



Wondering what we do?

The City of Allentown's Renaissance really begins with support of its schools. In the 2015-2016 school year, generous area donors helped the Allentown School District Foundation (ASDF) contribute more opportunities for more success in 2015-2016, touching the lives of more than 2,600 Allentown School District students with innovative, enriched programming. Here are highlights:

Elementary Programs

Involving several well-known art professionals, the **Artist-in-Residence** program blends the visual arts with integrated studies in civic education, environmental science, history, geography, math and nature. Children express themselves through drawing, painting, sculpting, photography, murals and other art forms. These Renaissance programs sparked creativity in more than 1,500 elementary students last year. Prints and note cards of student art are offered as gifts for donations at Art in the Park, Mayfair and other venues.

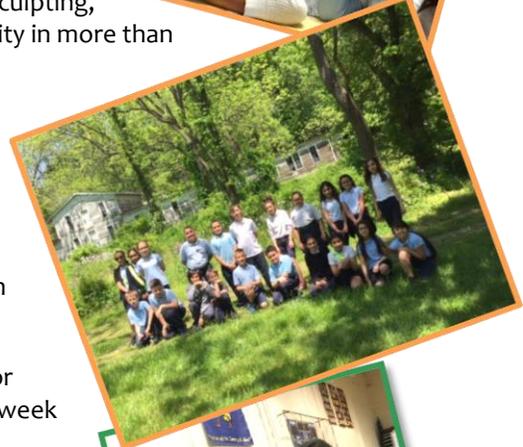
Based on award-winning ASD teacher Janice Altieri's book, **An Allentown Adventure**, 4th and 5th grade students from Central, Lehigh Parkway, Mosser and Union Terrace Elementary Schools learned about their city this past year, as they visited historical sites and cultural landmarks. This program blends reading, art and history into a program not soon to be forgotten by the students fortunate enough to participate each year.

The Foundation supports many **Music Enrichment** programs, providing opportunities for students to perform. Critical learning happens when the Community Music School's six week **Flutophone Program** is offered to third graders. More funding is needed so that the Foundation can expand on instrument lessons which our students so richly deserve. Third graders have the opportunity to learn to play violin, viola and cello. Starting in fourth grade, students have the opportunity to play brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. Donations of old and new instruments from the community are always welcome. The summer program, **Lines and Spaces**, meets for three hours weekly to keep students engaged.

Secondary Programs

National History Day motivates secondary students to create research-based exhibits, papers, websites, performances and documentaries on historical topics they find interesting. Almost 120 ASD students participated in this program during the 2015-2016 school year. Seventeen students competed at regionals, and two students went on to the state competition.

The Science Fair for grades six through twelve enables students to develop meaningful science projects with the chance to join others in pursuit of the PA Junior Academy of Science awards at The Pennsylvania State University statewide event. More than 650 students from Allen, Dieruff, Trexler, Raub, Harrison-Morton, South Mountain and alt ed schools participated in the third annual Science Fair on June 2 and 3, 2016.



Allentown DRIVE is the name of a baseball program designed to lure middle schoolers to the mound and diamond each spring. Since 2013, several funders have supported this effort, teaching players the basics of the game while reinforcing the values of integrity, dedication and hard work.

Music is supported by the Foundation in several modalities. The ASDF supported the resurgence of the William Allen High School band, by contributing \$5,000 for the refurbishment and purchase of instruments. The WAHS instrumental program has grown from 20 students to over 75 students in the past two years. The **MS Strings** program is new for 2016-2017, with a goal to support young musicians from ASD's 14 elementary schools as they transition to middle school.

Middle school students learn the salsa, merengue, bachata and cha-cha in fall as part of the **Latin Dance Competition**. Four times each week, they take dance lessons all the while practicing discipline, commitment and teamwork. The program culminates in a head-to-head dance competition between the middle schools in November.

Grants & Scholarships

The ASD Foundation is the custodian of the Allentown School District Endowed Scholarship Program, providing **scholarships** to college-bound seniors at WAHS and DHS. In 2016, 63 scholarships were awarded, totaling \$28,000+.

The ASDF awards **Summer Camp Scholarships** at the **HIGH NOTES** Gala from such organizations as the Allentown Municipal Golf Course, the Baum School of Art, Civic Theatre, Community Music School, Da Vinci Science Center, Ellie Escher Vocal Intensive, Muhlenberg College GEMS Camp, Oakmont Tennis Club, Penn State LV Summer Camp, Rodale Aquatics Program, Wildlands Conservancy, X-Cape Dance Studio, YMCA and more.

Since 2012, the Foundation has funded **Teacher Innovation Grants (TIG)** for unique, creatively compelling enrichment projects. TIG is pegged to be a high-growth program. To date, more than \$65,000 has been allocated to over 60 educators inspired and encouraged to submit grant applications that focus on standards-based innovation. Eighteen educators across the district received grants for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Showcases

Featuring students and their accomplishments, the **Academic Showcase, HIGH NOTES Gala, Art-in-the-Park, Mayfair, and many other performance venues**, from school assemblies to outdoor performances, celebrate achievement at the end of the year.

The Academic Showcase is in its 6th year. The best of the best projects are on display with students happy to stand and deliver, telling of their accomplishments. It has become a year-end tradition and an honor for students and their families.

The signature fundraising event for the ASD Foundation is **HIGH NOTES**, the gala held at historic Miller Symphony Hall. The evening includes dinner and student performances from the middle and high schools. Net proceeds support the operations of the Foundation as well as gifts of \$2,000-\$3,000 for each middle and high school theatre program in gratitude for the students' efforts to bring **HIGH NOTES** to the community. Students involved in HIGH NOTES are treated to a one-day Broadway bus trip to New York. Mark your calendar: the 7th annual HIGH NOTES will be held March 25, 2017.

Thanks

To our many donors in the City of Allentown, and beyond, we thank you for your support, which enables the Foundation to provide more opportunities for more student success. Learn more: www.allentownsd.org/asdf.

