

our To provide opportunities for excellence mission in education, promote innovation in teaching, and partner with the community to enhance the quality of education for all students of the Lufkin Independent School District.

Since 2014, the Lufkin Education Foundation has awarded 164 innovative grants, totaling \$400,000. Through those grants, we have been able to make a lasting impact on all LISD campuses, support countless teachers and reach over 40,000 students. With the addition of First Year Teacher grants and the celebration of the Top 20 graduating seniors and their Educators of Influence, we strive to fulfill our mission of enhancing the quality of education for all of Lufkin Independent School District.







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from the president

On behalf of the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your role in making 2023 a record-breaking year!

Due to the continuous generosity of our wonderful and caring community, the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation was able to further expand its mission of enriching the lives of the students who attend LISD through educational grants.



CHASE LUCE

I am extremely happy to report that in Sepember of 2023, the Lufkin

ISD Education Foundation was able to fund 29 innovative teaching grants totaling \$74,015, which is the largest annual amount given in our 10-year history! These newest grants, along with grants that were previously awarded by our foundation, will continue to impact and benefit the students at Lufkin ISD for years to come.

It has been my absolute honor to serve as the board President for the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation this past year. I want to give a big thank you to our entire board, which is filled with incredibly talented and kind-hearted people who all share a common belief that a quality education for our Lufkin ISD students is vital to the health and wellbeing of our local community.

I also want to recognize all of our wonderful corporate and individual donors! Without their continued partnership, our mission would not be possible. In addition, we must also recognize the amazing teachers at Lufkin ISD who are members of the High Five Club, which allows our educators to donate a portion of their salaries to help us fund our innovative teaching grants. Their participation in our High Five Club is the lifeblood of our fundraising efforts as the LISD teachers themselves pledged over \$55,000 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Lastly, I want to thank our amazing Executive Director, Morgan Watson, who completed her second full year of being our leader and was instrumental in bringing the Lufkin ISD Foundation to all new heights. Morgan was able to take what our previous Executive Directors had built before her and make it even better. I look forward to seeing our Foundation continue to grow under her guidance.

With a new year comes new leadership! We want to welcome our new Board President, Scotty West. Scotty has served on the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation board for many years. Under his leadership, I am confident that the Lufkin ISD Education foundation will continue to grow and further expand its impact on our amazing school district.

Chase Luce, 2023 President



investing in public education

INCOME

General Donations	\$ 14,086
Grants Received	\$ 30.000
Top 20 Celebration	\$ 21,537
Teacher High 5 Club	\$ 53,208
Fundraising Events	\$ 7,130
Total Income	\$ 125,961

EXPENSES

	Direct Program Expenses	
	Grants to Teachers	\$ 76,006
	Top 20 Celebration	\$ 4,529
	Total Direct Program Expenses	\$ 80,535

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

Teacher High 5 Club	\$ 9,283
Fundraising Events	\$ 1,342
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ 10,625

OPERATING EXPENSES

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Insurance - D&O	\$ 474
Supplies	\$ 258
Website/Communications	\$ 1,590
Postage	\$ 420
Printing	\$ 1,811
Accounting Fees	\$ 2,525
Meeting Expense	\$ 2,411
Payroll Expenses	\$ 29,626
Conference/Director Expense	\$ 539
Miscellaneous	\$ 933
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 40,587
Total Expenses	\$ 131,747
Net Income	\$ (5,786)
Checking Account Balance	\$ 43,823
Endowment Fund Balance	\$ 155,084

year at a glance



In January, all 27 Innovative Grant recipients gathered to show off their new programs, tools and classroom experiences to the community. It was a great night to see just how much these projects are positively impacting students and teachers of LISD.





Austin Bank



2023 welcomed several new teachers to Lufkin ISD and the Lufkin Education Foundation was there to greet them with \$100. This program was created to help with the purchase of classroom supplies before student arrival. Since 2019, LEF has awarded over \$20,000 of 1st Year Teacher Grants.

Thank you to our sponsors, Austin Bank, for helping us welcome our new teachers to the district with your generous donations.



"Inspire" reads the slogan for the 2023-24 High 5 Club t-shirt. Like in years past, the support from LISD faculty and staff was overwhelming! 750 educators enrolled in this year's club and pledged to donate a total of \$55,500.

