## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## 2019 Calallen ISD State of the District Luncheon

Monday, October 21, 2019 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Al Amin Shrine Temple

Dr. Artie Almendarez will provide an update on Calallen ISD and Calallen Alumni, Casey Doran - Class of 1998, will share his experiences as a Marine and Helicopter Pilot for the President and Vice President of the United States.



## 9th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser

Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Al Amin Shrine Temple

Casino table play, great music, exciting live and silent auctions, delicious food and lots of fun. All proceeds benefit innovative educators and our students in the classroom.

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Visit <u>www.calalleneducationfoundation.org/events</u> to make your reservations!

#### Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the governing arm of the Calallen Education Foundation. The Board consists of volunteers in leadership positions who set policy, oversee operations and evaluate the organization's performance. Without our Board of Directors and support volunteers, Calallen Education Foundation Grants for educators would not be possible!

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# Calallen Education Foundation NEWSLETTER

# GRANT PATROL!



CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION FOR THE CLASSROOM!

The most exciting day of the year for the Calallen Education Foundation is the day, that after working all year long to raise funds, the team gets to give it away! During Grant Patrol the Board of Directors awards giant grant checks to unsuspecting teachers in their classrooms. To make it extra thrilling, members of the Calallen High School Band, Calallen TV and Journalism, and KRIS 6 News joined Grant Patrol and celebrated with an enthusiastic parade moving through the hallways of the schools. We love it when teachers cry tears of joy and kids jump up and down with excitement! Congratulations to all our 2019 Grant Winners!

Over \$48,000 and 12 teachers/teams awarded during Grant Patrol 2019!

#### DEAR CALALLEN COMMUNITY.

Calallen Education Foundation is happy to bring our 2018-2019 Spring Newsletter to you. This is our way of sharing how our community's support and investment of time and funds is successfully reaching our Calallen ISD students. The members of our Board of Directors love reaching out to kids in our district. The Board has grown, and through this growth these dedicated individuals have added their friends, families, business partners and loved ones to participate in local functions, events, and drives. Many of you have now seen how helping out the kids in our community can actually be fun for us all!

Founded in 2008, CEF has awarded grants to our classroom teachers since 2011. Our 137 grants to date have enabled our teachers to add \$327,403 to our students' learning environments. I am extremely proud to be a founding member of the Calallen Education Foundation. I love seeing the innovative growth in our students and schools in the past ten years. We had a gradual start, but CEF is now making leaps and bounds every year, and the students of Calallen ISD are reaping the benefits.

We hope you enjoy the pictures and information we have to share with you and they will enable you to see how CEF donors' dollars make a true, lasting impact on our students.

Thank you so much for all you do,









## 2018 STATE OF THE DISTRICT PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The 2018 State of the District Luncheon, hosted by the Calallen Education Foundation, was held on October 22 at the Al Amin Shrine. Dr. Artie Almendarez, Superintendent, Calallen ISD provided a presentation titled, "Past, Present and Future" which featured Calallen Alumni. Judge John Brieden - Class of 1968, Sherry Cleveland Workman - Class of 1969, Dr. Robert Naismith - Class of 1985, Dusty Oliveira "El Dusty" - Class of 1998, and Demetri Karagas - Class of 2006 were featured. Dr. Almendarez also provided an update on the Bond projects currently underway and other important facts about Calallen

State of the District provides our community an opportunity to visit with Grant Winners and their students to hear firsthand how the programs, projects or items purchased with granted funds have impacted them. The Calallen High School Steel Band performed, highlighting one of the granted items from 2018 Grant Patrol - a Steel Pan. Calallen Cheerleaders, Top Cats, FFA and Calallen TV also helped to make the State of the District a wonderful community gathering.

## Annual Investor Program

Our donors make Calallen Education Foundation grant funding possible. For the last several years we have had organizations and families supporting us with table sponsorships at both our State of the District Luncheon and our Casino Night events. We wanted to provide an opportunity for those donors and others to streamline their support into an annual investment and offer an opportunity to provide additional financial support to the Calallen Education Foundation. With increased dollars donated, our Annual Investors receive increased partner recognition. This new program, along with our All In For Kids Campaign, helped the education foundation reach record donation levels in 2018-2019. Please acknowledge our Calallen Education Foundation Annual Investors!

## **ENRICHMENT INVESTORS** \$5,000+

LyondellBasell State Farm – Johnnie Bickham **Valero Energy Foundation** 

#### **Inspiration Investors** \$2,500

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If you would like to be recognized as a 2019-2020 Annual

Investor for Calallen Education Foundation, contact us!

H.E.B Tournament of Champions Wells Fargo Advisors - Conni Geary

#### **ENGAGEMENT INVESTORS** \$1,500

**AEP Texas** Best Western NW **Navy Army Community** Credit Union

Corpus Christi Deluxe Welding & Safety Supply

**Northwest Business** Association

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Hanson Kennedy Dental Care

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**Sunnyside Pediatrics** 

# CASINO NIGHT: SOLD OUT!

The Calallen Education Foundation takes pride in hosting one of the most enjoyed evenings of the year and this year Casino Night sold out!! Our Annual Casino Night Fundraiser is the major fundraiser for the Calallen Education Foundation. It provides the majority of our grant funds and this year we raised over \$58,000! Held the first Saturday of March, our community came out in force and really made an impact! The silent auction was conducted on line with bidders' cell phones, which added a whole new level of excitement. We had Las Vegas style casino table play, great music, delicious food stations and an exciting live auction! Overall the evening was a blast and we appreciate the support of all our sponsors, in kind donors, our players and buyers!! Together we make a difference in Calallen education!



Emily Flores, 5th Grade Math Teacher, Magee Intermediate for Albert's Insomnia, an award winning math game to challenge kids with mental math, order of operations and problem solving practice.

## \$500 MINI-GRANTS!

The Calallen Education Foundation is always looking for new ways to provide funds to teachers that have great ideas, but no budgeted monies. This year we launched the \$500 Mini-Grant Program which provides an opportunity for teachers to deliver a five to seven-minute presentation to a panel of judges explaining why they need the grant. They are able to ask for up to \$500. The Mini-Grant Presentations are held every month. Pictured here is one of our 2018 -2019 Mini-Grant Winners!

## ALL IN FOR KIDS IF WE ALL GIVE A LITTLE, WE ALL GET A LOT!



We know that the average person gives to at least three favorite charities. (Donor Guru, 2018) We believe that the Calallen Education Foundation should be one of those charities because education matters to everyone in a community! Education matters to the economy. Education matters to the home owners. Education matters to the employers. Education matters to the families. Without quality education, communities suffer.

> The All In For Kids community giving campaign provides an opportunity for everyone to give a monthly reoccurring gift. All In For Kids contributors facilitate a steady flow of funds and have been instrumental in the introduction and success of our \$500 Mini-Grant Program, allowing us to award teacher grants every month throughout the school year.

> Our All In For Kids goal is 100% community participation because education matters to 100% of our community! Make your reoccurring donation by signing up at

calalleneducationfoundation.org/allinforkids

## Ways to Donate:



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