



Wondering what we do?

In the 2018-2019 school year, the Allentown School District Foundation directly impacted more than 10,000 Allentown School District students with innovative, enriched programming. Each of the next two years were significantly impacted by Covid-related school closures and health and safety protocols that limited programming. We are eager to resume normal programming that includes these highlights:

Elementary Programs

With students representing over 50 countries, learning English early is a priority. The ASDF is recruiting volunteer readers to support the district's **Kindergarten Reading Program**. With background checks and a little training, volunteers help make a positive, statistical difference in student literacy. If interested in reading an hour per week with young students, please contact us.



The Renaissance **Artist-in-Residence** program blends the visual arts with integrated studies in history, culture and civic education, providing art opportunities for approximately 760 elementary students from seven schools in a given year. Mural programs are also being conducted in all schools to create a unified image for a future installation. The high schools and middle schools have completed their panels.

Based on ASD teacher Janice Altieri's book, **An Allentown Adventure**, 4th and 5th grade students visit historical sites and cultural landmarks, learning about their city and expressing it through the art of field drawing.



The ASDF supports many **Music** programs, providing opportunities for students to learn to play and to perform. Elementary students are exposed to the Flutophone with the hope of inspiring their interest in learning to play violin, viola, cello, brass, woodwind and percussion instruments.

Secondary Programs

Since 2012-13, the ASDF has supported **National History Day** for ASD secondary students resulting in research-based exhibits, papers, websites, performances and documentaries on historical topics. ASD middle and high school students prepare NHD projects. The ASDF supports students who compete at the regional and state competitions.



The Science Fair teaches students the scientific method of inquiry and discovery as they develop original projects and prepare to compete in the largest intra-district science fair in the Valley. In 2018-19, 636 Students from Allen, Dieruff, Trexler, Raub, Harrison-Morton and South Mountain participated in the 7th annual ASD Science Fair and 125 students competed in the PA Junior Academy of Science program.

Allentown DRIVE is the name of a baseball program designed to attract middle schoolers to the mound and diamond each spring. Almost 200 students try out each year, with about 60 students selected for their middle school teams. Players practice the basics of the game while simultaneously learning the values of integrity, dedication and hard work. Coca-Cola Park hosts the championship game.



The ASDF funded a **MS Videography** program in spring of 2017. Twenty Trexler students created videos featuring aspects of their school. Students learned to storyboard, conduct interviews, videotape and edit – essential skills in the digital age.

The **MS Strings** program supported 30 string musicians at Raub MS in 2018-2019, providing weekly meetings with professional string musicians and the opportunity to play weekly as an integrated group. The program continues learning for young musicians from the ASD's 14 elementary schools as they transition to middle school.

Middle school students learn Latin dances like the salsa, merengue and bachata each year as part of the **Latin Dance Lessons & Competition**. The program culminates in a head-to-head dance competition between the middle schools in November.



Grants & Scholarships

The ASDF is the custodian of the Allentown School District Endowed and Expendable Scholarship Program that provides **scholarships** to college-bound seniors at Building 21, William Allen HS and Dieruff HS. In 2021, 63 scholarships were awarded, totaling nearly \$55,000.

The ASDF also awards annual **Summer Camp Scholarships** from the Allentown Municipal Golf Course, the Baum School of Art, Community Music School, Da Vinci Science Center, Ellie Escher Vocal Intensive, LCTI, Oakmont Tennis Club, X-Cape Dance Studio, YMCA, YWCA and more. The Foundation looks forward to camps reopening in Summer 2022.

Since 2012, the Foundation has funded **Teacher Innovation Grants (TIG)** for unique, creatively compelling enrichment projects. To date, over \$143,000 has been allocated to 147 innovative educators. The 2019-2020 TIG cohort is as follows:



TIG Recipient	ASD School	Program	Grant
Michelle Bruno	William Allen High School	Digital Preservation of Allen History	\$1,188
Sara Rice	William Allen High School	Art Therapy	\$1,200
Crystal Sterner	William Allen High School	Putting the Field in Field Trip	\$1,192
Jeffrey Dutt	Louis E. Dieruff High School	WW II Experience at Hyde Park	\$1,200
Matthew Roth	Louis E. Dieruff High School	Drone Technology in Modern Applications	\$1,178
Meghan Smith	Building 21 High School	Recipes as History	\$833
Beth Roba	William Penn Alternative School	Trauma Informed Yoga & Mindfulness	\$1,200
Joan Preston	Harrison-Morton Middle School	Class Dojo Student Accounts	\$1,196
Melissa Betar	South Mountain Middle School	Journalism Through Multi-Media Creation	\$964
Jane Dotter	Cleveland Elementary School	Student Historians	\$1,000
Melanie Beck	Dodd Elementary School	Cross Your Tea's, Dodd Your I's Café	\$700
Donna Reitenauer	McKinley Elementary School	Telling A Story Through Puppetry	\$300
Kim Burke	Mosser Elementary School	3D Printing & You	\$1,200
Janice Green	Newcomer Academy K-6	Garden to Table	\$1,200
Braidyn Womer	Newcomer Academy K-6	Introducing Computer Science & Coding	\$1,097
Connor Hughes	Ritter Elementary School	Rocky's Den: Ritter School Store	\$1,151
Kelly Gehret	Roosevelt Elementary School	Building Home Libraries	\$1,200
Jacqueline Howard	Roosevelt Elementary School	Trauma Focused Classroom	\$1,125
Nisha Marshall	Roosevelt Elementary School	Ozobots for Math & Literacy	\$831
Michelle Chelton	Sheridan Elementary School	Orff Instrument Addition	\$1,162
Susan Wigfield	Sheridan Elementary School	Cultural Fair	\$1,050
Stacy Cunningham	Sheridan Elementary School	Ergo for LS Classroom	\$1,140
Katie Seagreaves	Union Terrace Elementary School	3D Printing to Solve Real World Problems	\$518
Jillian Emert	Washington Elementary School	Help Give Me a Voice	\$1,193



Showcases

Students and their accomplishments are showcased throughout the year, with support from the Foundation. The **Academic Showcase, Art-in-the-Park, Mayfair** and many other venues celebrate excellence throughout the year. The **Academic Showcase** displays best of the best with students happy to stand and deliver, telling of their academic accomplishments.

The signature fundraising event for the ASD Foundation is **HIGH NOTES**, the dinner and student revue held each spring. Net proceeds support the operations of the ASDF as well as grants for each middle and high school performance group. The 2021 **HIGH NOTES, A Virtual Reality**, featured the Dieruff Select Choir singing *True Colors* via Zoom. Typically, 125 students participate in this special production.



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