



**Skaneateles  
Education Foundation  
Annual Fund Appeal**

*Celebrating 10 years of supporting  
academic excellence in  
Skaneateles Schools*

**2017-18 Annual Report**

# OUR MISSION

INVEST • ENHANCE • ENRICH

The Skaneateles Education Foundation was created to enrich the curriculum of our Skaneateles students. Since its founding in 2008, SEF has connected school and community to provide exciting opportunities across all content areas for students in grades K-12. As we move into our second decade, we have a renewed sense of passion and commitment to supporting our educators' dreams and helping teachers empower each student with the knowledge, skills and disposition necessary to be ready for their continued education and future careers.

We can't succeed without your help! You are a key player! Please join other like-minded members of the Skaneateles community who share a similar vision of educational excellence. With your gift to SEF, you **invest** in our schools to **enhance** the quality of education and **enrich** the lives of our students. Donations to SEF in any amount, small or large, make a difference.

**Please consider making a gift to SEF's annual fund appeal today.** Your gift can be directed to the general fund to be used toward any grant at the board of directors' discretion or designated to STEM, the Arts or whatever you are passionate about.

It is exciting to see the impact the SEF has on our students. Your gift will support projects that inspire creativity, stimulate engaged learning, and create a climate of possibility in Skaneateles schools.

With gratitude,



Cristy J. Winkelman, Board President

PS. We value your GIFTS, as well as your TIME, TALENTS and IDEAS. Please visit our website at [skanedfoundation.org](http://skanedfoundation.org) to fill out a volunteer form. Help with an event or let us know if you have any special training, skills, hobbies or job-shadowing opportunities you would like to share with our students.



Beth Caraccio, SCS '94 Molly Elliott, SCS '94 Jill Girzadas, SCS '92 Kelley McQuiggan Karen Talerico Kelly Whitney Joshua Williams Kathleen Witter, SCS '95 David Zapata

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## Things to Know About SEF



- 10 SEF has been supporting Skaneateles Schools for 10 years!
- 9 62% of SEF donors give at a level of \$100 or less!  
*SEF values community donations in ALL amounts, large or small*
- 8 SEF has funded state-of-the-art STEM equipment in every building!  
*Including video and music tech equipment for the HS Zoom Room & Audio Engineering Studio*
- 7 SEF awards 2 scholarships with full board for our students to attend iD Tech Summer Camp!  
*In partnership with the Elsa Allyn Soderberg Fund  
iD Tech is the World's #1 Summer Computer Camp for Kids & Teens*
- 6 The Jean Graham Fund provides funding for exhilarating summer learning opportunities for SCS faculty  
*The Jean Graham Fund is a permanently endowed fund established and managed by SEF*
- 5 Proud sponsor of the Art Masterpiece Program for grades K-5 since 2014!  
*SEF believes Everyone is an Artist!*
- 4 Proud supporter of the Positivity Project at State Street School!  
*SEF believes in Building Character Strengths!*
- 3 SEF funds pilot programs for summer learning opportunities!  
*World Language, STEM, Math Summer Solvers, Coding, and Art Camps*
- 2 SEF supports and encourages pilot programs for experiential learning!  
*First-time field trips to the All-American High School Film Festival in NYC, 7th-grade trips to Philadelphia and WCNY's Enterprise America, and many live, professional theatrical productions*
- 1 Every Gift Matters, No Matter the Size!



# GRANTS IN 2017-18

## HUMANITIES

**VISITING "BIG FISH" AUTHOR DANIEL WALLACE**  
\$2,000 / Grant Recipient - Paul Blair (Kringer, Chapman, McConochy)



Daniel Wallace, author of "Big Fish," attended the Skaneateles High School Drama Club's performance of the musical based on his book, then met with the cast and crew to discuss the production. He also conducted several workshops with HS English classes to discuss the creative writing process. (Funding also provided by the HS PTC, Skaneateles Music Guild and the District.)

**PURPOSE FARM COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GOAT YOGA**  
\$500 / Grant Recipient - Rob DeMass



Purpose Farm mentors troubled youth who have suffered emotional trauma by pairing them with rescued farm animals to help them build confidence and positive relationships. 20 Skaneateles HS seniors taking SUNY Government (3 credits through University in the HS) earned 3 hours of community service working for a day at the farm, then participated in a session of "goat yoga."  
"My classmates and I were skeptical about the prospect of scooping horse manure and doing goat yoga, but we were soon humbled to learn the mission of Purpose Farm. This unique program allows kids from abusive households to escape and clear their minds from troubles at home and gives them an opportunity to interact with beautiful rescue animals. Our community service work supported these efforts and provided us with a unique experience." ~ Sierra Sander, SHS Class of 2018

