis Berg (EMT), Andrew Kolb (Construction Occupations)

Mahtomedi: Matthew Davis (Computer Hardware/Game Design)

East Ridge: Dipali Arora (Mentor Connection), Darwin Paiz (Automotive Tech), Megan Rasmussen (Medical Careers), Madalyn Slavin (Medical Careers)

Park: Joseph Metcalf (Computer Hardware/Game Design)

Woodbury: Marcus Cronin (Animal Science), Hailey Hurley (Medical Careers), Anna Mathews (Animal Science), Elizabeth Wolff (Medical Careers), Anthony Wong (Mentor Connection)

Stillwater: Jacob Andreachi (Auto Tech), Rachel Folden (Mentor Connection), Madison Horn (EMT), Connor Jacoby (Computer Hardware/Game Design-Auto Tech)

Arthur N. Nelson Scholarship

ACR Homes Inc.'s Arthur N. Nelson Scholarship Program supports post-secondary study in psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, education, or a related field. The 2019-20 recipient of \$1,000 was Jennifer Brand from Roseville.



Dean Bogie Automotive Technician Memorial Scholarship

The family of Dean Bogie, in partnership with the 916 Education Foundation, has established a \$500 scholarship for students who are continuing their post-secondary education in the automotive technology field. The 2019-20 recipient was Jacob Andreachi from Stillwater.

916 Education Foundation Construction Occupations Scholarship

The 916 Education Foundation established a \$500 post-secondary scholarship for high school seniors from our member districts planning to continue their education in the construction occupations field. The 2019-20 recipient was John Cashin from Tartan.

916 Education Foundation Area Learning Center Scholarships

The 916 Education Foundation established six \$300 scholarships for graduates from East View Academy, Metro Heights Academy, and 916 Mahtomedi Academy for use toward their post-secondary education. The 2019-20 recipients were Miguel A. Meza from 916 Mahtomedi Academy and Savannah Isaac from Metro Heights Academy.

Northeast Residence Schmidt Family Honorary Scholarship

Northeast Residence, in partnership with the 916 Education Foundation, has established a \$500 post-secondary scholarship for students in our member district high schools planning to continue their education in the human services field or plan to work with individuals with developmental disabilities. The 2019-20 recipient was Seth Xiong (Entrepreneurship) from Roseville.

Tim Larson Memorial Scholarship

Dr. George TL Holt, in partnership with the 916 Education Foundation, has established the Tim Larson Memorial Scholarship, for \$1,500 each, for two students graduating from programs operated by Northeast Metro 916. The 2019-20 recipients were Abby Lebens (Medical Careers) and Macy Schaul (Animal Science) from North.

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The 916 Education Foundation has recognized the following former directors as Emeritus for their outstanding contributions:

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FUNDING



Sources of Funding

Gala – Our annual dinner and silent auction was held at North Metro Event Center in Shoreview and raised \$38,851 in net proceeds. Of that amount, the Fund-A-Need raised \$11,425 for equipment to be used in the new music program at Quora High School.

Golf Tournament – Due to COVID-19 the Education Foundation was unable to host the annual golf outing.

Gifts – Individuals, businesses, and organizations make one-time cash gifts or deferred bequests.

Memberships – Individuals, businesses, and organizations can join the 916 Education Foundation. The membership year runs from July 1 through June 30. The six categories of membership for 2020-21 are:

Legacy Members	\$5,000 or more*
Platinum Members	\$2,500 or more annually
Gold/Business Partner Members	\$1,000 or more annually
Silver Members	\$500 or more annually
Club Members	\$250 or more annually
Bronze Members	\$30 or more annually

* Either a one-time contribution or a future pledge to the Endowment Fund

Business Partners Program

The 916 Education Foundation is pleased to recognize these Foundation Business Partners by becoming a member at the \$1,000 Gold/Business Partner level.

- Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
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Employee Recognition

