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Our Mission
The Clayton Education Foundation advances the School District of Clayton’s culture of academic excellence and helps students reach their full potential by:

• Funding classroom innovations
• Providing increased access to educational opportunities, and
• Promoting lifelong connections for alumni.

On the Cover:
(L to R): Saida Robles-Razzaq, Amy Ma, Annie Xiao, and Noor Jerath are all smiles at the Clayton High School Class of 2021 graduation ceremony.
Dear Friends,

As you know, the School District of Clayton is a very special place, with a unique commitment to academic excellence and helping our students reach their full potential. Thanks to your generous support, the Clayton Education Foundation has been able to continue making a difference for our students, teachers and staff during this challenging year.

Your gift to CEF ensures that we can continue funding the important things tax dollars alone don’t cover:

- Innovative new learning methods
- Imaginative new classroom materials
- Increased access to educational opportunities
- Lifelong alumni connections

Please be sure to go to page 15 and tear out our convenient self-mailer to return with your tax-deductible donation. Or, save time and a stamp by giving online at www.ClaytonEducationFoundation.org/Donate.

Remember, we also appreciate your involvement! Please be sure to update your contact information at www.ClaytonEducationFoundation.org so you can receive class reunion invitations and our monthly email newsletter. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram. And we welcome new committee members and volunteers who also care about education to join us.

Thank you again for your support! You’re Always a Greyhound!

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New Elementary School Library Book Fund Honors Retiring Superintendent Dr. Doherty

In the spring, the Clayton Education Foundation conducted a special campaign to honor retiring Superintendent Dr. Sean Doherty’s contributions to the District. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, $22,500 was raised to purchase a book collection for the Captain, Glenridge and Meramec Elementary School libraries.

“That is truly amazing, and so generous,” said Glenridge Librarian Tricia Small. “This book collection will have a huge impact on our students.”

Books for the Dr. Sean Doherty Book Collection are being selected by each school’s librarians. They will be identified by a custom bookplate designed by Clayton High School Senior Ella Cuneo. They will feature this photographic portrait of Dr. Doherty and his rescue dog, Gryff, taken by Clayton Parent and Professional Photographer Mark Zimmerman of MOVING + STILL.

“I am truly honored and humbled by the fund established to provide literature to our elementary libraries,” said Dr. Doherty. “I am thankful for my time in Clayton, and this makes it feel like I will continue to have an impact in the years to come.”

CHS Class of ’53 Bestows Honor

The Class of ’53 dedicated a tree in the high school quadrangle to honor Dr. Sean Doherty for his service and with gratitude for his friendship. The class meets regularly for lunch (during the pandemic, they, too, pivoted to Zoom), and Dr. Doherty was a frequent guest speaker. They also made him an honorary member of the class!

CEF Teacher Innovation Grants Awarded

On April 9, 2021, The Clayton Education Foundation surprised educators throughout the School District of Clayton with nearly $30,000 in Teacher Innovation Grants. The grants fund classroom innovations that go beyond what tax dollars cover and advance the District’s culture of academic excellence.

“Through these grants, the Clayton Education Foundation proudly supports opportunities for our teachers to engage students with innovative methods, creative materials and unique learning experiences,” said Foundation Board President Alex Berger III.

“These grants have an amazing impact on our classrooms and within our buildings,” said Superintendent Sean Doherty. “They provide the resources that allow our teachers to try innovative teaching methods and creative ways of educating our students.”

Since the grant program’s inception, more than $270,000 has been awarded thanks to support from the Centene Charitable Foundation, the Crawford Taylor Foundation, the Staenberg Family Foundation and other generous donors.

Grants are being implemented during the 2021-22 school year. Recipients included:

**All Elementary**

**Windows & Mirrors: Growing Culturally Diverse Texts**

Katy Breen & Kattianne Kearney (CPT), Katie Guyre & Jackie Higgins (GLN), and Katie Cotsworth (MER)

All students from kindergarten through fifth grade throughout the District who receive reading services will have access to books that feature culturally diverse characters and topics. These striving readers will benefit from seeing characters who mirror how they may look and topics that relate to their cultures, as well as offering a window into characters who may not look like them and topics that are culturally diverse from their own experiences.
Kid Zone

Coding Kid Zone
Tyler Kearns

Students from kindergarten through fifth grade who participate in the Kid Zone before and after school program will use Botley coding robots to learn basic coding skills through discovery and play.

Meramec Elementary

Meramec Garden Story Trail
Celeste Gillette, Lindsay Schuessler, & Cari Lowry

An innovative and delightful way for children (and adults) in the Meramec community to enjoy reading a book and participate in an outdoor, healthy activity at the same time.

Writing, Reading and Reflecting to Empower
Timothy Baker & Carmen Marty

Fourth grade students will use video production, group sharing and reflection to develop their writing, speaking and feedback skills.

