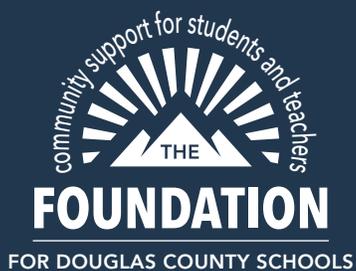


The Foundation  
for Douglas County  
Schools

Investment  
Opportunities

2018 -2019



# Events & Programs

The Foundation for Douglas County Schools provides resources for experiential and innovative programs and events, mobilizing our community to ensure every student has enriching opportunities to learn and thrive.

## Games for Change Student Challenge

*Year-round, starting fall 2018*

This game jam is a game design competition that engages high school students to create digital games about real-world issues impacting their communities. The program includes mentorship by professional game designers and empowers students to develop coding skills while tackling real-world problems.

## Diversity Conference

*November 2018*

High school student leaders come together to learn and discuss critical topics of diversity, equity and equality. They explore social issues affecting their school and community and develop strategies for creating an inclusive environment.

## 8th Grade Expo

*November 2018*

Eighth-grade students from across the district will meet industry professionals to develop an understanding of the cross-section of high demand jobs available to them in the future. More than 70 businesses will engage in interactive conversations with the students as they transition into high school.

## Hour of Code

*December 2018*

A worldwide movement designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. In Douglas County, many schools hold one-hour events to spark student interest in computer science. Hour of Code events are supported by the district's technology team, your sponsorship will help cover program development and materials cost.

## High School Career Connect

*TBD\**

Students explore an industry, organization or job function during a site-based visit to a local company. Their visit includes a meet & greet with company leadership, informational interviews with employees at different levels in the organization, facility tours, observing daily work, or hands-on experience.  
\*This program is currently on hiatus until a funding source is secured.

## Girls & Women in Sports Luncheon

*January 2019*

Held in conjunction with National Girls and Women in Sports Day, DCSD and the Foundation for Douglas County Schools hold this annual event to honor female athletes. The luncheon recognizes more than 100 athletes, encouraging girls to persist in sports and to honor their achievements.

## District Spelling Bee

*February 2019*

Sixty schools compete in the district-level event, which impacts thousands of students through its tournament model. Your sponsorship offsets registration and printing costs, and supports students competing at the state and national levels.

## Apple Awards

*April 2019*

Celebrating the incredible work of DCSD teachers, administrators and support staff, this signature must-attend event is a treasured tradition in Douglas County. Your sponsorship honors the hard work of our educators and ensures your company is part of the premier event celebrating Douglas County Schools.

## DCSD Annual Art Show

*April 2019*

A grassroots effort led by art educators in Douglas County who believe that the arts play an integral role in developing a student's creativity, confidence, and inventiveness. With works displayed by over 2,000 students, the Art Show celebrates the efforts of emerging artists in grades kindergarten through twelve. Event sponsorship will help cover costs, or sponsor student scholarships for exhibiting seniors.

# Events & Programs (Continued)



## Social Media Safety Initiative

*TBD\**

80% of problems school counselors navigate in middle and high schools are related to social media. Support DCSD in implementing a ground-breaking strategy to address this challenge through counselor professional development and parent education. \*This initiative will launch when a funding source is secured.

## Annual Fundraising Reception

*June 2019*

Join us for a laid-back evening featuring live-music, silent auction, dinner stations and drinks. Each year Douglas County School District stakeholders come together to celebrate our students and raise funds to support a district-wide initiative. Your sponsorship includes ten tickets to this summer celebration.

## Lend-A-Hand School Supply Drive

*Summer 2019*

Join organizations across Douglas County to ensure every child has the tools they need for a successful start to the school year. 1,500 backpacks filled with essential school supplies are distributed to students in need.

# Grants & Scholarships

Awarded annually based on the criteria established between the Foundation's board of directors and each fund's donors. Funds are awarded as seed money to ignite a new project or to support deserving students in need.

## Designated Gifts

Are you passionate about supporting your child's school? Or maybe you'd like to invest in a certain program or initiative. Earmark your gift to the Foundation for a school, program or initiative and 100% of the funds will be granted as you've designated.