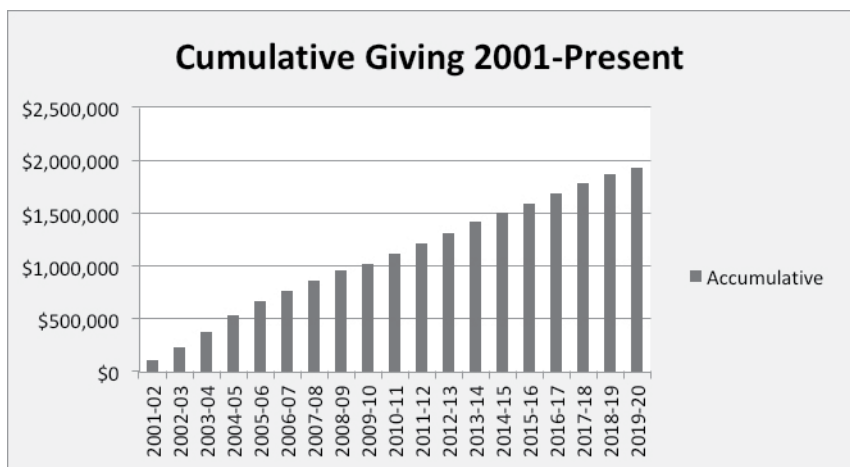
- Employee recognition by administrative leadership team (district-wide)
- Service award and retiree recognition gifts

Student Recognition

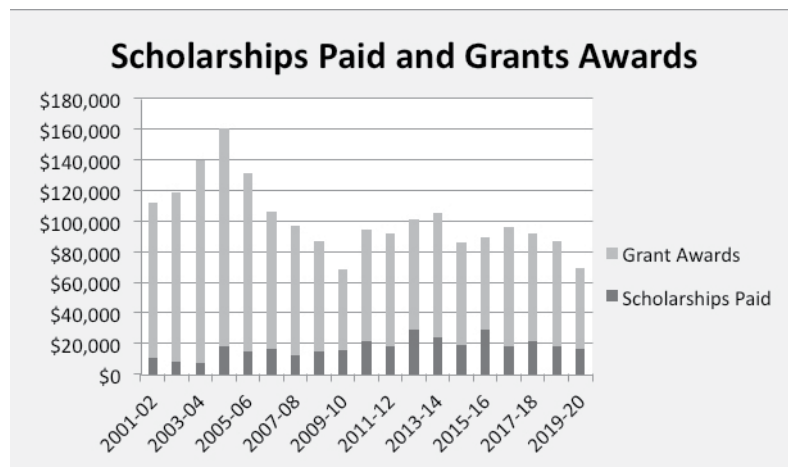
As a part of its Student of the Month Recognition Program, the 916 Education Foundation awards \$20 Barnes & Noble gift cards in 12 different programs and recognizes students who have achieved personal goals, shown remarkable improvement, and are striving to reach their potential.

916 Education Foundation Gives Back to Students and Staff

Cumulative Giving (2001-Present)



Scholarships Paid & Grant Awards



2019-20 BOARD BENEFACTORS

These individuals, organizations, and businesses provided monetary or in-kind contributions to the Foundation:

- 916 Federation of Teachers
- ACR Homes, Inc.
- Amazon Smile Foundation
- Andrea Chorney
- Richard Dittberner
- Jennifer and Craig Foxhoven
- George T. Holt

- Knights of Columbus MN State Council
- Chris Knutson
- Corrine M. Nelson
- Anonymous
- Risbrudt-Eian Charitable Trust
- SFM Mutual Insurance Co.
- White Bear Lake Rotary Foundation

Outstanding Benefactor

LSE Architects was recognized for their commitment and generous donation of monetary resources which have contributed to the success of the Education Foundation.

EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAM NEEDS

During 2019-20, the 916 Education Foundation provided financial support to Northeast Metro 916's programs with the following grants:



Assessment Center/Project Return

Restorative Practices/Essential Lrng Opportunities
Sensory/Self-Regulation Rm Development

Auditory/Oral

Como Park Zoo "Fur Feathers Scales Slime"

Bellaire Education Center

Garden Restoration Project
Pollinate MN Experiential Lrng Opportunity
Family Night
Hammocks
Helping Hands Emergency Fund
Bell Museum Field Trip
Scribblitt (Student Created Books/Graphic Novels)

Blind/Visually Impaired

Expanded Core Curriculum Event

Career & Technical Center

Student Organization Mbrship/Competition
Ambassador T-Shirts
Enhanced Communication Tool (70" TV)

Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Self-Advocacy/Social Event: Empowerment

District-Wide

1, 3, 5 Year Anniversary Program
Employee Recognition Event
Employee Recognition by Admin Ldrship

East View Academy Mahtomedi Academy

Headphones (6 dozen)
Science Museum Field Trip (Body Worlds)
The Heart of a Student (Yoga)
Enhanced Communication Tool (70" TV)

Karner Blue Education Center

Outdoor Clsrn Signs/Clsrn Sch Forest Maps
Outdoor Communication Boards
Language and Play
Family Resource Night
Adapted Music Education
Social Work Resource Drawers

