









Fall/Winter 2018 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! -
- * Help us with our July 4th float!



CONGRATULATION'S 2018

Teachers of the Year

Donte' Montague: Ware Elementary

School, Staunton City Schools

Eliza Williamson: Kate Collins Middle

School, Waynesboro City Schools

Dane Bar: Wilson Memorial High

School, Augusta County Schools



Special thanks to the NTELOS Foundation for sponsoring \$1000 school grants in honor of each of the 2018 Teachers of the Year.









2018-19 Creative Classroom Grant Recipients

Kathryn Ford, Waynesboro High School
Jason Baska, Stuarts Draft Middle School
Kristin Beery, Valley Career & Technical Center
Niki Cacciapaglia, Wilson Elementary School
Tonya Coffey, Hugh K. Cassell Elementary School
Jessica Herr, T.C. McSwain Elementary School
Joseph Morris, Wilson Memorial High School
Dana Painter, Riverheads High School
Niki Cacciapaglia & Sarah Davis, Wilson
Elementary School

Tonya Coffey, Hugh K. Cassell Elementary School Jessica Herr, T.C.McSwain Elementary School Joseph Morris, Wilson Memorial High School Dana Painter, Riverheads High School Vincent Daw & Erik Nylander, Shenandoah Valley Governor's School

Catherine Olson, Stuarts Draft Elementary School Stacey Crawford, Clymore Elementary School Melissa Capone, Berkeley Glenn Elementary School Tara Breeden, Wilson Middle School Patricia Campbell, Hugh K. Cassell Elementary

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Heather Smith-Reeps, T.C. McSwain Elementary School

Lori Peltonen, Robert E. Lee High School Sue Leonard, Fort Defiance High School Kaitlin Ilnitzki, Shelburne Middle School Kelley Cash, Clymore Elementary School Krista Ham, Stuarts Draft Middle School Paige Harris, Riverheads Elementary School Nancy Rader, Stuarts Draft Middle School

Pictures from our September Board of Directors meeting hosted by Staunton City Schools.



Are you interested in learning more about the Creative Classroom Grant project? Our next Board of Directors & Advisory Committee meeting is coming up in March.

Please contact VAE for more information.

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see what we're up to and share



Andrew Deitz

VAE 2018-19 President

(Andrew is a 2nd
generation VAE Board
member, his father
Emerson Deitz was a
founding member of
VAE.)

President's Perspective:

"I'd like to start out thanking the numerous Teachers, Administrators, Assistants and Employees of the Educational system in our great part of the Country. From all of us at Valley Alliance for Education, thank you for the dedication and love you pour into your profession. It shows in our children and it shows in our Community. Thank you! We are especially thankful for your work as the budgetary and regulatory constraints become more challenging with each passing year. It is for those reasons I am passionate about the work we are doing at VAE to help Imagine. Innovate, Inspire and Invest in our future by providing opportunities for Educators to apply for and be awarded Classroom Grants to give students learning experiences that they may not have otherwise. In our over 25 years of existence, we have given well over \$600,000 in Classroom Grants. This would not be possible without the generous support of our Business Partners and loyal donors who know the good work being done, care that it gets done and understand the value of their investment. I have two requests to make of you. First, please help inform and encourage our Educators to apply for Classroom Grants. The process is not overly tedious and we have Board members and volunteers that are willing and able to assist with any questions related to the process. Second, please continue your financial support and help spread the word within the community so that we will be able to continue to give money for these great educational experiences that may not otherwise be possible. It truly "takes a village" and I am especially thankful for our "village". I encourage you to contact us, visit our website, like us on Facebook and, as you are able, get involved! - Andrew Deitz, VAE President"

Treasurer's Report:

VAE Welcomes Jody Hardy as our new Treasurer

Special Thanks - to our generous Honor Roll of donors who continue to support VAE year after year. Because of your support, VAE recently funded 27 Creative Classroom Grants totaling \$33.531.64 for the 2018-19 school year. Another \$3,000 in school project grants honoring the Teachers of the year was awarded (sponsored by NTELOS Foundation). **Bringing the total amount awarded to local teachers for the 2018-19 school year to:** \$36,531.64

Valley Alliance for Education is a 5OI(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.



Jody Hardy,
Branch Mgr.
Union Bank & Trust
2018-19 VAE Treasurer





Did you know? Donations can now be PayPal made securely via Paypal at www.vaeva.org



Would you or your business like more information on how you can sponsor a deserving teacher through our Creative Classroom Grant program? Call 943-0029





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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 5, 2018 and the application deadline is March 17, 2019.

Imagine Innovate Inspire ..and invest!



Congratulations to the 2018-19
CCG Recipients!