



Jersey Shore School  
Educational Foundation

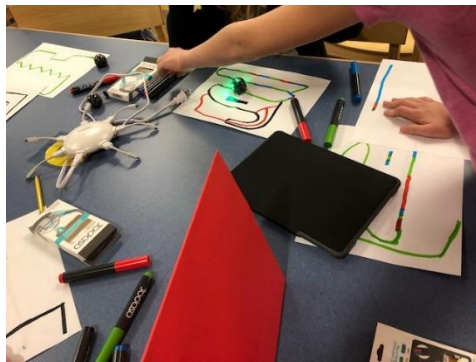
# Jersey Shore Schools Education Foundation

## End of Year Report 2020

### Teacher Mini-Grant Program Funds Programs

The mini-grant program provides district teachers an opportunity for materials to enhance classroom activities. Each year teachers may apply for up to \$2000 for special projects. In the past, the activities range from the arts to academics to STEM activities.

During the 2019-2020 school year, the Foundation funded \$5009.00 for innovative projects and programs proposed by our teachers within the district through our teacher mini-grant program. Successful grants were awarded to Ms. Allie Confer for a pilot program of math remediation, Ms. Haley Enders for special locks for her students and Ms. Lisa Taylor for an artist in residence project.



At the middle school, history students traveled to the Boalsburg Museum to see the largest set of artifacts concerning Christopher Columbus in the area.

The life-skills students were visited by “Upbeat Outreach”, a drums program allowing students to get involved with drum beats and rhythms. Student comments included:

“We learned so many new things about drumming and important life lessons”.



“He taught us that anything worth doing takes practice and hard work. “ “Never give up!”

#### Mission Statement:

#### Engage and Extend Educational Experiences

Our *Mission* is to **engage** partners to **enrich** and **extend** learning opportunities beyond the conventional educational experience for students in the Jersey Shore Area Schools.

#### Vision Statement:

Our *Vision* is to assist the Jersey Shore Area School District to enrich educational and social opportunities for students.

The Foundation is governed by our Board of Directors that represents the various area communities and towns and fosters the belief that community involvement in public education is essential to providing and sustaining the level of education that is expected in Jersey Shore Schools.

## Scholarships

More than \$12,000 in scholarships were awarded in 2020 to assist students to further their education.

### American Legion Post CTE Scholarships

Each year the American Legion Post 36 donates funds for scholarships for Consumer and Technical Education (CTE) students. To date the American Legion has donated \$50,000 towards the funding of 25 students to further their education in any of the trades as well as nursing and other technical fields.

The recipients for 2020 are:

**Dylan Berguson**, Welding at Penn College

**Eric Bell**, HVAC at Penn College

**Joey Frantz**, Heavy Equipment Technology at CPI

**Owen Knepp**, Building Automation & Engineering at Penn College

**Seth Ingraham**, HVAC at Penn College

### Gasperine Family STEM Scholarship

STEM is the integration of scientific principles with technology and the innovative application of engineering and math. The STEM Scholarship is funded by the Gasperine Family to honor their commitment to the promotion of STEM careers. For the past three years, the family has donated \$6000 to scholarships toward students to assist in their educational pursuits.

The recipients for 2020 are:

**Luke Maneval** – Penn State University – Aerospace Engineering

**Sarah Alexander** – Penn State University Behrend – Biology

A big *Thank You!* goes to the American Legion Post 36 fund and the Gasperine Family STEM fund for these opportunities.

## Foundation Initiatives

**FBLA** The JS Ed Foundation has supported FBLA in their We SHORE Care projects in the community.

### AP Exams

Students taking AP classes and exams can receive college credit for their hard work in academia. The Jersey Shore District offers AP classes in English, European History, American History, Calculus, Spanish, Chemistry, Statistics, Environmental Science, and Calculus BC. During the 2019-2020 school year, over 30 students took at least one AP exam with the majority taking two or more exams. Since the Foundation's mission is to enhance and enrich academics, the Foundation believes that the cost of the exam should not exclude or discourage students from participating. The JSSEF is contributing a portion of the cost of the exam for students taking two or more exams to ensure all students have an opportunity to receive the appropriate college credit.

### EITC Funds

This year the Jersey Shore Education Foundation was the recipient of \$42K in EITC funds primarily from Muncy Bank and Trust, Woodlands Bank, PPL Electric, UPMC, and Weis Markets. The Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program is administered through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) under Act 48. The EITC program allows certain businesses tax credits for donations made to scholarship programs or educational improvement organizations that are on a list of approved and published organizations by DCED.