**A RAISIN IN THE SUN**  
\$360 / Grant Recipients - Peter Chapman and Aisha McConochy  
30 Creative Writing and AP Literature students attended a Syracuse Stage student matinee performance of *A Raisin in the Sun*.  
"This was an exciting opportunity for our students to experience a high-quality production in the context of parallel study of the literary work. They were able to scrutinize the effects of racial and class oppression through the intimacy of theater."  
~ Pete Chapman, HS English Teacher

**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2018**  
\$400 / Grant Recipient - Kelley McQuiggan  
Assistance provided for travel expenses to OOTM Worlds in Iowa.



**WORLD LANGUAGE SUMMER CAMP**  
\$1,400 / Grant Recipients - Amy Tormey and Kate Webster  
This pilot program provided early foreign language instruction to a cross-section of our elementary students over the summer.



Mexican Hat Dance    Water Balloon Pinata    Gelato Excursion

**SUPER SUMMER STORIES**  
\$351 / Grants Recipients - Connie Bohrer, Betsy Smith, Heather Von Uderitz  
Our three State Street reading specialists led grade-level book club gatherings in July and August 2018. They modeled high-impact comprehension strategies to counteract summer loss.



**VISITING AUTHOR NIKKI GRIMES**  
\$2,000 / Grant Recipient - Kate Hardy  
Prolific artist and award-winning author of books for children and young adults, Nikki Grimes, presented to the entire 9<sup>th</sup> grade about her poetry and verse novels on November 2, 2018. The timing of her visit and smaller break-out sessions aligned with the 9<sup>th</sup>-grade poetry unit.



"Nikki Grimes informed students about her life as a successful writer through an expertly woven presentation of poetry and autobiographical details."  
~ Kate Hardy, 9/10 English Teacher  
"Nikki Grimes' workshop was a great opportunity to give students the insight they needed to harness their creative ability to produce quality writing." ~ Joe Norris, 10<sup>th</sup> grader.



**COLONIAL HORN BOOKS**  
\$555 / Grant Recipient - Rebecca Goodell  
4<sup>th</sup>-graders study life in colonial times and visit a one-room schoolhouse each spring. As students read and summarize the details of colonial life, they write in their "horn books" imitating how children may have learned long ago. These durable and reusable horn books will be used year after year.

## STEM

**PHYSICAL SCIENCE PROJECT-BASED LEARNING ACTIVITIES**  
\$2,150 / Grant Recipient - Richard Allen  
Funding provided time and curriculum resources for the development of project-based learning activities for non-accelerated 8<sup>th</sup>-grade physical science students.  
"PBL provides an alternative method of assessment. Kids have found it to be less stressful and more enjoyable." ~ Rich Allen, 8<sup>th</sup>-grade science teacher.  
"Being tested by doing a project takes stress to a minimum, and lets you have fun and be creative while showing what you know." ~ Ella Buchholz, 8<sup>th</sup> grader.



**HONORS PRE-CALC WEBSITE**  
\$1,560 / Grant Recipient - Doug Lewis  
Funding provided time and curriculum resources for the enhancement of the honors pre-calculus website to include tutorial videos and sample problems. Students helped create the videos, which assist with completing homework assignments and studying for tests and quizzes. Partial funding was also provided by the district.



## THE ARTS

**ART MASTERPIECE PROGRAM - GRADES K-3**  
\$1,630 / Parent volunteer "art guides" introduce our young students to great works of art by teaching short lessons about important artists, then leading them in a discovery of their own personal artistic talents. The 2017-18 artists were Chagall, Fuertes, O'Keeffe, Dalí and Kandinsky. SEF provides oversight and funding for art supplies. In 2018-19, the program has expanded to include 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade.



**COMMISSION CONSORTIUM & COMPOSER IN RESIDENCE**  
\$500 / Grant Recipients - Corey Riley and Maureen Van Vechten  
7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade band students were exposed to the creative process of original music composition by learning a new piece composed by Sean O'Loughlin. They then rehearsed and performed the piece with O'Loughlin conducting and providing insight.



**DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GENERAL MUSIC**  
\$11,382 / Grant Recipients - Colleen Anna and Corey Riley  
Equipment funded through this grant—Apple iPad minis with OtterBox cases, Makey Makey, Zoom LiveTrak Digital Mixer and Hub Jams—provide a digital performing environment to students who may or may not study traditional instruments. Students interested in music, technology or coding now have cross-curricular opportunities.



