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Annual—\$25

Lifetime—\$500

Sustaining memberships are available to Apollo-Ridge employees for as little as \$1 per pay period.

Call 724-478-6010 for details!

Donations can be mailed to:
Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation
PO Box 219
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FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION VISIT

The Education Foundation invited sponsors, donors, and lifetime members to visit our schools thanking them for their generosity and showing them first-hand how their contributions have impacted Apollo-Ridge students. Joe Culos and Travis Kelley, First Commonwealth Bank; Jim Carnahan, HDR Inc.; Amanda Knell, Elderton State Bank; Lifetime Members Dr. John Kautz, DDS and Sharon Jarowskyj; Heather, Joe, and Joe Jim Kerr, Kerr Light Mfg; and Joseph Ott & Brian Ferguson, Apollo #2 VFD; visited the classrooms of Katie Clever, John Mazurek, Dave Hauge, Dan Barrett, Dustin Traill, and Leigh Wenckowski. To schedule a tour, please call 724-478-6010 for an appointment.

RED CROSS CPR TRAINING

Through a partnership with the Indiana Red Cross, the Foundation presented a free hands-only CPR training to the Middle School students during health class and to the community in the evening.



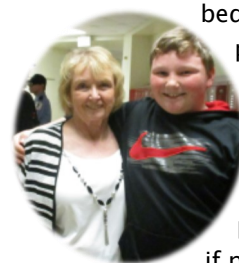
Cris,

A huge thank you to you as well as the administration, staff and students of Apollo-Ridge. We are so very thrilled to have been given this opportunity and look forward to using it as a kick-off for many more trainings.

— Tessie Amaranto, Executive Coordinator
American Red Cross of Chestnut Ridge

HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

Individuals who donate to the Education Foundation through a will, bequest, or trust may benefit from tax breaks while providing educational resources for Apollo-Ridge students. Alumni or retired staff will be remembered for years to come through legacy gifts to the Foundation's scholarship fund, an educational program, or a capital improvement project. Contact a financial planner to determine if planned giving is right for you.



MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Membership in the Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation is available in the following categories:

___ LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$500—ask about our payment plan!

___ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$25 per year July 1—June 30 — MUST BE RENEWED EACH YEAR!

___ ONE-TIME GIFT: ____\$1 ____\$5 ____\$10 ____\$15 \$____Other

___ SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP: semi-monthly donation of a designated amount (circle one)

\$1/pay \$2/pay \$5/pay \$10/pay \$____/pay

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Print Name _____

Signature _____

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Apollo-RidgeEducationFoundation.Org

Fostering partnerships with business and community leaders to successfully prepare
Apollo-Ridge students for the workplace or post-secondary education

Partnerships for Success

The Education Foundation recognizes that students need engaging, hands-on learning experiences that empower them to develop knowledge and skills necessary to succeed beyond the classroom.

The trustees know that partnering with business and community leaders is vital to our ability to provide these types of learning opportunities for our students.

The Foundation was fortunate enough to be awarded another grant from Arconic (formerly Alcoa). This time around, they didn't want to merely provide the funds and walk away. This time Arconic is looking for a partnership.

Arconic offered to help us design a makerspace where students can acquire the ability to problem-solve, discover how to think critically and creatively, learn to work as a team, and find the determination needed to work through difficult projects. All soft skills that will elevate them above the competition in the workplace.

Our generous partners at First Commonwealth Bank, who support us through the EITC program and Gala sponsorship, visited us in March. Joe Culos and Travis Kelley readily engaged with the students, gaining a first-hand understanding of how their contributions impacted our students. In return, several of our Elementary teachers took advantage of FCB's financial education programs and students as young as 5 years old learned the value of a dollar.

If you would like to become an educational partner of the Foundation, contact me. I'd be happy to create a mutually-beneficial relationship for student achievement.

Sincerely,

Cristine Kostiuk, President

2016-2017 Strategic Highlights

BUILDING LIAISONS: To increase communication between staff and the Foundation, Janie Fryer, Chad Danko, Kristen Barta, and Bethany Greenlee volunteered to be liaisons for the respective buildings. They are responsible for scoring the Innovative Projects grant applications and encouraging staff to get involved.

REACHING OUT TO INDIANA COUNTY: The Foundation launched an aggressive advertising campaign for the 2016 Gala utilizing radio and print to increase visibility and gain new partners in Indiana County.

MENTORING AND MARKETING: The Education Foundation presented at a Powerlink Think Tank at Penn State's Small Business Development Center. Much positive feedback was received and is being acted upon. The Foundation hired Planful, an Indiana-based marketing agency, to assist with rebranding.

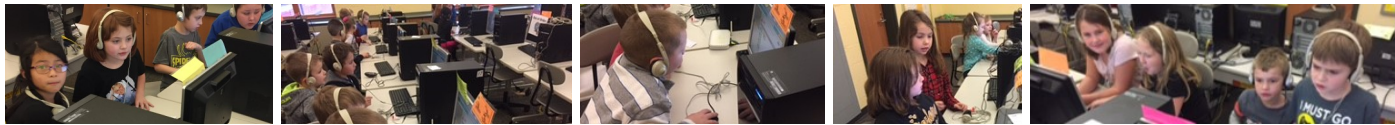
NEW EITC PARTNER: In addition to annual donations from First Commonwealth Bank, Nextier Brank, and the Nutrition Group through the EITC program, the Education Foundation received a generous contribution from Waste Management, bringing the total to \$16,250 received through this tax credit program.

NEW MEMBERS: Membership increased by three new annual and fourteen new sustaining members for 2016-2017. Membership dues support the Innovative Projects Grant program.

