

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

In this issue:

- 2019 Innovative Teaching Grants
- WFEF Dodgeball Challenge
- WFMS Math Program
- The Temple Family
- Scholarships
- How To Get Involved

We Are West Fel vs COVID-19 Pandemic

2020—What a year we all experienced! This was something many people had researched, hypothesized, and joked about - something we all hoped would never really happen, but it did. March 13, 2020 I was visiting all the schools (morning, noon, and late afternoon) picking up the annual round of Innovative Teaching Grants. Between the first two rounds and the third, Governor Edwards announced that all public schools were closing in the State of Louisiana until further notice. All of the students and teachers had not yet heard that when I returned for the third round to pick up the grants. I didn't ask—it was evident in the comments of those in the schools. I certainly didn't realize (like most people) just how long this shutdown would last. So many things changed so quickly, and as I am writing this, our state is just now really opening—although some capacities are capped at 50% or 500 people—depending on the event.

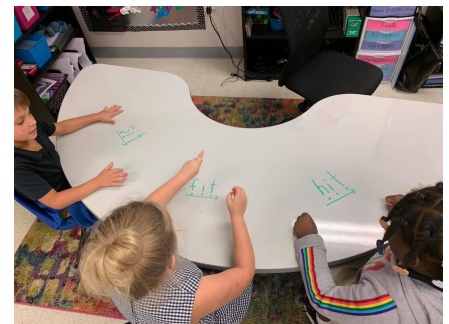
We have learned so much this last year about ourselves and our families, about our beliefs, our needs, and what is truly important.

I am so proud to say that at this time, 91% of our students receive their education in person at one of our schools. The other 9% still choose to receive their education in remote fashion. The decision is one that each family has to make according to their own needs and beliefs. I am appreciative that the West Feliciana Parish School System has tried to accommodate each family's preferences for their own students. As a retired educator, I can truly appreciate that learning and teaching remotely is not optimal for most people—especially in a parish where internet access is poor or unavailable for a large portion of our students.

I am proud of all the teachers and administrators who worked so hard to make this happen last spring in a few days time. I am impressed that our school system was able to open for in-person learning in the fall of 2020. Although there were a few glitches and occasions where students and/or teachers had to stay home due to COVID exposure, there were fewer of these instances than I thought there would be. Remote learning was also available for students, if that was the route that the family chose.

Then there were the unprecedented number of hurricane and weather events during 2020—and many of them also impacted the students, teachers, and administrators. There was certainly a lot of trauma and drama this year! The skills the students lost due to all of these things is certainly real.

I have certainly learned to appreciate hugs, gatherings, and other things I took for granted. Because of COVID restrictions, many things changed—and so did the look of this annual report.



Headstart students using
Equipment from Grant



Innovative Teaching Grants Awarded in 2020

The following Innovative Teaching Grants were awarded in May, 2020.

As we have done each year since 2016, we invited each educator for West Feliciana Parish Schools to apply for an Innovative Teaching Grant for up to \$2,000. The grants must include the reason and justification for each program. Teachers and/or administrators wrote grants for many different conferences, programs, materials, and equipment. The committee made the decision, due to COVID restrictions, not to fund any grant requiring travel outside of the parish. We did award grants to attend conferences that were attended virtually. Again, because of COVID restrictions, we did not take pictures or talk to students who benefitted from the various grants awarded this year. However, below is a list of the schools, teachers, and the title of the grants.

Bains Lower Elementary

Invention the Write Way	Ashley Singleton
Furniture for Learning Centers	Danielle Ewing
Getting to Know our Favorite Authors	Megbe Hughes
Flexible Seating & Workstations	Michele Grissett

Bains Elementary

Striving for Successful Readers	Meghan Vosburg & Marilyn Pohlmann
---------------------------------	-----------------------------------

West Feliciana Middle School

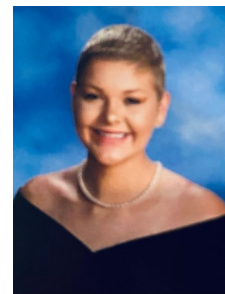
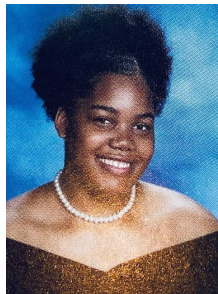
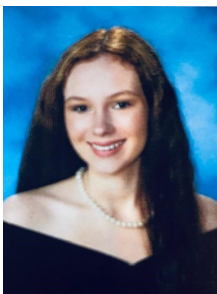
Put Your Hands On It	Teresa Pritchard
Equitable Access for Every Reader	Kathryn Smith
Leading and Literacy	Ali McMillan
Coaching for All	Brian Cutrer

West Feliciana High School

WFHS Library Books	Jonathan Henslee
WFHS Remodel	Karolyn Taylor & Jonathan Henslee
Writing Across the Curriculum	Karolyn Taylor

Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

This is the fourth year that the West Feliciana Education Foundation was able to provide a scholarship program. All WFHS graduating seniors were eligible to complete scholarship applications for either academic or vocational colleges. Students were chosen by a committee based on their commitment to their studies, their needs, and their involvement at school. The students chosen in May, 2020, were Calla Bunting, Jordan Dukes, and Lauren Mendenhall. All of these students had received formal acceptance to the secondary programs for which the scholarships were used. The funds for the scholarships were donated to WFEF on a Facebook Fundraising Tuesday.



