



# ANNUAL REPORT 2015

# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Helping teachers help students is the mantra of the Conway Public Schools Foundation. When we can see the Foundation's mission manifested throughout the classrooms of this district, it validates our mission, and proves that progress has been made.

In 2015, as our annual report shows, our collective efforts toward that mission resulted in the very kind of progress that we can clearly define as success.

The Foundation strives each year to provide teachers with meaningful, additional resources to enrich the educational environment. Our hardworking and creative teachers inspire all of us daily, and we want to share that excitement with you.

As we look back at our recent accomplishments during the past year, we humbly believe that we have much to celebrate. Please read through this report, and strongly consider how you may become involved in furthering our ongoing progress. You can help us make a difference, and achieve our mission.

Thank you for your interest in Conway Public Schools, and most importantly, for your support and advocacy for our teachers and our students.

With Warmest Regards,

Beau Wilcox

## Classroom Impact Grants

Each year, the work of the Foundation is evident in the awarding of our Classroom Impact Grants. The district-wide teacher and classroom enrichment grant program is designed to inspire the creativity of Conway Public Schools teachers so that they may generate excitement and enable life-long learning for their students. These grants fund a variety of materials, supplies, and technology. Each year, the grants committee is blown away by the caliber and creativity of the proposals received. The results of these grants are not only tangible and meaningful but inspiring.

### In 2015, the Foundation awarded grants to the following educators:

- Monica Flowers
- Tally Rudesill
- Nan Keathley
- Carrie Leger
- Jalisa Allison
- Patty Oeste
- Rita Strause
- Amanda Krell
- Rachel Kirk
- Jamie Fisher
- Sheila Page
- Erin Wells
- Teresa Mallett
- Sharon Cone

Through the generous donation of Conway Corporation, the Foundation is able to provide a "Teacher of the Year" grant each year. This teacher is selected by their peers as someone who goes above and beyond in the classroom and out. This educator is awarded with a \$2,000 grant - \$500 of which goes to them personally and \$1,500 to be used in their classroom. This year's Conway Corporation Teacher of the Year is Megan Fotioo. Congratulations, Megan!



Congratulations to these educators, and thank you for letting us partner with you in delivering quality education to our students!



# Building the Foundation

Conway Public Schools Foundation embarked on its inaugural capital campaign in 2014 called Building the Foundation.

Through this \$1 million campaign, Conway Public Schools Foundation is growing the endowment for the Foundation's Classroom Impact Grants; providing new support for exciting initiatives that nurture excellence in STEM education, the creative and performing arts, vocational education, as well as professional development for teachers; and raising the awareness of Conway Public Schools as an annual philanthropic priority in the community.

While the Conway Public Schools' budget serves the district's daily operations, the Conway Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors recognizes that no budget can completely satisfy the creativity of our teachers, and the potential impact that a creative and motivated teacher can have on a student's life is immeasurable.

Gifts to this campaign are a critically important investment in the long-term strength and success of Conway Public Schools, the quality of its teachers, and the future of its students. Every gift to this campaign will directly impact the educational experience of every student in Conway Public Schools.

Campaign co-chairs Bunny & Carol Adcock, along with the members of the campaign steering committee, have worked tirelessly to progress this campaign with a goal of concluding in 2016. At the end of 2015, the campaign had surpassed the \$600,000 mark.

The Foundation would like to take this chance to thank our steering team members. Without their generous gifts of time and money, our campaign would not be the same. Thank you each for your time and service to our students.



## Committee Members

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