



THE
EDUCATION
FOUNDATION

Supporting Alachua County Public Schools

2019
Annual
Report

MAKING AN IMPACT



RACHEL DEBIGARE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

4,000
STUDENTS
AND TEACHERS
IMPACTED

I spent the entire year continually grateful for how our community rallied behind us to support our local students and teachers. A highlight of the year was The Amazing Give, which brought in nearly \$90,000 to support a wellness initiative to provide additional support for our Take Stock in Children students. We are so thankful to Nancy Perry, the members at Oak Hammock, and our community at-large for making this dream come to life! While financially we had a wonderful year, what I am most proud of is the impact we were able to make along the way. I hope you will take the time to read our 2018-2019 Annual Report and celebrate how together we were able to make education in our community stronger!

\$780K
AWARDED IN
COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS



KAREN CLARKE
ACPS SUPERINTENDENT

**\$1.2
Million**
Raised for
Education

The Education Foundation is an extremely valuable partner in the work of the Alachua County Public Schools. Through scholarships, mentoring, teacher grants, and its support of a variety of district initiatives, the Foundation is helping us meet our strategic goals and achieve our vision of graduating young people who will excel in their careers and be productive and contributing members of the global community. As a Take Stock in Children mentor, I've seen the benefits of The Education Foundation on a very personal level. As Superintendent of the Alachua County Public Schools, I recognize the Foundation's positive impact on all our students, teachers and schools. Its work is critical to our success, which includes an 'A' rating from the Florida Department of Education.

2,624
TSIC MENTOR
HOURS
VOLUNTEERED

PROVIDING HOPE: TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN



388

Local Scholars

388 students were served through Take Stock in Children in 2018-2019. 71 new students were inducted, and in total, 466 students have graduated from our program.



6,830

Mentor Sessions

6,830 mentor sessions were completed this school year. These sessions provide our students with consistent encouragement and support from a caring adult committed to their success.



100%

College Bound

All of our 70 graduating seniors applied and were accepted to colleges and universities. 42 of our seniors received laptops to use in college. 51 seniors graduated high school with some amount of college credits due to taking advanced courses or dual enrolling at Santa Fe College. 29 seniors participated in an academic magnet program or a career and technical academy.



\$90k

Raised for Wellness

Using the Community Foundation of North Central Florida's Amazing Give 24-hour giving day, we were able to raise nearly \$90,000 to expand our Take Stock in Children program to include a wellness component. We have now hired a part-time Support Coordinator to help connect our students with much-needed social services and support, offer mental health training to mentors and parents with the goal of helping our students be as successful as possible!



32

Take Stock Alumni

32 alumni who attend Santa Fe College and The University of Florida, along with our local Alachua County graduates of the program, participated in Personal & Professional Development. These alumni also spoke on alumni panels and at events about their Take Stock and college experiences. Our alumni are paying it forward by volunteering at events hosted for students who are currently in the program as well as serving as mentors for them.



2018

The Year of Program Excellence

For the 5th year in a row, our program received the Gold Award for Program Excellence at the Take Stock in Children state College and Career Readiness Conference. This award is given to programs who meet or exceed every statewide measurement. This year, for the first time, we received the Luminary Award for not only meeting, but exceeding all target areas. Our program also brought home the only Innovation Award given out for our Student Wellness Day.

MAXIMIZING STUDENT POTENTIAL

Senior Scholarship Program



59 local high school seniors received scholarships through The Education Foundation's Senior Scholarship program. These scholarships are sponsored by individuals, businesses and civic organizations who want to help local students achieve their future goals; and range from \$1,000 to \$60,000. These scholarships alone represent \$240, 725!

Two New Collaborative Classrooms



The Education Foundation of Alachua County redesigned the classroom experience for students in two classrooms at Mebane and Kanapaha Middle Schools. These new learning environments allowed students to work together with ease and interface with technology on a daily basis. The combination of collaboration and technology allowed for increased mastery of academic concepts, and introduced the students to the 21st century skills they need to become creative and effective problem solvers.

Catalyst for Change STEM Grants



Five schools received Catalyst for Change STEM Grants during the 2018-2019 school year. One of the most notable projects funded was the Partners in Crime-Solving project at Eastside High School. This project promoted the development of higher-order thinking skills as Forensics students wrote to students from Lake Forest Elementary. Through pen paling, story reading and sharing their views on "whodunit," students from the two schools practiced their communication skills with one another. The project culminated with a field trip at Eastside High to watch the high school students collaborate with School Resource Officers to solve the crime of "Who stole the cookies from Culinary Arts."

59
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED
TOTALING
241K

66%
OF 7TH GRADE
STUDENTS AT MEBANE
MIDDLE INCREASED
THEIR MATH
FSA SCORE

45%
OF FORENSICS STUDENTS
AT EASTSIDE HIGH SAW
IMPROVEMENTS IN
THEIR GRADES

RECOGNIZING & EMPOWERING TEACHERS

2019 Teacher of the Year



Robert W. Hughes, former Superintendent of Schools, established the Alachua County Teacher of the Year Program in 1992. We are proud to continue this great event which honors 40 outstanding teachers from each Alachua County Public School. Pictured here is the 2019 Alachua County 2019 Teacher of the Year Laura Wykoff, a math teacher from Fort Clarke Middle

School. She is joined by current Superintendent Karen Clarke and former Superintendent Bob Hughes, who faithfully attends this event each year to announce the winner!

40
OUTSTANDING
TEACHERS WERE
RECOGNIZED AT
THE TEACHER OF
THE YEAR
CEREMONY

Teacher Professional Development



Leveraging Literacy to Connect Communities was a two-day event that focused on 'best of the best' strategies and tools that could be used to immediately enhance classroom instruction. 25 K-5 teachers attended and had the option to join any or all PD Connection Days.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) was a district equity and system-wide initiative piloted in four schools during the 2018-2019 school

year that provided hands-on training to empower teachers, students, parents, community members and educational leaders to challenge belief systems and practices that hinder them from achieving their true potential. Educational leaders, teachers and volunteers at each of the four schools received on-going educational training, online resources, access to the AVID library and membership to AVID in addition to professional learning to improve their instructional practices.

\$115K
WAS SPENT
ON TEACHER SUPPORT
& RECOGNITION

74%
OF STAFF STATED
AVID POSITIVELY
IMPACTED SCHOOL
CLIMATE AND
CULTURE

Revenue and Expenses

Fiscal Year
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019*



INCOME

CONTRIBUTED SUPPORT	\$171,138
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS	\$291,417
TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN	\$457,459
FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS	\$143,390
EARNED REVENUES	\$27,777
	\$35,677
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,126,857

EXPENSE

FUNDRAISING AND EVENT EXPENSE	\$40,031
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS	\$402,602
TEACHER GRANTS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$81,540
TEACHER AND SCHOOL RECOGNITION	\$32,461
GENERAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$46,753
TSIC PROGRAM COSTS	\$299,195
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$114,827
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,017,409
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$109,448

OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE

UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	(\$1,591)
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NET INCOME	\$111,040
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* NUMBERS PUBLISHED PRIOR TO AUDIT COMPLETION

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of North Central Florida

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24-hour day of giving

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