NEW TRUSTEES: The Education Foundation welcomed Becky Magness, Jamie Laws, and Dan Consuegra to the Board of Trustees. Their individual strengths have contributed greatly to the success of the Foundation's activities.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP: The Education Foundation plans to offer a scholarship for Apollo-Ridge seniors this school year. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank those students who support the Foundation's community engagement efforts.

Annual Report for the 2016-2017 School Year



MONEY IN

SILENT AUCTION FUNDS ARTS & TECH ED PROGRAM UPGRADES

\$16,000 in proceeds from 2016’s Gala/Silent Auction was used to upgrade the auditorium’s sound & light systems and purchase a CNC router for the High School Tech Ed program.

DENIM ‘N DERBY

4th Annual Gala/Silent Auction for STEM +A-Rts
The Links at Spring Church

November 4 5:30 PM

\$50 / \$75 per couple

Includes 2 beverages, dinner buffet, & silent auction

\$100 Walk-Around Package for Two

2 tickets PLUS! 2 Treasure Chest keys & program recognition

Tickets on Sale Now

724-478-6010

Gala Chair: Barb Hancock

bhancock58@yahoo.com



At last year’s Gala/Silent Auction, Rob Gibbons held the winning key to the treasure chest valued at \$750.

Enclosed please find a Bill Mazeroski autographed baseball for your event in November. Best of luck and thanks for all the good work you are doing.

—Joe Billetdaux, Director
Alumni Affairs, Promotions & Licensing
Pittsburgh Pirates Alumni

Many thanks to our EITC partners

First Commonwealth Bank, Nextier Bank, The Nutrition Group, & Waste Management

Does your business qualify? Visit newpa.com/eitc to find out. EITC Chair: Travis Kelley helix274@gmail.com

ARCONIC GRANT INCREASES RIGOR OF STEM CURRICULUM BY FUNDING A CLEAN MAKERSPACE

A makerspace is being developed in the STEAM Center located in the Middle School using funds from a \$20,000 Arconic grant (formerly Alcoa).

All secondary students will have access to laser engravers, 3D printers, and vinyl cutters to help increase their

ability to solve problems and develop soft skills such as teamwork and communication with peers.

All teachers will receive training to learn how to integrate the equipment into their units/lessons. Arconic’s curriculum will make the lessons more relevant for the students.

To learn more about this grant or to schedule a tour of the STEAM Center, contact Cris Kostiuk by email or phone at kostiukc@apolloridge.com or 724-478-6010.

Programs that benefited :

- AP students reimbursed for cost of test-taking
- Sound & lighting improvements for the Drama & Music productions
- CNC router increases size & scope of Tech Ed projects
- Project Lead the Way curriculum increases relevance in Automation & Robotics Class

MONEY OUT

Detailed financial reports are available under Publications at Apollo-RidgeEducationFoundation.org.

Description	2016 +/-	2015 +/-	2014 +/-	2013 +/-
Contributions	\$73,519	\$31,424	\$27,744	\$7,576
Miscellaneous	0	\$550	\$82	\$2,088
Memberships	\$325	\$1,275	\$775	\$375
Program Services	(71,653)	(\$18,293)	(\$12,599)	(\$14,867)
Administrative	(\$1,520)	(\$1,239)	(\$960)	(\$232)

The Better Business Bureau limits non-profits to no more than 35% for Administrative costs; PA’s EITC program’s limit is 20%. AREF was 2.1% for 2016.



INNOVATIVE PROJECTS GRANTS

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

BUILDING TO CREATE YOUNG THINKERS

Ms. Katie Clever, Ms. Donna Colamarino, Ms. Wendy Donelow, Ms. Nikki Dunmire, and Ms. Kim Spaniel

JUMPING JAMS—Ms. Becky Snyder

FORENSIC SCIENCE UNIT—Ms. Leigh Wenckowski

A-R JAZZ BAND—Mr. Gavin Virag

APPLE TV’s FOR RELATED ARTS

Mr. Dustin Traill, Ms. Jamie Biller, Mr. Matt Ferguson

SUSHI MATS—Ms. Sara Baab (student teacher) & Ms. Jamie Biller

TRANSITION/WORK-BASED SKILLS—Ms. Kristen Barta

CLASSROOM BOOKS—Mr. Jason Wagner

All of a sudden, students couldn’t wait to get to their seats! The classroom was abuzz with encouragement and teamwork. It was magic

—Becky Snyder, ARES Music
Jumping Jams Grant Recipient

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Sustaining members are invaluable contributors to the Foundation’s ability to fund Innovative Project Grants

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Bethany & Chad Toland

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Courtney Anderson
Cris Kostiuk
Dan Obriot
Danielle King
Dave Hauge
Deborah Wright
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Diane Paulina
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Elders Ridge Class of ‘66
Elaine Gill
Gloria Nott
Gretchen Blystone
Heidi Fleming
Jane Weber
Jean Roberts
Jennie Ivory
Jo Isaacson
Judy Walker
Karen Skroupa
Ken Brocious
Leanne Skroupa
Leigh Wenckowski
Linda Rollinson
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Susan Wenckowski
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William Naser



Innovative Projects Grant
Building to Create Young Thinkers

\$2,629 in membership dues were received through payroll deductions in 2016-2017

*Joined 2017-2018

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A quality education is one of the best ways to ensure a bright future for all students. We believe that the mission and work of the AREF is a big part of ensuring that our Apollo-Ridge students have every opportunity to succeed. It is because of this that we are proud to sponsor the Foundation.

—Apollo Trust Company