## Opportunity Grants Matching Program

Every December Coloradans join together for an annual day of giving, Colorado Gives Day. The Foundation leverages this movement to raise funds for Opportunity Grants, which include Innovation, Fill the Gap and Teacher Professional Development grants (see below). Developing partnerships with donors that will match Colorado Gives Donations dollar for dollar is key to the campaign's success.

## Innovation Grants

Each winter funds are awarded to projects and initiatives that create game-changing learning experiences for kids. These grants award proposals that introduce something new that is imaginative, original and innovative. Donors have the opportunity to participate in the selection process.

## Fill the Gap Grants

10% of Douglas County School District students qualify for free and reduced lunch. That equates to about 7,000 students in need. These grants help educators support the basic needs of underserved students.

## Teacher Professional Development Grants

Supporting high-quality professional development experiences that will directly impact student learning. Any DCSD school professional who works directly with students is eligible to receive support.

## DCSD Administrator Scholarship Fund

One exceptional graduating senior from each high school is selected by school administration to receive a scholarship. Recipients have an urgent financial need for support and have demonstrated incredible academic success and the ability to overcome significant obstacles.

## Lori Leiberman Memorial Scholarship

Supports the deaf and hard of hearing, as well as hearing students that are pursuing higher education for the teaching of deaf and hard of hearing children.

## Tom Miller Scholarship

Provides financial assistance to DCSD graduates who wish to pursue a degree from a vocational or technical school.

## Your Named Grant or Scholarship

Talk to us about establishing a named grant or scholarship in your honor or in memoriam. Make a targeted investment that aligns impact with your interests and passions. You choose how the funds are directed (curriculum area, grade level, region, etc.). Whether a one-time contribution or a recurring investment your gift will make a difference for Douglas County Students.

# Gifts In Kind

Donated items and services are a key part of propelling the mission forward. The kinds of in-kind contributions that have impact are endless, but certain items and services are our highest priorities.

## Vehicle Donation

Donating your car, truck, van, boat, motorcycle or ATV is an easy way to make a significant impact. Your vehicle will either be used for hands-on learning by students in a high school automotive program, or will be sold with the profits coming back to the Foundation.

## Auction Items

From event tickets to gift cards to weekend getaways, donated silent auction items support the Foundation's annual commitment to funding a key initiative within Douglas County Schools. Your contribution will be publicly championed and recognized on our website.

## School Supplies

Every student deserves to start the school year knowing they have the tools they need to succeed, but for many families purchasing school supplies each year can be a challenge. New, unused supplies including backpacks, lined paper, erasers, glue sticks, crayons, notebooks pencils and more are needed during the month of July to ensure every student is ready for school.

## Large Meeting or Event Space

Does your company have a meeting room or event space that holds 50 or more people? Your space could save our budget!

# Volunteer

There are opportunities to work directly with students, or apply your skills behind the scenes. Sign up individually or as part of a volunteer team.

## 8th Grade Expo

*November 2018*

Grab some colleagues for a one-day volunteer project and join us to help eighth-grade students develop an understanding of career pathways and opportunities. Along with more than 70 other businesses, you'll spend the day engaged in interactive conversations with the students as they explore career possibilities and think about their future.

## Apple Awards

*April 2019*

This must-attend event attracts more than 800 guests. Help the Foundation prep and set-up for this incredible event honoring the hard work of Douglas County School District teachers and staff.

## Lend-A-Hand School Supply Drive

*Summer 2019*

From packing supplies to distributing backpacks to students, we need your help making sure every student has the tools they need to thrive. Sign up as a team or individual for three-hour shifts.

# Other Ways to Give

There are many ways to support our mission to help open doors for Douglas County students.

## GEM Society

*Give Every Month.  
Grow. Empower. Motivate.*

Members of the GEM Society commit to supporting DCSD by making a modest gift each month through a recurring donation program. This exclusive group of supporters provides sustained resources to accelerate the Foundation's efforts.

## Matching Gifts

Double the impact of your donation! Many companies offer matching gift programs to encourage their employees to make charitable contributions. Some even match volunteer hours with a contribution. Your gift and company match can be applied to the greatest need identified by the Foundation, or can be designated for a specific school or program.

## Gifts of Stock

Making a gift of stock is a smart and simple way to provide support. Your broker can assist you or you can make your gift through the Foundation's stock donation program. Your gift can be applied to the greatest need identified by the Foundation, or can be designated for a specific school or program.



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