



Fall/Winter 2017 Alliance Advisory



Our Mission:

Valley Alliance for Education is a regional partnership of employers, educators and community volunteers established to promote excellence in the public schools, which will result in an improved quality of life and economic prosperity in the region.



"Ways to Help"

- * Sponsor a Creative Classroom Grant
- * Tell your friends about VAE
- * Engage in VAE planning for the future of our children
- * Share this Newsletter with a neighbor
- * Thank your child's teachers for all they do!
- * Like us on Facebook!

CONGRATULATIONS 2016- 2017 Teachers of the Year

Angie Humphrey, McSwain Elementary
Staunton City Schools
Mathew Grandpre', Waynesboro High
Waynesboro City Schools
Wendi Shorkey, Cassell Elementary
Augusta County Schools

2017-18

Creative Classroom Grant Recipients

- Donna Morris , Shelburne Middle Schools
Sponsored by: The Hershey Company
- Erin Hagedorn, Kate Collins Middle School
Sponsored by: Union Bank & Trust
- Catherine Bateman, Stuarts Draft Middle School
- Brandy Wingfield, William Perry Elementary School
Sponsored by: Dr. and Mrs. Richard Bolstein
- Jennifer Goss and Moinca Roth, Robert E. Lee High School
- Heather Smith-Reeps, McSwain Elementary School
Sponsored by: Dr. and Mrs. Richard Bolstein
- Carleigh Rittenhouse, Fort Defiance High School
Sponsored by: The Hershey Company
- Kaitlin Ilnitzki and Kevin Fuller, Shelburne Middle School
- Ashton Girolmo and Steve Lotts, Shelburne Middle School
Sponsored by: 2017 Youth Philanthropy Council
- Jessica Herr, Fort Defiance
- Tessa Buchanan, Riverheads Elementary
- Karen Sellers, Kate Collins Middle School
Sponsored by: Cadence Inc.
- Barry Morris, Kate Collins Middle School
- Jessica Herr, T.C. McSwain Elementary
- Lori Peltonen, Robert E. Lee High School
Sponsored by: Cadence Inc.
- Sue Leonard, Fort Defiance High School
Sponsored by: Cadence Inc.
- Elizabeth Williams, Fort Defiance High School

Special thanks to our Grant Sponsors! If you would like to learn more about sponsoring a grant please email vae@ntelos.net



Presidents Perspective:

Many thanks to our generous donors and sponsors whose loyal support enables VAE to carry out its mission of promoting educational excellence by providing needed funds to teachers and students throughout Staunton, Augusta and Waynesboro. The dedicated work being done in local classrooms is truly inspiring. Please consider joining our volunteer board which is made up of a diverse group of employers, educators and community members. We invite you to come to a board meeting to sit in on the presentations of teachers demonstrating how their ideas come to fruition in the classroom through VAE's Creative Classroom Grant program. Of course, the presentations invariably highlight students who are eager and excited to learn. Each year VAE receives thank you notes from these same students telling us how they love the grant projects and hands-on learning has positively encouraged them in their studies. In closing, again, thank you for your support. If you haven't yet joined us, we urge you to consider partnering with VAE as we continue our mission.



Angie Whitesell, VAE 2017-18 President

Are you interested in learning more about VAE? Our next Board of Directors meeting meeting is March 22, 2018 at Kate Collins Middle School

Treasurers Report: VAE Welcomes Darin Rase as our 2017-18 Treasurer



Darin Rase, Hershey
Chocolate Inc.
2017-18 VAE
Treasurer

Thank you - to the generous donors who support VAE year after year. Because of your support we were able to fund Creative Classroom Grants totaling \$27,605.73 for the 2017-18 school year. Another \$3,000 in school project grants honoring the Teachers of the year was awarded (sponsored by NTELO's Foundation).

Valley Alliance for Education is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, charitable organization; all gifts are tax-deductible. Please consider investing with a gift of money or stock as your investment is critical to fund our creative classroom grants and general operations of the organization.

Financial Snapshot:

Financial Report	7/01/16-6/30/17
Beginning Cash	\$31,403
Total receipts	\$49,343
Total disbursements	\$38,121
Ending Cash	\$42,625



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Attention Teachers in Staunton, Augusta and
Waynesboro Public schools...

Do you have a creative idea for a classroom project?
Are you in need of extra funding?

Apply online for a VAE Creative Classroom Grant
applications **open December 15, 2017** and the
application **deadline is March 15 2018.**

Imagine Innovate Inspire ..and invest!



**Congratulations to the
2017-18
CCG Recipients!**