

# Annual Report

## 2020-2021

Dear Friends,

When I look back on the 2020-2021 school year, I can honestly say there were times that I didn't know if we would make it. However, I am proud to say that we not only finished, but crossed the finish line with pride.

For the eighth year in a row, our Take Stock in Children program received the Gold Award for Program Excellence, and we awarded over \$700,000 in college scholarships through our Senior Scholarship and Take Stock in Children programs! Despite many obstacles, we were able to support innovation in classrooms and we are excited about the progress that was made to close the achievement gap through our Catalyst for Change program.

None of this would have been possible without your support. Thank you for not only sticking with us but for cheering us on as we worked to serve the students and teachers of the Alachua County Public Schools!



Executive Director  
Rachel Debigare



**\$708,000**

awarded in  
scholarships



**100%**

Program Excellence Gold Award for  
Take Stock in Children



**5,605**

virtual mentor  
sessions

Thanks to our community, sponsors, mentors, highly functioning board, and dedicated staff, the Education Foundation of Alachua County had a banner year. The challenges brought by the pandemic were significant, but we all learned new ways to communicate and collaborate through technology to support the students and teachers in our public schools.

It is an honor to be on this board committed to sustaining successful programs like Take Stock in Children and Catalyst for Change and securing funding for new projects that will benefit our students and teachers. I am excited to see what we can accomplish in the coming year!



Outgoing Board President Shelley Waters

Becoming board president of the Education Foundation is a huge honor. What I love most about the Education Foundation is the tangible impact it has on young men and women in our community. Having witnessed my own Take Stock mentee graduate and be on his way to college is a powerful reminder of how much this organization can alter the course of someone's life for the better. I believe that improving education will improve our community's future.

We are fortunate to have a tremendous team between our staff, board members, and the support of our community, and I look forward to working together to empower our community's students and schools.



Incoming Board President Tim Roark

# Senior Scholarships

The Senior Scholarship program was the first initiative at The Education Foundation of Alachua County beginning in 1986.

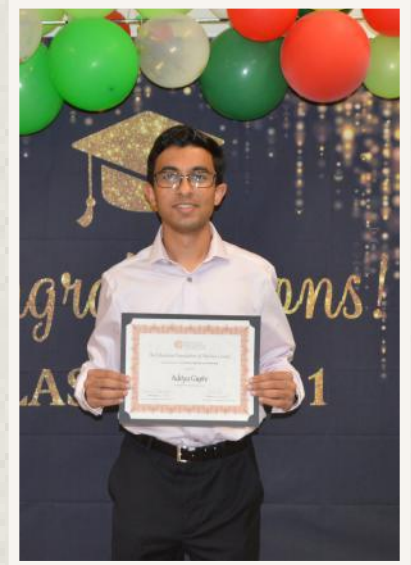
To support this effort, local individuals, families, businesses, and civic organizations have donated scholarships ranging from **\$1,000 to \$60,000**. Through college scholarships, students are empowered and equipped to graduate from high school and succeed at the next level.

During the 2020-2021 school year, we awarded **\$236,000** in scholarships to **60** high school seniors. Thank you to our sponsors for your generous support of this program!



**\$236,000**

in scholarships  
awarded to **60**  
students



## Take Stock in Children

For the first time in 25 years, our Take Stock in Children program went virtual. This included all of our services such as workshops, college success coach visits and mentoring sessions.

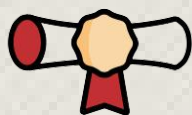
We helped close the digital divide by awarding **29** students with laptops, mice and headphones, provided **30** students with SAT, ACT and AP exam prep books, conducted **5,605** virtual mentor sessions and worked with **80** different volunteers to lead career- and college-based presentations for our students.

As a result, our Take Stock in Children program received the **Program Excellence Gold Award** for the eighth year in a row for exceeding state metrics.



**322**

students  
served by  
our team



**\$472,000**

awarded in TSIC  
scholarships to **59**  
seniors



**872**

College  
Success  
Coach visits



**100%**

graduating senior  
college acceptance  
rate



# Catalyst for Change

Catalyst for Change is a competitive grant program that rewards teachers and schools for using innovative strategies to engage students in the classroom.

The 2020-2021 Catalyst for Change grants provided opportunities for K-12 students that focused on STEM education, improving literacy, and raising student achievement.



