



11TH ANNUAL NIGHT OF 11,000 STARS GALA & AUCTION

Virtual Event - Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6:00pm



Join us online for this year's Night of 11,000 Stars Gala & Auction, presented by International Paper. Our annual fundraiser, which supports the nearly 11,000 students attending Springfield Public Schools, will be a virtual experience this year, including a live broadcast and online auction.

Proceeds from this special evening kick off the Springfield Education Foundation's annual "Sponsor the Stars" fundraising campaign and fuels our Innovative Educator Grants. This year's program will be hosted by Springfield High School Principal José Da Silva and Two Rivers-Dos Ríos Elementary School principal Charlie Jett, along with auctioneer extraordinaire Sid Voorhees. The night's festivities include a raffle featuring a \$1,000 Jerry's Home Improvement Center gift card and a custom watch from the Celeste Watch Company, a special paddle raise for students, and a live auction featuring fun packages, including:

- One week stay at a home in Waldport
- Wine tour for 10 people from My Party Bus
- Eugene Ems Baseball suite at PK Park
- Dining table from Urban Lumber Co.
- Sunriver home for three nights
- True Value patio update

Admission to the virtual event is free and all are welcome to participate. The Night of 11,000 Stars silent auction opens for bidding ahead of the live event on Oct. 19 and runs through Oct. 23. Get a sneak peek of the live auction items and place your bids early on Thursday, Oct. 22, before the live broadcast begins.

To register for this year's event, or to become a sponsor

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Giving monthly is an impactful way to support students and provides a steady source of revenue for the foundation while keeping fundraising costs low. Give from your bank account, through United Way or through payroll. Many employers offer matching gifts programs. Call us at 541-726-3243 to get started, or use the enclosed envelope.

Volunteer

Volunteers are the core of what we do! We plan and support several events each year, including our Night of 11,000 Stars Gala on Oct. 22—a key fundraiser that supports our Innovative Educator Grants. Call 541-726-3243 to connect with us.

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SPRING 2020 GRANT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Springfield Education Foundation recently announced the recipients of three grant programs for Springfield educators, encouraging innovation, promoting physical activity and health education, and facilitating social-emotional learning during the upcoming 2020-21 school year. The purpose of these grants is to increase student engagement, improve attendance, serve underserved student populations, improve graduation rates, and promote career opportunities and college connections. We awarded \$21,446 in grants and provided 2071 learning opportunities for students in Springfield Public Schools.



2020-21 INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR GRANTS

School | Grant Title | Amount | Lead Educator

Douglas Gardens Elementary | Pathway to Success for At-Risk Readers
\$2,107.18 | Constance Anderson

Douglas Gardens Elementary | Organized Paraprofessionals | \$2,790 | Paula Anderson

Douglas Gardens Elementary | English Learner Boat Trip at the Coast
\$864.14 | Sarah Ferren

Yolanda Elementary | Innovative Classroom Flexible Seating | \$1,376.99 | Sarah Bowman

Centennial Elementary | Literacy Learning with LexiaCore5 | \$1,200 | Franchesca Sandoval

Hamlin Middle | Project Based 7th Grade Class | \$3,000 | Andrew Hunt

Briggs Middle | Mics! Lights! Action! (MLA!) | \$2,940 | Kateri Davis

Springfield High | Mariachi for ALL | \$3,000 | Jon Bridges

Thurston High | DNA Fingerprinting in the Classroom | \$2,686 | Ryan Herlands

2020-21 SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING FUND GRANT

Centennial Elementary | Character Trait Supplements | \$500 | Teresa Blake, Tier II TOSA

2020-21 FRANK SHERMAN GRANT

A3 | The Modern Classrooms Approach to Instruction | \$1,000 | Jill Smith

STUDENTS HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE: MINE program wins national award for magazine

Congratulations to the Miller Integrative Nature Experience (MINE) program at Springfield High School on receiving a Pacemaker Award for its 2019 issue of the Backcountry Review. The student-produced publication received the award for Best Specialty Magazine in the country.

