



Calallen Education Foundation NEWSLETTER

Calallen Independent School District West Intermediate School

**Donate Now and
Create a Lasting Legacy**



It is not every day that your school district builds a brand-new campus, but that is exactly what is happening at Calallen ISD. Opening during the 20/21 school year is our new campus for 4th and 5th grades, Calallen West Intermediate School. Now is your chance to contribute to the Calallen Education Foundation and get a customized brick or tile to leave your legacy on the walkway around the flag pole or on an interior wall of the new school.

We offer 4" x 8" and 8" x 8" sizes with a variety of clip art, custom logos or text only to be printed on the bricks and tiles, depending on your contribution of \$500, \$300, \$250, \$150 or \$100. For every donation, you create your unique message and a legacy within our district. Business names, family names, student names, in memory, in honor, class of, are all options for your customized brick or tile.

Don't wait! The engraving has to be completed in time to lay the bricks or tile during construction! To place your order online or download an order form, please visit...

www.calalleneducationfoundation.org/bricklegacy

DEAR CALALLEN COMMUNITY,

What an amazing year it has been and continues to be as we navigate these challenging and interesting times in our society and in public education. Our teachers have taken their lessons from the classroom to the virtual world. We are so pleased the Calallen Education Foundation Grants provided over the years have helped make this transition easier for many of our teachers by having the tools and technology they need to get the job done!

The Calallen Education Foundation (CEF) kicked off this school year by offering teachers an opportunity to apply for a major grant in the Fall as well as the Spring. In all we awarded over \$100,000 during the 2019-2020 school year. This is a major accomplishment and I want to thank the outstanding CEF Board of Directors and all our supporters for achieving this milestone!

Fundraising is the root of our success. Without generous donor partners, we could not provide grants for innovative education. This year we have had a unique opportunity to raise funds and provide our donors a legacy with customized bricks or tiles for the new West Intermediate School scheduled to open next year. We hope you will make your donation now, while the opportunity still exists.

Please take some time to review our newsletter and consider the great work of Calallen Education Foundation. It really does take a village to raise a child. We want everyone in the Calallen community to get involved. Join us!

Sincerely,

Conni Kohlenberg Wise

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CEF Board President



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE. LASTING IMPRESSIONS.

Major Casey Doran, Calallen Class of 1998, was our featured speaker at the State of the District Luncheon held at Al Amine Shrine on Monday, October 22, 2019. Major Doran is currently serving as an Operational Test Director and flying Presidential Support Missions with Marine One. Volunteering his time, Major Doran traveled from Quantico, VA, to speak to an "at capacity" crowd about the importance of striving for excellence and the lasting impressions that great Calallen teachers had on him. The program was kicked off as guests visited with our grant winners and students to learn the impact that innovative education has on our students. The Calallen Steel Band opened the program with excellent island music and Dr. Almendarez closed the program with a short video update of Calallen ISD. The luncheon was a huge success and enjoyed by all!



RAISING MONEY FOR EDUCATION LAS VEGAS STYLE!

The 9th Annual Casino Night was held on February 22, 2020 at the Al Amin Shrine to another sold out crowd. We are very fortunate that our major fundraising event of the year was held before Covid-19 impacted our region. Our donors came out strong, ready to make a difference in Calallen education while having a great time with Casino table play, awesome music, fabulous food and lots of fun! Special thanks to all our food, live and silent auction donors. The generosity of our community is second to none! Thank you!



WAYS TO DONATE:



www.calalleneducationfoundation.org/donate



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OVER \$110,000 IN MAJOR GRANTS AWARDED!

The Calallen Education Foundation (CEF) provided educators an opportunity to request grant funds as soon as the school year started. In previous years, the major grants were only available in the Spring, but because of our generous donor partners, we were able to offer grants twice in 2019/2020! On September 24, 2019 the Fall Grant Patrol made up of CEF Board Members and the Calallen Wildcat Band created a parade across the district through all the campuses and awarded 11 grants totaling \$44,555.55.

Our Spring Grant Patrol had a unique twist this year. Originally scheduled for late March, the CEF Grant Patrol was cancelled due to social distancing requirements and the fact that teachers and students were working from home. But that did not stop the Calallen Education Foundation from delivering grants to deserving educators.

The CEF Board of Directors recorded special messages of congratulations to each grant winner and on April 9, 2020 the videos were sent to the winners informing them of their grant award. In all, 13 major grants were distributed totaling \$66,502!

Since 2011 the Calallen Education Foundation has awarded educators in Calallen ISD major grants totaling \$454,465.87. An additional \$11,937.60 has been awarded in mini-grants. None of this would be possible without the support of our donor partners. Thank you!



ANNUAL INVESTORS: MAKING THEIR MARK ON EDUCATION

For the second year in a row, the Calallen Education Foundation has benefited from generous contributions of our Annual Investors. These donor partners make a significant contribution at various levels and receive partner recognition that includes a table at our fall and spring events. A special thank you to our Annual Investors! We could not do what we do without you!

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Is innovative education important to you? It should be because great education leads to great communities with great neighborhoods and great home values. At the Calallen Education Foundation we know that education matters, but making a large annual donation may not be reasonable for you. That is ok! We have our All In For Kids Program which provides an opportunity for you to give a small monthly donation that over time makes a significant impact. Simply visit the link below to set up your reoccurring donation now!

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NUECES CHARITIES, INC. HELPS FUND MINI-GRANTS

Each month of the school year Calallen ISD Educators are provided an opportunity to request up to \$500 for things they need to deliver innovative and creative lessons for their students. This year Nueces Charities, Inc. provided a grant for over \$5,800 to the Calallen Education Foundation to help fund those Mini-Grants. The teachers provide a 5-7 minute presentation to a panel of judges and if awarded, teachers can order their requested items within the same week! 12 teachers were Mini-Grant winners this year! Thank you Nueces Charities, Inc. and congratulations to all our Mini-Grant winners!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!