Wydown Middle School

Podcasting in Sixth Grade Social Studies
Sarah Miller

Wydown Middle School sixth-graders will share what they’ve learned with their peers and the entire community by creating podcasts about various social studies topics. Podcasting will provide an additional creative way to demonstrate - in their own voices - their knowledge of a subject.

The Family Center

Culturally Responsive Classroom Materials
Emily Andes & Katie Graham

The Family Center at Clayton High School will update classroom materials to represent multiple cultures, allowing students to see themselves, their friends and community neighbors as they play and learn.

Clayton High School

Catalyst Program: The Big Pitch
Justin Hildebrand

The Catalyst Program offers an innovative approach to education by giving high school students hands-on, real world experience in global business and entrepreneurship. This grant will support prize money for The Big Pitch, a competition where students seek to win funding for their new business idea.
Beard Endowment Funds Internet Hotspots

Even before the pandemic forced all schooling online, the trend was clear: with more and more classwork taking place on internet-connected devices, students whose families couldn’t afford internet access were at a disadvantage. To support them, the CEF Rick Beard Endowment funded 10 internet hotspots during the 2020-21 school year. Established by his family to honor the memory of Rick Beard (78), the Beard Endowment supports science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) projects in the District.

Helping District Families in Need

As the pandemic continued to create food insecurity for District families in the fall of 2020, CEF and the School District of Clayton PTO partnered on a food drive to stock each school building’s food pantry. Monetary donations totaled more than $9,400. CEF also partnered with District Staff to collect $3,050 to provide holiday meal grocery gift cards.
Blandford Jennings Award

Luka Bassnett (’21) received the Clayton High School English Department Blandford Jennings Award, named for the legendary CHS English instructor. Luka, pictured here with his proud parents Ksenija Kos and Steven Bassnett, is majoring in Politics, Philosophy and Economics at St. Hugh’s College, Oxford University. The accompanying $500 Blandford Jennings Award Scholarship was made possible by a generous bequest from Mary Louise (Frey) Hickman (’44).

Greyhound Graduate Scholarship

Charlotte Rose McDonough (’21) received the Foundation’s Class of 2021 Greyhound Graduate Scholarship. The winner is randomly selected from all graduating seniors who have registered for the Clayton Alumni Association. Charlotte is using the $500 award at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she is majoring in Biochemistry. Charlotte is pictured here with her proud parents, Fe and Clay McDonough.
Clayton Alumni Hall of Fame and Distinguished Educator Awards

Class of 2022 to be Honored with Class of 2020

Nine Clayton High School alumni have been selected for induction into the Clayton Alumni Hall of Fame’s Class of 2022. They are joined by three former Clayton High School educators who will receive the Distinguished Educator Award. Members of BOTH the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2022 will be recognized during a joint induction ceremony and gala celebration hosted by CEF on April 22 and 23, 2022, in Clayton. Mark your calendars now!

Class of 2022 Alumni Hall of Fame Honorees

Katherine Bernhardt (1993), artist
Jairus Byrd (2005), National Football League safety, three-time ProBowl selection
Chuck Cohn (2004), founder, chairman and CEO of Nerdy (parent company of Varsity Tutors)
David Garfield (1974), musician, songwriter, composer, producer, record label owner
Larry Gellman (1966), former TV news reporter, financial advisor
Claudia Newman Henry (1984), environmental lawyer, founding partner of Bricklin & Newman
Vanessa Merit Nornberg (1993), owner of Metal Mafia wholesale jewelry company
John Rosenfeld M.D. (1970), pediatrics specialist

Class of 2020 Alumni Hall of Fame Honorees

Elaine “Ilana” Zarembka Belmaker M.D. (1963), Medicine
Arlen Chaleff (1959), Mental Health Advocate
Diane Wendt Dossin (1972), Business
Amy Feder (1997), Rabbi
Marc Cahill Frost (1970), Architecture
Morton A. Levy M.D. (1953), Medicine/Community Service
Michael E. Marks (1969), Business/Philanthropy
Patricia Silver (1967), Performing Arts
Jack Tuholske (1972), Law
Cynthia Wolken (1997), Public Service

Class of 2022 Distinguished Educator Awards

Suzanne Billhymer, English and Photography
Nick Otten, English and Theatre
Rex Rice, Physics

Class of 2020 Distinguished Educator Awards

Wally Lundt, Swimming and Water Polo
Doris Smith, Health and Home Economics
Gail Workman, English and Journalism
By the Numbers...the Class of 2021

237
Graduates

658
AP Classes Taken

29
Average ACT Composite

604
Average SAT Reading/Writing

606
Average SAT Math

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

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Median Cumulative GPA

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Semifinalists: 11
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## Fiscal Year 2020-21 Financial Statement

**July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

### REVENUES

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### EXPENSES

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### NET ASSETS

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<td><strong>Net Assets at June 30, 2021</strong></td>
<td><strong>$608,696.00</strong></td>
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July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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