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**Arlington Education Foundation Awards Nearly \$40,000 to Schools**  
*Awards Spread out among all of Arlington's Schools*

For nearly twenty-five years, the Arlington Education Foundation (AEF) has supported the advancement of public education in Arlington through grants that facilitate innovative programs for the classroom, personal development of educators, systematic changes and curriculum development.

AEF has just awarded \$39,866 in three grant categories: Development & Expansion, Continuing Scholars, and Innovations in Education. "These grants reflect the Arlington community's generosity. Without donations from parents, residents and local businesses, we would not have such a far reaching impact. We are thrilled to make a positive difference to every Arlington student" remarked Jane Biondi, AEF Board President.

**Development & Expansion Grants – \$19,100**

Development & Expansion grants support system-wide development of new educational strategies.

- *Innovative Care Coordinator (ICC)* This grant will expand the ICC program, which works to decrease absenteeism through improved nursing care and increased collaboration among families, school professionals and outside health providers.
- *Elementary Teacher Leadership Program* A Master Teacher pilot program, focusing on the Common Core's demand for increased content area and pedagogical skills.

**Continuing Scholars Awards – \$5,800**

Awards are given directly to educators to fund courses, workshops, trips, or expeditions sponsored by universities, schools, institutes, or professional development organizations.

- Tara Kfoury, Ottoson Middle School Spanish Teacher, *Teachers as Scholars: Cuba Educational Travel*
- Meagan Burke and Amy Hrobak, Dallin and Hardy School Social Workers, *Trauma, Body and the Brain: Restoring the Capacity for Rhythm and Play*



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- Katia Haberman, Arlington High School Spanish Teacher, *Costa Rican Resource Educational Tour*

### **Innovations in Education Grants – \$14,966**

Innovations grants support innovative teaching and learning projects.

- *Kindergarten Playground Enhancements, Peirce School*  
Sensory and musical enhancements will encourage creativity and exploration.
- *STEM Surge, Dallin School*  
Professional development will support engineering and technology curriculum and instruction, and inquiry-based and hands-on learning.
- *The Blended-Learning Dreambox Expansion Project, Hardy School*  
A full school subscription to the Dreambox Learning online math program will offer differentiated learning opportunities.
- *Alphachant Kit for English Language Learners (ELLs), Thompson School*  
A unique song and chant phonics kit will accelerate learning among English Language Learners in Kindergarten.
- *Linking Garden and Compost Activities to the Curriculum, Bishop School*  
Development of educational materials will integrate garden and compost activities into the school curriculum.
- *Introduction to Archaeology: An Elective Course, High School*  
Start-up materials for an archaeological dig will help to establish this new science course.
- *CO2 Car Race, High School*  
A high-tech model car track system that gathers precise data will help students in Computer Aided Design and Drafting test car designs and improve performance.

AEF awards approximately \$100,000 annually to the Arlington Public Schools. Over the past two years, the AEF Technology Initiative - a separate fundraising effort to jumpstart technology in the district - has awarded an additional \$84,000 in grants, bringing back High School computer science, and transforming the Ottoson Middle School's Technology & Engineering and Digital Media and Literacy programs. The AEF Technology Initiative will end on June 30th and the foundation hopes to raise an additional \$130,000 to establish mobile science workstations and a digital arts studio at the High School, and expand the Technology & Engineering and Digital Media & Literacy labs at the Middle School. All money donated by June 30th will support technology in the classrooms in September. For more information or to donate, visit [www.arlingtoneducationfoundationma.org](http://www.arlingtoneducationfoundationma.org).