The National Scholastic Press Association's Pacemaker Award is the highest award given by NSPA and reflects the best of the best in student media. This is the second consecutive year that MINE has won a Pacemaker Award for its magazine.

The MINE program, created by teacher Ivan Miller, teaches language arts and journalism through outdoor education and leadership. SEF is proud to support this program as an incredible example of innovative teaching that is helping students find their path and graduate. Congratulations!

View the 2019 award-winning issue of BackCountry Review at <https://bit.ly/3i6LMKG>

Springfield High School's integrated outdoor program takes students beyond the classroom, creating hands-on opportunities for learning and leadership.





The Chifin Native Youth Center provides learning and cultural activities for youth and their families.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT: Chifin Native Youth Center receives anonymous donation

The Springfield Education Foundation recently received an anonymous \$50,000 donation for the Chifin Native Youth Center, which will allow the center to support Native students in the Springfield School District in additional ways.

“The Chifin Native Youth Center is deeply honored to receive a donation of this size,” says Executive Director Dawn Malliett. “With strategic planning and consultation with local Tribes, other district programs and our Springfield Native families, we hope to develop excellent, culturally relevant programming for our amazing Native students.”

Due to the current health crisis, the center had to cancel its summer camp program, which it hopes to resume in 2021, and will use some of the donation funds to create new ways to keep students engaged during the school year, including providing online classes with Native artists and sending materials home to students, so they can participate and stay connected virtually.

SERVING SPRINGFIELD STUDENTS: Meet SEF’s newest board members



Sid Voorhees: Sid joined the SEF Board in 2019, though he’s been a longtime community member and volunteer. Sid is a staple at countless Eugene/Springfield fundraisers, for which he often volunteers his time conducting live and silent auctions. In addition to volunteering with SEF, Sid serves on the Lane County Fair Board and the Creswell Airport Commission.



Melva Mackey: A life-long learner, Melva has three children who attended and graduated from the public education system, and she’s married to a Springfield Public Schools middle school teacher. Melva works at Northwest Community Credit Union as the Director of Training and Member Experience. She is proud to volunteer alongside like-minded community members to support teachers, students and families.



Lisa Barrager: Lisa serves as the Springfield Public Schools board liaison for SEF. When she is not volunteering, she serves as a wraparound facilitator for Direction Service, working closely with students, staff and families. Six generations of Lisa’s family have lived in Springfield, including her 104-year-old grandmother. Lisa shares SEF’s passion for supporting student and teacher success by creating unique opportunities inside and outside the classroom.

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YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION:

Mobile keyboard lab is music to students' ears

Elementary school students in Springfield are experiencing music in a new way, thanks to a mobile keyboard lab made possible by the Springfield Education Foundation's generous donors!

"We were so excited when we heard we were receiving a grant to purchase the keyboard lab," says Dorian Buttacavoli, a music specialist at Page Elementary School. "This lab allows us to reach all children, no matter how they learn. If a child is a visual learner, an auditory learner, a kinesthetic learner—all of those ways children absorb information happens with the keyboard."

The mobile lab consists of 16 keyboards. Each keyboard is shared by two students who each have their own headphones.

"The headphones work with the keyboards in a way that students are able to interact. They're able to work as a whole group, individually or with just a few people, and the teacher is able to control the environment and to interact with those same groups," says Guy Lee Elementary Music Specialist Wayne Strong.

In addition to teaching students the fundamentals of music, the keyboard lab helps students with leadership skills, collaboration, decision making and how to think on their feet. Each elementary school in Springfield has access to the keyboard lab for three weeks during each school year before it's packed up and moved to its next location. Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, not all schools were able to experience the lab last spring before classes shifted to online learning, however, teachers look forward to using the lab again soon.

"We are so thankful to the donors who made this happen for our students," Dorian says. "Thousands of kids will be impacted by this gift for many years to come."



Students experience the mobile keyboard lab at Page Elementary School.

