

# PEORIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

A non-profit organization, supporting excellence in the Peoria Unified School District

## 2021 ANNUAL REVIEW

### MEETING STUDENTS' URGENT NEEDS

The Foundation continues to offer the Emergency Needs Fund, which provides principals with the opportunity to support a student or family with an immediate need with a reimbursement up to \$500 from the Foundation.

### PRIDE OF PEORIA

The Foundation was able to support the district's employee recognition program, Pride of Peoria, by providing commemorative pins to the 39 award recipients.

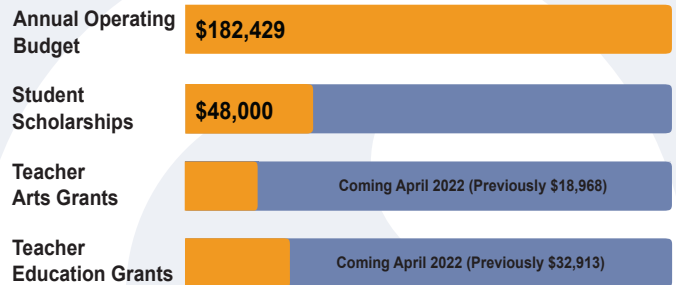
### EDUCATION VISIONARY AWARDS

The annual Education Visionary Awards recognizes individuals, non-profits and community partners who make a positive impact on public education. This event also serves as a fundraiser for the Peoria Education Foundation so that the Foundation's great work continues by providing grants to teachers and scholarships to students in the Peoria Unified School District. During the closure due to the pandemic, the Peoria Education Foundation raised \$23,500 to continue their mission.

### FOLLOW THE FORK

The inaugural Follow the Fork offered a progressive dining experience with 100% of ticket sales benefitting the Peoria Education Foundation. Follow the Fork engaged the community and highlighted multiple restaurants at Park West all while supporting the work of the Foundation. All guests who purchased tickets enjoyed bites at multiple restaurants, live music, interactive art, photo ops, a midnight snack goody bag, and more. The event raised more than \$14,000 for the Peoria Education Foundation.

## 2021 FINANCIALS THE FOUNDATION'S FIGURES



### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- ▶ Peoria Arts & Cultural Festival
- ▶ Education Visionary Awards
- ▶ Follow the Fork
- ▶ Other ways to donate:
  - Recurring monthly donations to the Whoo Cares Club
  - Direct donation online at [www.peoriaedfoundation.org](http://www.peoriaedfoundation.org)

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The Foundation prides itself on being good financial stewards with a laser focus on supporting the students and staff in the Peoria Unified School District. With an operating budget of approximately \$182,429, the Foundation has very little overhead and keeps its administrative costs at or under 10% of the overall budget.

# ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Since 1987, the Peoria Education Foundation has supported the educational experience of students through teacher grants and student scholarships within the Peoria Unified School District.

Funded by donations, the Foundation recognizes students in five scholarship categories, which are available to eligible graduating seniors pursuing any continuing education pursuit, and two types of teacher grants which are awarded to eligible teachers.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Foundation's board is made up of a diverse group of individuals consisting of parents, community members and business owners who support the Peoria Unified School District. The board members include a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and historian and meet once a month.



## TEACHER GRANTS

Grants fund innovative projects that will significantly improve student achievement. Priority is given to projects that can be replicated in other classrooms or can impact the learning environment of an entire school. There are two grant categories: General and Arts.

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

You can give students the gift of education and support opportunities to develop their potential. Your donation directly impacts students and teachers across the West Valley. It also helps build a healthy and well-educated community. Below are all the ways you can donate to make a difference.

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

**14**  
Recipients  
**\$25,750**

### ► Against All Odds

For those who have overcome tremendous obstacles in their family or education and are still on track to graduate and pursue post-secondary education.

**9**  
Recipients  
**\$12,400**

### ► Community Service

For students with academic excellence, a strong commitment to their community and have completed a minimum of 100 community service hours throughout high school and plan to further their education with post-secondary education.

**4**  
Recipients  
**\$4,000**

### ► Dr. Denton Santarelli Leadership

Named after our very well-respected former superintendent, this scholarship is intended for those graduating seniors who have demonstrated excellence in leadership throughout their high school career.

**4**  
Recipients  
**\$3,000**

### ► Joseph McCord Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was named after Peoria Unified Board Member Joseph McCord. Mr. McCord served on the Peoria Unified Governing Board and had a passion for history and strong commitment to community. This scholarship is designed for college-bound students who share Mr. McCord's enthusiasm.

**4**  
Recipients  
**\$4,000**

### ► Unified Champions Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to able-bodied students and those with special needs participate in the Unified Sports or Arts program. The principle idea is training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding others' challenges. The scholarship is intended for graduating seniors who plan to pursue a career or education to work with people having special needs.

**1**  
Recipient  
**\$1,000**

### ► Rosella and Hugo Sickinger Scholarship

The newest scholarship of the Foundation is intended for graduating female students that demonstrate character, citizenship, poise and respect for contemporaries at all levels of contacts and relationships, as well as demonstrate intense motivation to perform academically, beyond the ACT/SAT test.

### ► Make a Direct Donation

Donate to the Peoria Education Foundation directly by going to [PeoriaEdFoundation.com](http://PeoriaEdFoundation.com) and select "Donate Now."

### ► Visionary Awards Dinner

Purchase a table or seat at the annual dinner that celebrates educational visionaries in our community. Enjoy a delicious dinner and live auction.

### ► Whoo Cares Club

Make a monthly donation to join our Whoo Cares Club at [PeoriaEdFoundation.org](http://PeoriaEdFoundation.org) and click on the "Donate Now" tab.

### ► Valley of the Sun United Way

Select the Peoria Education Foundation through United Way as one of the many organizations that benefit.

### ► Thank-A-Teacher

Purchase a customized "thank you" card for a Peoria Unified teacher or employee during the Thank-A-Teacher campaign dates.

### ► Rewards

- Fry's Food Stores: Register your Fry's V.I.P. Card online at [www.frysfood.com](http://www.frysfood.com) and add the Foundation as the organization you want to support.
- Amazon.com: Create an account at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and shop as normal. Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases.
- Get Away Today: For every vacation booked through [Get Away Today](http://Get Away Today), a portion is donated back to the Foundation.
- [RoundUpapp.com](http://RoundUpapp.com): Select the Foundation as your preferred non-profit. Every transaction from your debit or credit card will automatically round up and donate to the Foundation.