Dodge the Rona!!!

This year we were unable to hold the annual WFEF Dodgeball Challenge due to COVID restrictions. Since we wanted to continue offering Innovative Teaching Grants to our teachers when other things were so different, we turned to a Virtual Auction. We called it Dodge the Rona, and it was held online for a week. We earned \$20,000 using this model, and we learned the type of things that were most popular in our parish. We were so thankful for the many businesses, schools, and people who donated items, bid on items, and purchased them. Your support allows us to continue to do great things for the West Feliciana Parish School District. **#wearewestfel #gratefel**

At this time, the decision has not yet been made on the type of fundraiser for this fall—the Annual Dodgeball Dash and Challenge or Dodge the Rona Virtual Auction. It should be made by the end of April. Please check our facebook and Instagram pages for the latest information.

Whichever decision is made, we will continue to need the support of all those who continue to support us in providing support for the West Feliciana Parish Schools.

In addition, the announcement of the grantees for the Innovative Teaching Grants and the Scholarships for Seniors will be announced in May, 2021.

Thank you to our sponsors!

GRANT SPONSOR



PRESENTING SPONSOR



Gwen Sellers. Agent
225-635-3997
gwen.sellers.gyll@statefarm.com

Thank you to our Donors!

Audubon Market
Alberstadt Lambert Design

Brian Spillman

WFHS

Bains Elementary

WFMS

Bains Lower Elementary

Restaurant 1796

Stephanie Ferguson

Chill Mill

District Mercantile

Catherine Russell

WFHS Culinary Arts Program

WFHS Dance Team

WFHS Cheerleaders

WFHS Football Team

WFHS Baseball Team

Country Roads Supper Club

Conundrum Bookstore

Monmouth Historic Inn and Gardens

Ins and Outs Nursery

St. Francis Christmas Trees

Daryl & Sons Framing

Susan Woodard Kelly

Patrick's Jewelry

The Francis Smokehouse

Stafford Tile and Stone

Patrick's Fine Jewelry

Temple Design

Linda Holmes

Richard Kendrick

The Verdicanno Family

Amy Louviere

The Higgins Hotel

World War II Museum

Lisa Horn

Stacey Forteich Photography

WFHS Royal Blue Club

Caroline Alberstadt

Ruthie Lindsey

Mia Sophia Florist

William Lemoine

Nouvelle Candle Company

Darby's

The Corbel

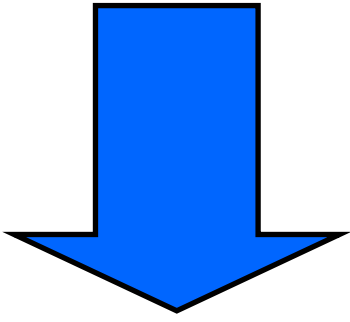
Heirloom Cuisine

The Felicianas' Store

Rae Lynn Dreher Thomas

Brad Brouillette

Pointe Coupee Gallery



For the sixth consecutive year, WFEF's operating costs are below 3%.

When you give to the West Feliciana Education Foundation, you can be sure that the vast majority of your gift is directly helping the West Feliciana Parish Public School System.

In 2020

over

\$20,000

was donated to

The West Feliciana Parish School System
by WFEF.

Board Members

Executive Committee

Amy Betts, President

Stacie Nwabueze, Vice-President

Caroline Alberstadt, Secretary

Andy Ralph, Treasurer

Members at Large

Aimee Bellue

Linda Holmes

Janis Crutchfield

Doughty Varnedoe

Brandy Fournet

How to get involved:

You can get involved in helping the West Feliciana Education Foundation continue to do great things for kids!

If you would like to be a WFEF **Dodgeball Challenge Sponsor**, please email us at wearewestfel@gmail.com. You can also make a tax-deductible donation by visiting www.wearewestfel.org/donate.

We would also love the gift of your time. WFEF's **Day of Service in Honor of Martin Luther King** can only succeed with the help of volunteers. Volunteers help ensure the success of the annual **WFEF Dodgeball Challenge**.

You can also join us on our Facebook page: We Are West Fel. We will post our various activities and opportunities to get involved. Here's our links:

<https://www.facebook.com/wearewestfel>

www.wearewestfel.org

<https://www.facebook.com/wfedodgeballchallenge/?ref=bookmarks>

Enter a team in the WFEF Dodgeball Challenge! Or just come out and enjoy the dodgeball, the food, or the Kid Zone! This is a free and family friendly event that showcases the entire community's support of the West Feliciana Parish Public School System. This year's event will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the West Feliciana Sports Park.

Contact Us

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 56

St. Francisville, LA 70775

Website: www.wearewestfel.org

Email: wearewestfel@gmail.com

Phone: 225.721.1646