

Sylvania Academic Excellence Foundation (AEF)
SSPO Meeting
May 8, 2015

Why AEF?

- It's an investment in knowledge and that investment pays the best interest.
- The math is simple. We simply cannot meet all of the needs of our students.
- Make a difference. Our children, our community, our businesses and economy depend on our investment in education.

Background

- 1985: started through bequest from school employee
- Independent 501c3 organization
- Volunteer board member structure
 - Community
 - School staff (representing all levels)
 - Liaison with Board of Education and SSPO

How We Help

- Generate grants for classroom programs
- Provide scholarships for students/staff
- Maintain alumni lists and academic hall of fame
- Coordinate district-level events

Grants

- Dispersed about \$100,000 to date
 - Mini-grants for teachers
- District-level grants:
 - Challenger Learning Center
 - Over 2,500 5th grade students participated
- Help sponsor Academic Awards Banquets
- Technology: Chromebooks
 - 30 chromebooks/2 carts
 - Assist district in reaching 1:1 goal

Scholarships

- Yearly Awards
 - Valedictorians (NV/SV)
 - Kathleen A Babiak Award for Volunteerism (NV/SV)
- Named Awards
 - Peg Graber Memorial Science Award (SV)
 - 2016: Marge Fitkin Award (education)
- Past Awards:
 - Colonel Comstock (business)
 - Margerite Thal (music)

Alumni

- Generated alumni directory (now in 2nd edition)
- Distinguished Academic Alumni Hall of Fame
 - 25th anniversary – next spring
 - Over 100 honorees inducted since 1992
- Honor the Teacher of the Year
- Presents a Legacy Award
- Assists with Reunions

Funding

Focus: District Technology Needs

- Staff Campaign (ongoing)
- End of Year Appeal
 - Jointly with Athletic Foundation
- Sponsorships
 - Alumni Hall of Fame
- Fundraising Efforts
 - Channel 13 Basketball Game

You can make a difference

- Donations
 - Time
 - Ideas
 - Financial
 - Zimmerman Distinguished Donor Circle: \$25,000 +
 - Valedictorian: \$10,000 – 24,999
 - Salutatorian: \$5,000 – 9,999
 - Honor Roll: \$1,000 – 4,999
 - Hall of Fame: \$500 – 999
 - Superintendent: \$250 – 499
 - Principal: \$100 – 249