Thank you LISD for giving the Education Foundation the support needed to invest back into your classrooms!



year at a glance

2023 PANTHERS OF PRESTIGE



In May 2023, the top 20 LISD high school graduates and their Educators of Influence were celebrated at the 10th annual Panthers of Prestige awards ceremony. Each year, students select an outstanding educator who has made a significant impact on their educational experience. Through the generosity of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, the event was a memorable celebration for all in attendance.



STUDENT

Grant S. Ashby Jeffery L. Buchanan II Braxton E. Bullock Susana De La Paz Ashley Galvan Alexandra A. Haney Julian E. Jelinek Sreenidhi R. Karnati Jeslin A. Koruth Angie Martinez Alexandra J. Pierce Pranav Rao Nicholas A. Reyna Kylie B. Ridings Jacqueline Silva Hannah I. Spikes Maury K. Spore Jacob M. Weibe Nicole Weiss Griffin T. Willingham

OF INFLUENCE

Jessica Barnett Savanna Tutt Karen Williamson **Emily Payne** Robyn Segrest **Emily Courtney** George Little Dayna Kerr Kayla Matchett **Denise Davis** Nicole Stewart Karen Jackuback Juan Aguilar Jennifer Powell Joel Torres David Willis Paula Warden Gunnar Quick Carman Fullerton Thomas Hungerford





The Corporate Challenge was back and better than ever. With twists and turns added to typical field day competitions, everyone was in for a treat! Competitive spirits came alive, but ultimately it was Lufkin Coca-Cola that walked away with the win.



awarded grants

The Stars at Night are Big and Bright

\$1,320 (LMS)

Shine A Light on Literacy

\$805 Dunbar

Microbits of Macro Impact

\$4,091 LHS

Design, Think, Connect

\$833 Dunbar

Bowling for Knowledge

\$3,559 Burley

Putt Putt for Patience

\$3.398 Burley

Manipulatives... Take the Wheel!

\$4,926 **LMS**

Magnetize Math

\$4,993 LMS

Scientist of the Week

\$360 Dunbar

Active Learning for Cross-Curricular Success

\$845 Kurth

Watch Out for That Cannonball

\$4,536 Herty

Climbing to New Heights Through Physical Education

> \$1,958 Garrett

Keys to Success: Piano Instruction in School

\$1,745 Anderson

Making Learning Osmo-Riffic!

\$3,234 Trout

Growing with our Sensory Garden

\$3,458 Herty

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Hatching Up Some Learning

\$625 Burley

Transforming Mathematics

\$4,991 IMS

Giggles, Grooves, and Glockenspiels

\$2,646 Dunbar

Way Out Wednesday

\$453 Dunbar

Boomin with Secret Stories

\$683 Dunbar

Read Around the World

\$551 Brandon

Set the Stage to Engage... Encore Please!

\$846 Brandon GRANT CELEBRATION DA

All Write... All Write... All Write!

\$500 Brandon

Novel Nook

\$5.000 Dunbar

Counting Our Eggs Before They Hatch

\$1,645 Herty

KINDness Club - Inspiring Our Students to be Kind, Inclusive, Nurturing, Dependable

\$1,736 Brandon

Happily Ever After with Ozobots! Where Creativity and Coding Bring Writing to Life!

\$5,000 Brandon

Engineering Tomorrow's Future

\$4,295 **LMS**

Dashing into Robotics

\$4,957 **LMS**



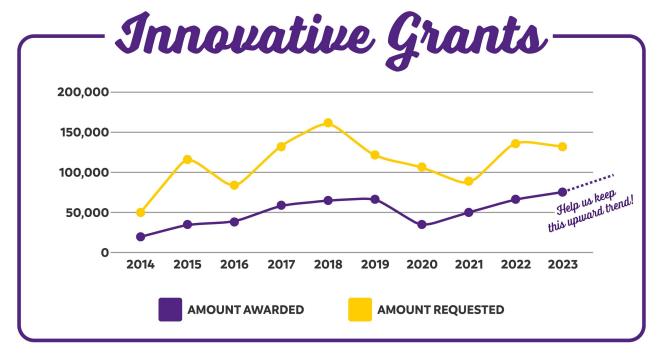




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