**\$78,810**

awarded in grants  
to **13** different  
projects



**18%**

achievement gap  
improvement as a  
result of HawkConnect



**8,163**

students impacted by  
Catalyst for Change  
in 2020-2021



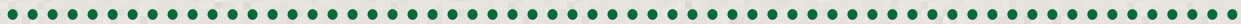
**1,190**

teachers who participated  
in professional  
development



"I cannot thank you enough for the support you offered by the Catalyst for Change grant. You have afforded me the opportunity to reach teachers in every school in the district and help them improve the teaching of African and African American Studies."

**Jon Rehm**, Social Studies Curriculum Specialist



**40**

outstanding teachers  
recognized



## Teacher of the Year

Since 1992, The Education Foundation has helped recognize and empower **40** outstanding teachers from our public schools through the Teacher of the Year Program. This year, we hosted a virtual ceremony but were still able to recognize all 40 nominees with **\$500**, a "goodie bag", and a personalized poster to celebrate their achievement.



**\$26,871**

invested in teacher  
recognition

# Revenues and Expenses\*

Fiscal Year

July 1, 2020 - July 1, 2021

## Income

Contributed Support	\$356,143
Senior Scholarship	\$314,053
Take Stock in Children	\$477,886
Fundraising	\$98,074
Programs	\$29,647
Earned Revenues	\$111,133

## Total Income

**\$1,386,936**

## Expense

Fundraising and Event Expense	\$18,831
College Scholarships	\$279,585
Teacher Grants	\$78,810
Teacher Recognition	\$26,871
General Program Expenses	\$26,678
TSIC Program Costs	\$351,670
General Administration	\$154,899

## Total Expense

**\$937,344**

Net Ordinary Income

**\$449,593**

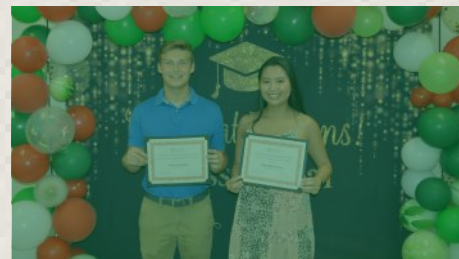
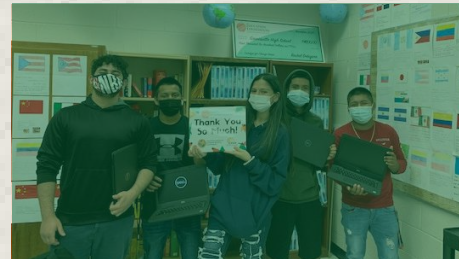
## Other Income/Expense

Unrealized Gain (Loss)

**\$167,200**

## Net Income

**\$616,792**



\*Numbers published prior to audit completion

## Fundraising

THE  
AMAZING  
GIVE

**\$30,000**

raised for Take Stock  
in Children

**\$52,500**

raised for  
Catalyst for Change



**\$70,000**

raised, providing  
sustaining support to  
our programs

## Recognition



The Greater  
Gainesville Chamber  
of Commerce  
recognized The  
Education  
Foundation as the

2020 Small Non-Profit of the Year. This was a tremendous honor for our board and staff and is a reflection of how much we can accomplish with the support of our community!

# Make an Impact

## Ways to Support



## It takes a GNVillage

Our mission at The Education Foundation is to invest in the future of Alachua County Public Schools students. By donating to The Education Foundation, you can help create an environment that recognizes Alachua County for its excellent public school programs that provide every student with an opportunity to succeed in tomorrow's world.



### Make a donation

#### Mail a check:

The Education Foundation of Alachua County  
2802 NE 8th Avenue  
Gainesville, FL, 32641

#### Give online:

[www.edfoundationac.org](http://www.edfoundationac.org)

#### Make a planned gift:

Name The Education Foundation  
in your will

### Payroll Deduction Campaigns

Talk to your employer to see if giving through payroll deduction is an option, or designate us as your United Way recipient.



### Florida Education Licence Plate

Each plate purchased in Alachua County results in a \$20 donation to The Education Foundation!

[www.licensetolearnfl.com](http://www.licensetolearnfl.com)



### The Amazing Give

Consider supporting each April during The Amazing Give.

[www.TheAmazingGive.org](http://www.TheAmazingGive.org)



### Follow us online

Follow The Education Foundation on social media to stay up to date with our programs and special announcements!

Facebook: @EdFoundationAC

Instagram: @EdFoundationAC

Twitter: @TheEdFoundation



### Become a mentor

Mentors are a critical component to the success of Take Stock in Children.

Lend your time, talents, and experiences to help guide a student to graduation.

