

ART STUDENTS' PROJECT HONORS APOLLO

PRIDE IN OUR PAST, FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

IUP Artist in Residence

August 2017—May 2018

Laura Jean McLaughlin, Mosaic Artist

Bernie Wilke, Community Muralist

Matthew Ferguson, Secondary Art Teacher

Apollo-Ridge Art Students in Grades 7, 8, 11 & 12

Richard & Michelle George, Building Owners & Interpretive Sign Underwriters

Dedication September 8, 2018

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—Ava Whitlinger



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In a world where funding for education is difficult to find, the Apollo Ridge Education Foundation aims to bridge the gap.

Historic Art Project Boosts Foundation's Social Capital

The 2017-2018 school year crackled with the excitement generated by the Apollo Mosaic/Mural project that began late August 2017 through its installation in July 2018 and dedication planned for September 8, 2018.

Immediately after the Foundation contacted IUP's Arts-in-Education Services Coordinator the project began. Over 100 students, two professional artists, one art teacher, and dozens of local citizens worked together to create this colorful homage to Apollo's past, present, and future.

Funding sources included the Grable Foundation, Apollo's Bicentennial Committee, and Allegheny Ridge Corporation. Multiple newspaper articles and a televised news brief publicized the project's impact on our town.

The Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation is a key source of countless positive outcomes for our school and community. Please consider becoming a Friend of the Foundation and be considered part of our success story.

\$ The Foundation's annual Gala/Silent Auction raised a record-breaking \$20,000 in proceeds which kicked off the 1:1 laptop initiative for grades 6-12.

\$ Arconic Foundation funded a \$20,000 maker space for secondary students and subsequently awarded another \$20,000 grant in June to fund an interdisciplinary project at the high school.

\$ The Foundation received a total of \$12,000 from First Commonwealth Bank and Nextier Bank through the EITC program.

\$ Four exceptional Innovative Projects received funding.

\$ The Learning Festival celebrated 40 years of "edu-taining" our community.

\$ The first Foundation scholarship was awarded to a senior in May.

Cristine Kostiuik

Cristine Kostiuik, President

Breanna Murray Receives First Education Foundation Scholarship

The Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation offered, for the first time, an opportunity for a student to receive a \$1000 scholarship to offset expenses for post-secondary education.

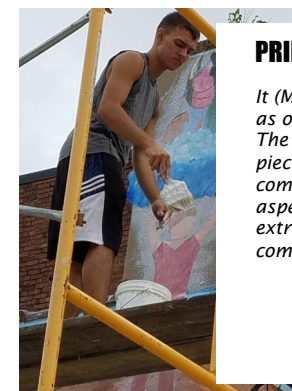
Applications were judged on student involvement with the Foundation's activities, academic achievements, and an essay on why they should be chosen over other applicants.

Bre is enrolled at the University of Akron to study civil engineering. Her 10-year plan includes using the knowledge she acquires in college to improve infrastructure in developing countries.

Learning Festival Celebrated 40 Years

This iconic event was rescheduled to March and revealed a new format that featured painting, dancing, pottery and fly tying mini-camps for lots of hands-on learning.

Highlights included programs from Living Treasures Animal Park, Penn State New Kensington, Carnegie Science Center, GASP Pgh, Pitt Grid Institute, and Steel City Vaulters.



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It (Mural/Mosaic Project) is a positive and inviting "Welcome" as one travels across the Apollo Bridge into downtown Apollo. The bright, colorful artwork and creativity provide a masterpiece that exhibits the heritage and values of the greater community. The project certainly has the interdisciplinary aspects of history and the arts which demonstrate extraordinary work by Apollo Ridge students, staff, and school community in cooperation with IUP's ArtsPath program.

— Dr. William H. Kerr, Chairman
Apollo Bicentennial Committee

The Bicentennial Committee donated \$1682 to the project from remnants of the 2016 Bicentennial Celebration budget

Annual Report for the 2017-2018 School Year



AUCTION PROCEEDS KICK START 1:1 LAPTOP INITIATIVE

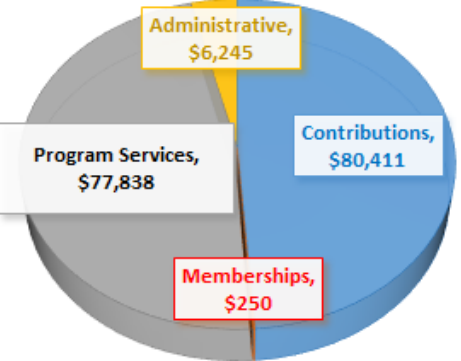
\$20,000 in proceeds from 2017’s Denim ’n Derby event enabled the High School to purchase laptops for all 118 Freshmen. Students will retain the devices through their graduation year.

“Thank you so much for the student laptops for our school. It has helped our son and our family TREMENDOUSLY!!! It is no exaggeration that he uses it every night and weekends. This educational device helps him complete all necessary assignments and optional (PJAS) ones, too.
—Giovanni Cicala’s parents, Debbie and John

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2018 ARCONIC GRANT ADDRESSES TRACK STORAGE & SHELTER NEEDS

For the third year in a row the Foundation has been awarded a grant from Arconic Foundation for a STEM-related project at Apollo-Ridge. The most recent grant funds the construction of a storage shed/pavilion for the track.
High School students will design and construct the building which address challenges presented by outdoor events.
The process to create the structure will include all steps of construction beginning with paper and pencil drawings, CAD drawings, printed 3D models, permit applications, and actual construction.
Business students will track and allocate the grant funds to the appropriate vendors.



2017 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Detailed financial reports are online at Apollo-RidgeEducationFoundation.org.



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\$75 pair of tickets
\$100 Foundation Friend
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724-478-6010**
The Links at Spring Church

How students benefited :

- AP students were reimbursed for test-taking expenses
- All freshmen received a new laptop
- Grade 1 and 2 students made syrup from tree sap
- Secondary Life Skills students started a coffee cart business
- Family/Consumer Science students learned about cross contamination in the kitchen
- Grade 2 & 4 students attended Pittsburgh Symphony Schooltime Concerts
- Anatomy students witnessed open heart surgery
- Middle School students competed in WeDIG’s Rube Goldberg challenge
- A \$1000 scholarship was awarded
- Hands-on learning enriched the 40th Annual Learning Festival
- An extensive art project was created and donated to the community

INNOVATIVE PROJECTS GRANTS

Four grant applications totaling \$3332 were funded. To learn more about these grants and how you can support them, visit Apollo-RidgeEducationFoundation.Org.

- VIKING CAFÉ**—Ms. Kristen Barta
- TAPPING MAPLE TREES**—Mr. Mike Saxion
- GROWING BACTERIA**—Ms. Jamie Biller and Ms. Brittany Smith
- FCS TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION**—Ms. Jamie Biller



Middle School students participated in WeDIG’s Rube Goldberg Challenge at Penn State New Kensington for the first time in November. The Education Foundation funded this opportunity in addition to paying fees for High School students to compete in Quiz Bowl.

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“I think this project (mosaics created through IUP’s ArtsPath Artist in Residence program) means a lot to us and the community. We get to learn a lot about our community and what was here before us. It never occurred to me that Apollo was so interesting, but this project helped me realize it is. This is a really cool project with a really cool artist (Laura Jean McLaughlin) and I'm glad to be part of it.

—Brinley Toland, Class of 2023



Innovative Projects Grant
Elementary science students were rewarded with a pancake breakfast using syrup they made from tree sap.

Sustaining members are invaluable contributors to the Foundation’s ability to fund Innovative Project Grants. \$3371 in membership dues were received from payroll deductions in 2017-2018