Metro Heights Academy

Headphones (40)

Pankalo Education Center

U of M Raptor Center Visit
Swimming Community Outing
Mad Science Show & Creation Booths
Toy/Game Cart
Math Cart (Board & Card Games)
Family Night & Art Show
Sea Quest Field Trip & STEM Bins
Adapted Music Education

Quora High School

RISE Store (PBIS)
Media Production Program
Bell Museum Field Trip
Peace Garden
Art Program
Music Program
Transition Experiential Education
Treadmills (2)
Culinary Kitchen Equipment
Emergency Closet
Woodworking Tools
Headphones (14) English Language Arts
English Language Arts Digital Literacy
McKinney Vento Emergency Fund

Related Services

Switch Toys/Adapted Devices Library

South Campus

Como Park Zoo Penguins Outreach Program
3D Printing Tactile Communication Symbols
Core Vocabulary Boards
Folkmanis Puppets

WELS-North

Helping Hands Emergency Fund

WELS-South

Art Residency
Como Park Zoo Visit
Student Spring Fling

916 EDUCATION FOUNDATION FINANCIAL PICTURE

REVENUE

Membership Drive.....	\$63,275
Gala.....	\$43,298
Gala Fund-a-Need.....	\$11,425
Golf Tournament.....	\$1,740
Other Contributions.....	\$19,441
Distribution-Endowment.....	\$17,734
TOTAL.....	\$156,913

EXPENSES

Scholarships Paid.....	\$16,200
Grants Paid.....	\$53,319
Membership.....	\$6,046
Gala.....	\$10,400
Golf Tournament.....	\$750
General Operating.....	\$44,035
TOTAL.....	\$130,750

2019-2020 Endowment Fund Total..... \$413,134

2019-20 MEMBERSHIPS

Many individuals, businesses, and organizations make undesignated gifts to the 916 Education Foundation.

Legacy

\$5,000 or more*

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 Lauren Hoyt
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 Patrick Jacobson-Schulte
 Candace James
 Rachel Jarzombeck
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Club

\$250 or more annually

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 Anita Bajenio
 Melissa Barg
 Amelia Barrons
 Tammy Bednar
 Jenna Bednark
 Carol Bengtson
 Cindy Boden
 Val Rae Boe
 Dana Brandes
 Kari Brecht
 Jillian Campbell
 Centennial ISD 12
 Tenneil Champlin
 Janet Charpentier
 Karen Chase
 Abigail Clay
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 Raina Cuthbert
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 Tessa Weinmeyer
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 Melanie Yang

Bronze

\$30 or more annually

Rachel Anderson
 Erin Azer
 Jodi Bachmann
 Amy Baldwin
 Joel Beard
 Michelle Beaulieu
 Kelli Beneke
 Taryn Bolea
 Stacy Burke
 Ashley Buzicky
 Eric Cameron
 Carole Charlson
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FOUNDATION GRANTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN STUDENTS' LIVES



Students explore musical talents

As a part of the 2020 annual gala, the Board of Directors chose to help fund the purchase of equipment for the new music program at Quora High School through its Fund-a-Need.

The Fund-a-Need was able to raise \$11,425, with an additional program grant from the Board of Directors of \$7,500, for a total of \$18,925.

The music class is an opportunity for our scholars to explore their musical talents by learning to play an instrument, recording songs and recording their own music. The ultimate goal is to do formal recording with the equipment in a sound booth to elevate production of musical abilities to their fullest.

We will be ordering more electronic equipment such as music recording apps, mixing boards, Avid Surface and Apple ipads with garage band.

33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 916 Education Foundation Golf Committee was in the planning stages of its 33rd annual golf tournament when the COVID-19 pandemic occurred. After thoughtful consideration by the Golf Committee and Board of Directors, the decision was made to cancel the 33rd annual golf tournament that was scheduled for June 16 at Indian Hills Golf Club.

We hope that you will be able to support and join us at next year's annual golf tournament scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at Indian Hills Golf Club.

Thank you for your continued support of the 916 Education Foundation!



SAVE THE DATE

Membership Drive: September 2020

Gala: February 19, 2021
 at North Metro Event Center

Golf Tournament:
 June 15, 2021 at Indian Hills Golf Club

Northeast Metro 916 Member Districts

In 2019-20, Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District served 14 member school districts. They were Centennial, Columbia Heights, Fridley, Forest Lake, Mahtomedi, Mounds View, North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale, Roseville, St. Francis, St. Anthony-New Brighton, South Washington County, Spring Lake Park, Stillwater and White Bear Lake.