[www.edfoundationac.org](http://www.edfoundationac.org)

## Staff

**Rachel Debigare**, Executive Director  
**Tia Paul**, Director of Programs  
**Teresa Kelley**, Financial Coordinator  
**Jordan Miles**, Volunteer and Marketing Administrator  
**Kim Anderson**, College Success Coach  
**Kerby Hypolite**, College Success Coach  
**Princella Thorpe**, College Success Coach  
**Au'Vian Cherry**, Student Services Coordinator  
**Christi Darji**, Student Support Coordinator



## Leading our Future

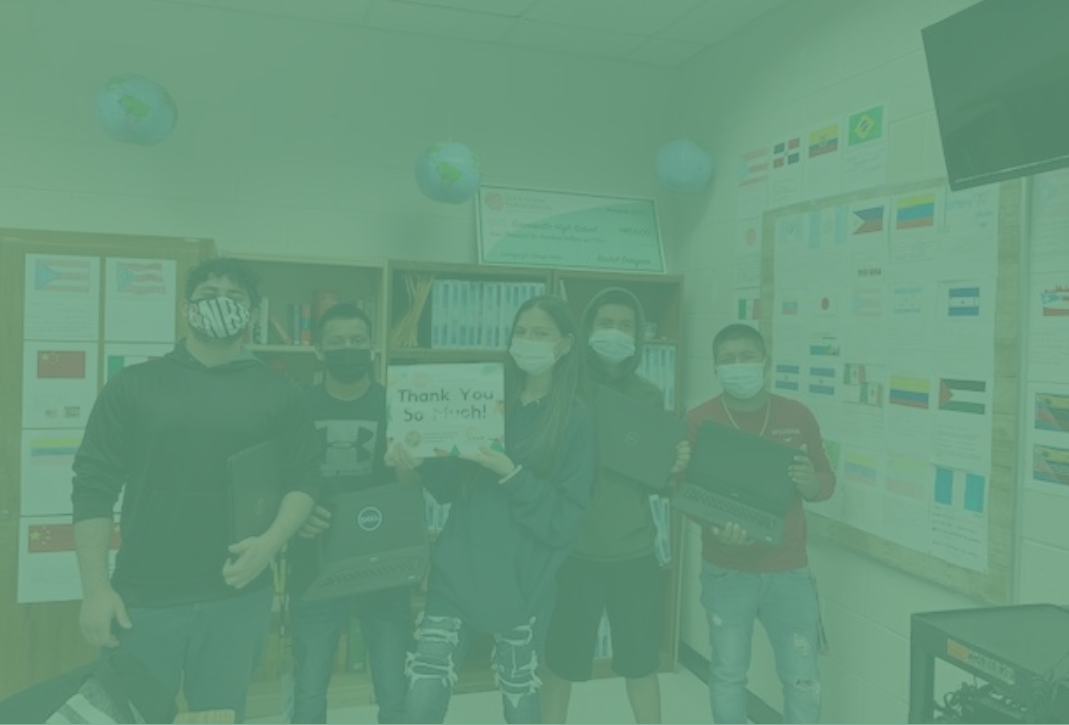
At The Education Foundation of Alachua County, we have an active, engaged, working Board of Directors.

Our board members are passionate about investing in education to ensure equal opportunity and success for the students within our Alachua County Public Schools District.

Our board works alongside The Education Foundation's staff to make the biggest impact possible by volunteering as mentors with the **Take Stock in Children** program, by helping with event planning for **O2B a Kid Again** and **A Night in the Big Apple**, and by offering oversight within the various committees.

## Board of Directors

**Dr. Bea Awoniyi**, Santa Fe College  
**Dr. Julie Brown**, UF College of Education  
**Andy Cavallari**, Wells Fargo  
**Steve Cecil**, Community Volunteer  
**Beatrice Cherry**, Florida Credit Union  
**Jennifer Denault**, Scorpio  
**Ian Fletcher**, Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce  
**Bill Goodman**, Community Volunteer  
**Frank Graddy**, Community Volunteer  
**April Griffin**, Florida School Boards' Association  
**Marie Herring**, DaySpring M.B. Church  
**Rob Hyatt**, Alachua County Public Schools  
**Jackie Johnson**, Alachua County Public Schools  
**Donna Kolb**, University of Florida  
**Pam Korithoski**, Community Volunteer  
**Phil Morrison**, Community Volunteer  
**Trey Presnell**, Purvis Gray & Company  
**Tim Roark**, Koss Olinger  
**Gwendolyn Saffo**, ITM Group  
**Neil Thompson**, CPPI  
**Shelley Waters**, Community Volunteer



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