

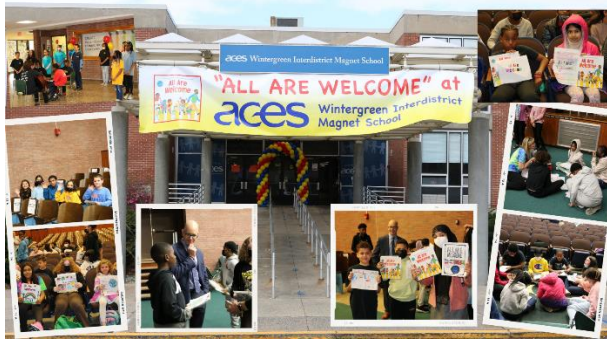


Annual Update 2022



**OVER \$170,000 RAISED
AT THE MARCH 2022 GALA**

Your contributions have supported opportunities for ACES students and staff



Save the date-19th annual Gala-March 23, 2023

Special thanks to our 2022 Gala Top Sponsors



18th Annual Gala Highlights



Dr. Maysa Akbar



NEIL MELLEN
Founder & President



Julian Roman

On March 24, 2022, the ACES Education Foundation celebrated its annual gala at Anthony's Ocean View, New Haven, CT. The Foundation honored Dr. Maysa Akbar-Assistant Clinical Professor, Yale University School of Medicine; Neil Mellen-Founder & President of Town Fair Tire Foundation and Julian Roman-Alumni, ACES Whitney Academy.

Thank you to all the gala volunteers who helped make the event a huge success.

2022 Foundation Grant Awards

Due to your support, \$58,070.38 will be awarded during the 2022-23 school year to benefit ACES students.

ACES at Mead

- Ansonia Classroom Libraries-\$3,000

ACES at Chase

- Audiovisual Infrastructure-\$8,974.38
- Community Building Gardening Grant-\$1,000

Mill Academy

- STEAM Station-\$1,000

Mill Academy/Elementary

- Mental Health at the Mills-\$1,250
- Peace Out-\$1,250
- Sphero Robots-\$3,000

Mill Elementary

- Jr. Ballers-\$5,000
- Social Emotional Learning Classroom-\$1,500
- Virtual Reality-\$4,998

Peter C. Young Building

- Equity Leadership Teams-\$15,000

Whitney Academy

- Next Up Transition Curriculum Program-\$3,000

Whitney North

- Bikes-\$2,500

Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School

- All Are Welcome/Big Feelings-\$5,773

2021 Foundation Grant Awards

ACES students that benefited from some of the grants awarded during the 2021-22 school year.



Flexible seating-ASPIRE



Author visits-Mill Academy/Elementary



Multicultural Literature in the Classroom-Mill Academy/Elementary



Risers for Chorus-Chase

Scholarship Fund

Alfred E. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship Fund for Advanced Study in the Arts



2022 Scholarship Fund recipients from left to right: Noah Sonenstein, Mae Valerio, Ryan Shea, Amelia Murolo, Abigail Rossi, Carina Montesi, Tula Johnson, Aiden Day & Tom Danehy (back).

The ACES Education Foundation's Alfred E. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship Fund for Advanced Study in the Arts was established in memory of Alfred E. Hopkins, a beloved ACES central office administrator who appreciated and collected art.

The 2022 scholarship awarded eight students \$1,000 each at the ECA graduation in June. Since its inception, the Hopkins Scholarship has awarded \$50,500 in grant funding to students pursuing the arts. Principal Leslie Abbatiello is grateful for the recognition her students received.

ACES ECA Student, **Aiden Day**, Milford, will be attending Dean College (MA)

ACES ECA Student, **Tula Johnson**, Cheshire, will be attending Boston Conservatory at Berklee (MA)

ACES ECA Student, **Carina Montesi**, Madison, will be attending Belmont University (TN)

ACES ECA Student, **Amelia Murolo**, Cheshire, will be attending School of Visual Arts (NY)

ACES ECA Student, **Abigail Rossi**, New Haven, will be attending Southern Connecticut State University (CT)

ACES ECA Student, **Ryan Shea**, Madison, will be attending SUNY Purchase (NY)

ACES ECA Student, **Noah Sonenstein**, Madison, will be attending Bard College Conservatory (NY)

ACES ECA Student, **Mae Valerio**, Hamden, will be attending Berklee College of Music (MA)

Fund-a-Need

The 2022 ACES Education Foundation's Fund-A-Need appeal raised more than (\$24,000) for the Village School Playground. Thank you to all who contributed to the playground appeal at the gala with special thanks to Town Fair Tire Foundation & Performance Environmental Services for their very generous donations!

The playground was recently completed based on grants, fundraisers and individual donations such as: ACES Education Foundation (\$10,000), Community Foundation for Greater New Haven (\$50,000), The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven-Visual Impairment (\$24,564), ARP (ESSER III-35,000), The Petit Family Foundation (\$7,500) & Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation (25,000). Additional funding was received from Liberty Bank (\$5,000), fundraisers and individual donations (\$3,020). A special "thank you" to Melissa Karp, ACES Grant Writer, for her assistance writing and obtaining grant funds! An official ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for Fall of 2022.



The Mission of the ACES Education Foundation

The ACES Education Foundation exists to support the educational purposes of ACES, educate the public about the programs & services that ACES provides.

About ACES

Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) is the regional educational service center for twenty-five communities in New Haven and Middlesex Counties. ACES is both a non-profit service organization and a school district that serves over 2,000 students in three magnet and nine special education schools. Established in 1969, ACES strives each day to fulfill its vision of creating an equitable and socially just world, one life at a time. ACES serves its member districts and others through an ever-growing array of programs, services and schools that meet the needs of a changing educational landscape. For more information, go to www.aces.org.

About the Foundation

The ACES Education Foundation exists to support high-quality programming that strengthens the academic achievement and social skills of ACES students, consumers and staff by providing grant opportunities to ACES schools and programs. Since its inception, the ACES Education Foundation has raised more than \$1,000,000 benefitting thousands of ACES students and families.

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