



ACES Education Foundation 2020

ANNUAL UPDATE

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 \$975,000 benefitting thousands of ACES students and families. **Due to COVID-19 and the safety of our guests, the ACES Education Foundation's 17th Annual Gala was postponed until March 25, 2021. Unfortunately, due to school closures we were not able to award any grants for the 2019-20 school year. We will resume our application process for 2020-21 after the 2021 Gala.**

THE GALA HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 25, 2021.

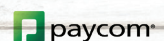
17TH ANNUAL GALA CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF aces

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Dr. Cheryl S. Saloom, Former ACES Executive Director & Founder of the ACES Education Foundation and also honoring Performance Environmental Services

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2020 GALA TOP SPONSORS



ACES Education Foundation stands in solidarity with the **#Blacklivesmatter** movement.

The ACES Education Foundation Board voted to designate a portion of our annual giving to fund proposals that support the capacity of our ACES community to actively advance an anti-racist frame in our classrooms, programs and services provided. In our future requests for grant funding, we will be seeking applications from throughout our ACES community for their innovative ideas that will strengthen our learning and practice of anti-racism.

We will never attain our goals of education equity without addressing the impact of racism in education. This is difficult and long-term work. The ACES Education Foundation is committed to this work.

Fund-A-Need

The 2019 ACES Education Foundation's Fund-A-Need awards for Assistive/Communication Technology initiatives were awarded to ACES Village School for "Switch It Up" Activity Cart and to ACES Whitney Academy for a Braille Embosser.





Dr. Robert LaCamera, Emeritus

At its September 2019 board meeting, The ACES Education Foundation unanimously voted to award Dr. Robert LaCamera with Emeritus status. Dr. LaCamera is the first Board member to receive this honor which recognizes his long time support as a member of the Board, while also recalling his decades of medical support to ACES students. On October 30, 2019, Dr. LaCamera was recognized with an awards celebration and was joined by his family and friends.



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

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 also appreciated and collected art. The 2020 scholarship awarded six students \$8,000.



ACES ECA student **Franziska Lee** from Hamden, will be attending Columbia University, and wants to be a writer.



ACES ECA student **Tyler Manemeit** from Clinton, will be attending Western Ct. University, and wants to be a musical theater actor.



ACES ECA student **Jean-Luc Montaudy** from Milford, will be attending The New School, New York, and wants to study media and film.



ACES ECA student **Hannah Stein** from Wallingford, will be attending Dean College, and wants to prepare with a double major in musical theater and arts and education management.



ACES ECA student **Julie Hess** from Newtown, will be attending Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., and wants to major in songwriting.

An ACES Whitney North student was also recognized and is planning to explore a music class at a local Community College and taking private lessons in the community. *Picture not available.*

The ACES Education Foundation's Mission

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 eight 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 members 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.

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