**JAZZ CLINIC WITH DIVA BIG BAND**  
\$700 / Grant Recipient - Corey Riley  
This full-day field trip provided an exciting opportunity for our Jazz Lab and Big Band students to learn jazz skills, history, and performance techniques from a professional, award-winning, all-female jazz ensemble.



## WELLNESS

**ADVANCED INFANT SIMULATORS**  
\$5,008 / Grant Recipient - Jeri Whiting  
This grant provided funding for the purchase of 5 RealCare Advanced Infant Simulators, along with comprehensive curriculum software for use in HS Health classes for the Parenting Unit, and the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade Human Growth and Development unit.  
"I'm sort of nervous to take one home, but I think it's a great way to learn how hard it would be to be a teen parent." ~ 10<sup>th</sup> grader.



**POSITIVITY PROJECT TRAINING FOR STATE STREET**  
\$2,189 / Grant Recipient - Patrick Brown  
11 State Street educators attended training in July 2018 to learn how to implement The Positivity Project in the fall of 2018. Attendees included the principal, a counselor, teachers from each grade level, and support teachers. Together, learning from the 24 'P2' character strengths, faculty and staff are working to build a positive school culture.



**SHAPE AMERICA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
\$2,120 / Grant Recipient - Alexis Abdo  
Funding for Alexis Abdo, Adapted Physical Educator, to attend and present at the National Conference for SHAPE America in March 2018. Her goals included increased knowledge of SPD (Sensory Processing Disorder) to address the growing trend of students with sensory processing concerns for application of best practices in the Sensory Gym and Physical Education/Adapted Physical Education classes.



**NUTRITION FOR 4TH-GRADERS**  
\$500 / Grant Recipient - Monique Ryan  
Local nutritionist and educator, Kelly Springer, presented to all five 4<sup>th</sup>-grade classes as an extension of their unit on nutrition.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**ID TECH SCHOLARSHIPS**  
\$3,102 / Grant Recipients - Hannah Boyer and Matheu Campbell  
iD Tech Summer STEM Camps offer week-long programs that include coding, game development, engineering, design, and robotics on college campuses across the country. Hannah Boyer studied Cybersecurity and Encrypting at Ohio State, and Matheu Campbell took the Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning course at Princeton. SEF's iD Tech scholarships, in partnership with the Elsa Allyn Soderberg Family Fund, include tuition, room and board.

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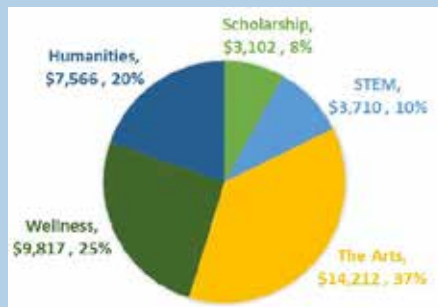
# FINANCIAL REPORT

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the Foundation had revenues of \$80,831 and expenditures of \$102,029. The largest sources of revenue are \$10,784 from contributions, \$59,325 from fundraising events and \$11,017 from investment income. The largest components of expenses are grants to teachers in Skaneateles Schools in the amount of \$42,750, salaries of \$25,066 and fundraising expenses of \$17,399.

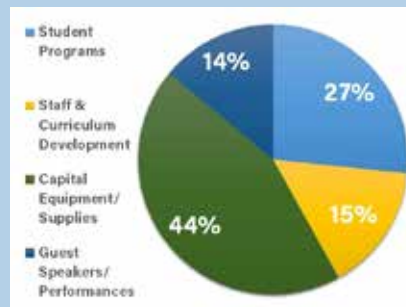
Net Assets are defined as the Organization’s assets less its liabilities. For the year ended June 30, 2018 net assets were \$212,271 with \$172,655 in Permanently Restricted Funds, \$16,364 in Temporarily Restricted Funds and \$23,252 in Unrestricted Funds. Temporarily restricted funds have restrictions on their use placed by the donors. Permanently restricted funds are donor funds where the principal must be retained in perpetuity, but the income earned from those funds can be used by the organization.

The Foundation maintains a conservative fiscal policy, balancing long-term sustainability of the organization while providing meaningful grants, leveraged to achieve the greatest good for District students and donor dollars.

2017-18 DOLLARS FUNDED BY AREA OF IMPACT



2017-18 DOLLARS FUNDED BY CATEGORY OF SUPPORT



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Your gift will have an immediate impact in our schools. Please consider supporting SEF's Annual Fund Appeal with a gift of \$10, \$50 or \$100, or any multiple of 10 in honor of our 10th Anniversary! For more information, visit our website at [skanedfoundation.org](http://skanedfoundation.org). Thank you!

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**SEF Directors retired in 2018**

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