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### What We've Been Up To

For the 2018-2019 school year, 21 teachers received classroom grants (15 new grants and 6 renewals) of up to \$1,000 each. Read about these projects on the next page and follow their progress on the Kettering Education Foundation Facebook page as the school year unfolds.

In May, KEF presented scholarships to 10 outstanding Fairmont graduating seniors and 2 Alter seniors. Information about scholarships and this year's recipients appears on Page 3 of this year's annual report.

Since its inception, the Kettering Education Foundation has raised more than \$300,000 and has awarded more than 300 grants. Funds raised have helped the Kettering Education Foundation achieve its vision: to provide support for the Kettering School District's efforts to be an innovative leader in K-12 education throughout the Miami Valley.

### How to Donate

The Kettering Education Foundation supports programs that have a positive impact on our schools and community. A donation is not simply a charitable gift, but an investment in the future. If you wish to contribute to the Kettering Education Foundation, fill out the enclosed donation card, include your gift, and mail it using the envelope provided.

You may also go to the Kettering Education Foundation website at [www.ketteringeducationfoundation.org](http://www.ketteringeducationfoundation.org). Click on "Donate" at the top of the page for instructions on how to donate, including how to make a gift online.

### Finally ...

Your gifts enable us to provide the educators in the Kettering School District with funding for critical and innovative programs that have truly made a difference in their classrooms. We are deeply indebted to you for your support and encouragement. Thank you for helping us in our efforts to achieve "Excellence in Education through Philanthropy."

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## 2018-2019 GRANTS

The Kettering Education Foundation awarded teacher grants to 21 Kettering teachers for the 2018-2019 school year: 15 new grants and 6 renewals. KEF is pleased to sponsor these teachers for their innovative classroom ideas.

At Indian Riffle Pandey Pugh's students in grades 2-5 will have access to **POST 2**, an interactive system to adapt story activities for a classroom reading center to help improve students' reading comprehension.

Mary Townsend's juniors and seniors at Fairmont will have access to **AP/IB FRENCH READING SELECTIONS** with class sets of readers of Francophone literature to connect their study of French with other disciplines like history, sociology, political science, art, and literature with a goal of helping students succeed on the rigorous AP and IB assessments.

Kettering Middle School teacher Judy Treadway will use **STUDENT PRESENTATION WHITEBOARDS** with her 6th graders to promote inquiry-based scientific thinking, communication, and learning.

Mary Martinez's 3rd grade class at John F. Kennedy will continue her goal of minimizing behavior problems with **FLEXIBLE SEATING** to help students focus on classroom activities while being able to move around.

Special education students in grades K-8 at Ascension will continue to use an **IXL PROGRAM** with teacher Amanda Lymburner to reinforce math and language arts skills.

Melissa Gallagher's 4th graders at Orchard Park will be **WRITING WITH THE EXPERTS** as Ms. Gallagher uses mentor texts as examples for students to model their writing.

At Oakview, Christopher Roden will present **UKULELE EXPLORATION** to his 1st and 2nd grade music students, giving them a better understanding of ukulele performance, technique, and history.

Patricia Taylor's junior and senior English students at Fairmont will continue to make **REAL WORLD CONNECTIONS THROUGH RIGOROUS FREE READING CHOICES**. Students will meet the demands of the common core curriculum by increasing their reading levels and improving their analysis and synthesis skills.

**MAKING THE SEASONS MAKE SENSE** is Becky Brandenburg's project for her 5th graders at John F. Kennedy. This program will help solidify the concept of the earth's seasons and help students meet state standards.

At Fairmont Darren McGarvey will continue his **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE 2018 ALL-READ EVENT** by encouraging IB students to choose and read engaging books with an international focus on worldly topics, pairing with the Dayton Literary Peace Prize to bring an author to talk with the students.

Mike Berning and the Music Department will host a **FAIRMONT AUDITORIUM GRAND OPENING MUSICAL COMMISSION AND COMPOSER RESIDENCY**. Among other goals, this will be an inspirational process for music students to work on composition and music theory with a composer-in-residence.

Lindsay Gustafson's 8th grade art students at KMS will be learning about **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ART** as students create a social justice-inspired encaustic wax art work, learning an advanced medium while using creativity, choice, and voice.

Fourth graders at Beavertown will continue **FINDING TIME FOR FUN LEARNING** in Jessica Hanchak's language arts class as they build relationships while building skills in reading fluency, reading comprehension, problem solving, and collaboration skills with their lunch bunch meetings.

Joseph Duncan's 7th grade science students at VanBuren will continue **EXPLORING THE ENGINEERING DESIGN PROCESS AND STEM CAREERS THROUGH INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING**. Students will use the inquiry-based learning experience in science to help them prepare for college and careers.

Rachael Foster's 8th graders at Kettering Middle School will try to answer this question: **CAN MACHINES MAKE ART?** Students will build simple drawing robots to tie the visual arts with technology, working on state-related standards.

**FINDING YOUR AIR!** Is the goal of Krista Pfennig-Berning for her 6th graders at Kettering Middle School. She will help students increase their productivity in exploratory music by using pneumo pro wind directors.

Meghan Dillon's advanced art and IB students at Fairmont High School will partake in a **PRINTMAKING MEDIA BLITZ**. These students will be exposed to a variety of printmaking techniques.

At Fairmont High School Kelly Mora will use collaboration, creativity, interpretive and interpersonal communication, and creative thinking to help students in grades 8-12 demonstrate proficiency in a variety of world language standards with her **BREAKOUT EDU FOR THE SPANISH CLASSROOM** project.

