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to Change the Future

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Who We Are

The Pinellas Education Foundation is a dynamic, nationally recognized nonprofit organization that leads the way in advancing public education and student achievement. For more than 35 years, our wide spectrum of initiatives has made a measurable impact—expanding educational and career opportunities for students and enriching the community.



We are committed to equity, our belief that every student deserves a high-quality education. Our priorities align with Pinellas County Schools to ensure that students graduate from high school with multiple pathways to success, including college and career readiness. Together, with a coalition of local business and community leaders, we envision the possibilities and inspire our students to fulfill them. The Pinellas Education Foundation is rated a four-star foundation by Charity Navigator, its highest ranking. We're proud to have been recognized consistently as one of the best K-12 public school foundations in the United States, as featured in Education Week, a leader in industry publications.



The Pinellas Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which was created to support Pinellas County public schools, teachers and students. A partner to the school district, the Foundation secures support from individual donors as well as corporate and community organizations to advance education excellence.

The Foundation supports students of all ages, from Pre-K through college. The Foundation not only funds programs, but it has been instrumental in promoting innovation and developing programming that can be scaled and implemented statewide and even nationwide. Take Stock in Children, Enterprise Village and Finance Park are examples of programs that originated with the Foundation and now operate more broadly.

What We Do: Key Areas of Focus

All programs of the Pinellas Education Foundation are geared toward driving our mission: accelerating educational achievement for all students. The Foundation plays an integral role in providing students with the supports they need to succeed academically from the earliest grades through graduation from high school. We do this through more than 20 innovative programs.

16,414

STUDENTS SERVED BY COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTERS OVER TWO YEARS



Many of the Foundation's programs are directed toward supporting student achievement and, simultaneously, excellence in instruction and leadership. A number of programs support teachers, a cornerstone of student achievement, by providing access to research, professional development and other resources. Among these are:

- Closing the Gap**
- Digital Equity Project**
- Pinellas Early Literacy Initiative**
- Reading Recovery**



Through the years, the Foundation has worked to improve student performance, preparing them for the choices they'll make upon graduation, whether the choice is to attend college, skillfully enter the workforce, or obtain technical training. Programs that facilitate academic and career pathways for students include:

- Career Technical Education**
- Elevating Excellence/College and Career Centers Scholarships**
- Summer Career Acceleration Program**
- Take Stock in Children**
- Walker's Rising Stars**
- Youth Connect**

A number of Foundation programs are designed to help build a supportive culture for teachers and develop important life skills for students. These enhancement programs, several of which have been operating successfully for decades, include:

- Enterprise Village**
- Evening of Excellence: Teacher of the Year**
- Finance Park**
- Focus on Education**
- Fund a Classroom**
- Next Generation Entrepreneurs**
- Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive**
- Teacher Externships**
- Youth Farm**

4,166

STUDENTS IMPACTED BY CLOSING THE GAP GRANTS OVER TWO YEARS



Our Mission

Our mission is to accelerate educational achievement for all students through the effective mobilization of innovation, relationships and resources.

Our Vision

Our vision is that every student will be prepared for life after high school, whether the choice is to attend college, to enter the workforce, or to obtain technical training.

Belief Statements

EQUITY FOR ALL

We believe everyone deserves a high-quality education.

VALUE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

We believe that public education is a primary determinant of our county's economic prosperity and future success.

MULTIPLE PATHWAYS

We believe in preparing students for the variety of postsecondary and career pathways available to them.

INNOVATION

We believe in serving as a catalyst that activates new, more effective solutions to some of education's most pressing issues.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

We believe in learning from our work and using these discoveries to inform the best solutions and investments in education.



We are inspired every day by people who are incredibly generous with their time and resources—transforming the lives of individuals and families they may never even meet."

—Stacy Baier
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