The Jersey Shore Schools Education Foundation is now listed on the DCED list of approved EITC schools. The following programs have been approved and the Foundation may accept and use funds for the Elementary STEM center, Community Garden, Skills Quest, Field Trip to Boalsburg Museum, Elementary STEAM lab, Health Sciences

pathway, Mobile Ag Science Van, Artist/Authors in Residence and Butterfly Garden upkeep.

**The Skills Quest** is a program which promotes job skills in the CTE (Consumer and Technical Education) program. This year, the JSSEF (Jersey Shore Schools Education Foundation) purchased a Caterpillar excavator simulator on which students may practice before attempting to operate an



actual excavator. The total cost was \$42K and comes with maintenance, software and upgrades for the next five years.

Additionally, EITC funds purchased medical dictionaries for the Health Science Curriculum, provided an opportunity for children's author Daniel Kirk to visit all three elementary schools to work with students about his writing and partially funded the PA Farm Bureau's Mobile Ag Science Van to Salladasburg elementary.

**Field trips** to local museums and government offices are currently an integral part of the history curriculum. The US history classes should visit the Boalsburg Museum where there is an extensive collection of Christopher Columbus artifacts.

Additionally, a grant written and received to the **Lycoming Law Association** will fund this year's visit a courtroom for Crime and Law and the Business Law classes.

**The Butterfly Garden** at JSE has been doing quite well. There have been some replantings of some species of flowers, and the garden has seen many classes release butterflies in the fall to the delight of the students.

**The Community Garden** at JSE is also a beautiful sight. It is now getting ready for its second year of bountiful harvest. With the students doing the raising of the plants, planting and weeding under the direction of Joshus Ely.

## **Additional Grants**

**Lycoming County Conservation District** is providing grant funds to the Outdoor Club to purchase equipment for their projects in the State Parks and Forests. The Outdoor Club advisors of Eric Hess, William Ferguson and Jim Smith work with PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to provide the manpower to maintain trails, do early clean-up work in Little Pine State Park and provide outdoor activities in conjunction with Trout Unlimited during the seventh grade environmental field trip.

## **Fundraisers**

### **Raise the Region**

The Foundation participated in the Raise the Region program again this year. Donations were up for the Foundation and we thank all who participated. A record sum of donations was received this year. Thank you to all who donated.

The Foundation invites you to become a donor to be a hero to the students in the district. The generosity of our donors plays an integral role in funding our projects and programs.

Foundation gifts help to promote, enrich and enhance the academics currently in place in the JS District. These special gifts provide opportunities for students who would not normally be able to participate without the additional funds from the Foundation.

Remember that your donations to the Foundation are tax deductible! We welcome any support you or your group may offer.

## **You Shop. Amazon Gives...to the Jersey Shore Schools Education Foundation**

**AmazonSmile** offers the very same prices, products, and services you are familiar with on Amazon, but has an added bonus of supporting charitable organizations. Sign up is a one-time easy and quick process. Then every time you shop, a donation is made to the Foundation.

### **Restricted funds**

There are established restricted fund accounts within the Jersey Shore Education Foundation which individuals may make tax deductible contributions. The current restricted funds accounts are:

**American Legion Post 36 Scholarship** – This fund provides 5 - \$2000 scholarships for individuals to pursue Technical Education at universities and trade schools.

**Gasperine STEM Scholarship** – This fund provides 2 - \$1000 scholarships for individuals pursuing a Science, Technical, Engineering and Math career.

**FBLA** – (Future Business Leaders of America) – A national organization that provides opportunities for high school students to practice and hone business skills such as public speaking, Roberts Rules of Order and leadership as well as accounting and network design. The FBLA sends students to national competitions on a yearly basis.

**General Scholarship Fund** – A new fund that is under growth and development. This fund is designed to allow students to apply for funding to assist in further career pursuits in post-secondary education or to attend summer camps at the Middle School level.

**Music/Drama** – These funds are specifically used for production of plays and musicals within the music and English department. This past year, funds were used to pay for royalties for the winter play.

### **Financial Statements**

The Jersey Shore Schools Education Foundation is staffed by all volunteers, any expenses are kept to a bare minimum. All contributions are placed into appropriate funds as they are received.

Unrestricted funds are used to fund teacher mini-grants and to subsidize AP Exam fees for any student taking more than two tests and incurred administrative expenses such as tax preparation and insurances.

The Jersey Shore Schools Education Foundation 990 Form is posted on the Foundation's website at <https://jsedfoundation.org/>.

The JSSEF wishes to extend a thank you to all who help to make our students educational experiences the very best that can be.