Nancy Galusha's 4th graders at Orchard Park will have the opportunity to see learning as a reflection on life by making reading, math, and science come alive through coding robots and learning about currents with her **TRIFECTA!** project.

**DIVERSITY THROUGH LITERATURE** is the goal of Fairmont English teacher Kelsey Mann whose students will have the opportunity to learn new perspectives through the eyes of a character and to analyze multiple interpretations of stories, poems, and plays.

At Van Buren the 7th grade students of Benjamin McCombs will learn how to **BECOME A ROBOT MECHANIC**. Mr. McCombs will help students construct and maintain robots by re-purposing parts to build the robots and by learning how to problem solve.

## KETTERING EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Kettering Education Foundation (KEF), a component fund of The Dayton Foundation, offers numerous scholarships on a yearly basis. On May 17, 2018 KEF, on behalf of its donors, presented scholarships to 10 outstanding Kettering Fairmont graduating seniors. A summary of the scholarships and the 2018 recipients follows:

### Kettering Jaycees Scholarship

The Kettering Jaycees Scholarship was established by the Kettering Jaycees Foundation to assist Fairmont seniors who are graduating from the Automotive Trades Program. The award is a one-year scholarship. The award is given to a student who is active in the community and school and who is recommended by his or her teachers for this scholarship award.

**2018 Recipient: Colin Selby – Hobart Institute of Welding**

### John Pitstick Memorial Scholarship

The John Pitstick Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the spirit and memory of Fairmont West graduate John Pitstick, a varsity football player and student who enjoyed high school and made lifelong friends at Fairmont. The scholarship goes to a Fairmont student athlete who plans to major in education.

**2018 Recipient: Hayley Carroll – University of Dayton**

### Cheryl Abraham Memorial Scholarship

Cheryl Abraham was a school counselor at Fairmont High School from 2002-2014. Cheryl loved high school students and dedicated her life to helping them navigate their way, however divergent the path, to choices that would positively shape their futures. She offered students her mindful presence and total acceptance. Cheryl worked hard to create opportunities for students to succeed and was a tireless advocate for those whose life path was not always straight or clear.

**2018 Recipient: Emily Galentine – University of Cincinnati**

### Chase Hale Scholarship

The Chase Hale Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of T. Chase Hale. Chase was a 2002 graduate of Kettering Fairmont High School, captain of both his swimming and tennis teams. Chase died in an automobile accident in 2007. The scholarship is awarded to a member of the swimming team nominated by the coaches.

**2018 Recipient: Noah Callinan – Grove City College**

### Kesling Family Scholarship

The Kesling Family Scholarship was established by Kettering Fairmont graduate and former Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano, Diane Kesling, to honor her parents, Betty Kesling Smith and Devon Kesling. Both Betty and Devon were Kettering graduates and active participants in the music program. Betty was also a music teacher in Kettering for many years. Devon was drum major at Fairmont and went on to become drum major at The Ohio State University. Diane was a member of Fairmont orchestra and choir before going on to sing in the Metropolitan Opera for many years.

**2018 Recipient: Benjamin Knab – Sinclair Community College**

### Catherine Riordon Scholarship

The Catherine E. Riordon Memorial Scholarship honors Catherine E. Riordon who graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College and was a teacher in the Kettering City Schools from 1954 until her retirement in 1983. "Kay" taught music at Oakview Elementary in Kettering for the entire time. Following retirement she was a faithful volunteer for the City of Kettering for many years. The Catherine E. Riordon scholarship is awarded to a graduating Kettering Fairmont senior involved in community service and volunteer activities.

**2018 Recipient: Laura Gaines – Ohio State University**

### "Cookie" Weeks Scholarship

Kettering teacher, Elizabeth "Cookie" Weeks, established the "Cookie" Weeks Scholarship for a graduating Fairmont senior who was also a graduate of Ms. Weeks' Beavertown Elementary class. The award is given to a student who has a high GPA and who demonstrates involvement in school and community activities.

**2018 Recipient: Alana Crider – Sinclair Community College**

### Sally Roush Brown Scholarship

The Sally Roush Brown Scholarship was established to pay tribute to former teacher and Kettering Board of Education member, Sally Roush Brown. The Brown family developed this scholarship for a graduating senior at Fairmont who has exhibited outstanding leadership qualities.

**2018 Recipient: Lucas Van Leeuwen – Hanover College**

### Ray Albrecht Scholarship

The Ray Albrecht Scholarship was established by the family of Ray Albrecht as a memorial tribute to the hard work and dedication that he showed in all aspects of his life and for his commitment to sending eleven kids and six grandchildren through the Kettering City School District.

**2018 Recipient: Hailey Willis – University of Cincinnati**

### Gail Latham Scholarship

The Gail Latham Scholarship was established by Melanie Kolden-Ramsey to honor Gail's exemplary love of the written word and her extraordinary kindness. She was always looking out for the well being of those around her. Many in the Fairmont community will remember Gail as a proud Firebird parent and band volunteer. Professionally, Gail was a newspaper journalist of the highest caliber. She fought for excellence in print journalism as a copy editor and manager at the Dayton Daily News and Cox Media Group. Gail cared very much about accuracy and clearly written, grammatically correct copy. She was a stickler who would not stand for sloppy copy.

**2018 Recipient: Kalliope Bessler – Loyola University**

Alter graduates, **Audrey Binzer (University of Dayton)** and **Tate Harnett (Ohio State University)** are the 2018 recipients of the Chief's Scholarship.

The Chief's Scholarship was founded to continue the bonds between fathers and their daughters/sons while participating in the Indian (Adventure) Guide and Princess Programs. These programs are sponsored by the Kettering South Community YMCA.

