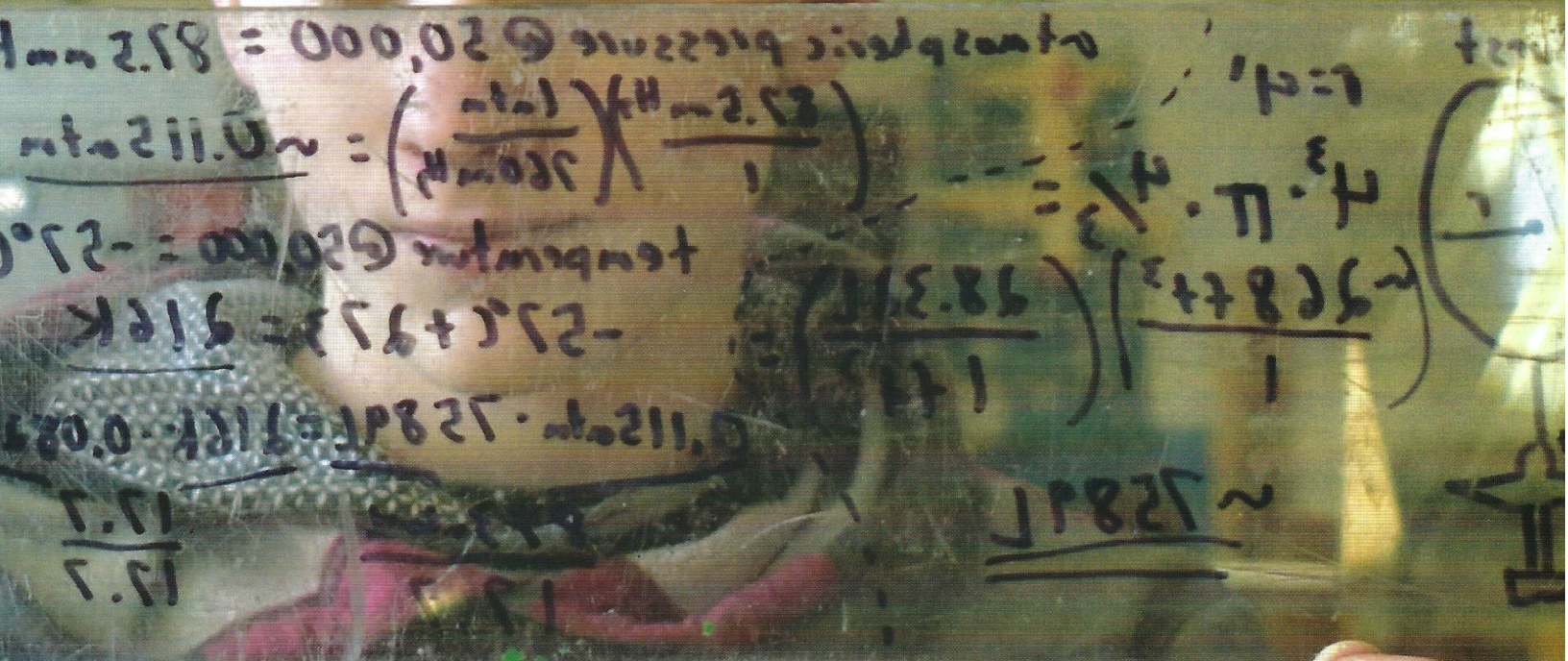


Making Connections

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Gloucester High School student Austin Monell examines the formula he developed for a helium weather balloon to be used to elevate a remotely-controlled glider 50,000 feet into the atmosphere. The project was one of several initiatives developed by students in the award-winning engineering program at Gloucester High School and supported in part by donations from former students—connecting one generation of innovators to the next!

Photograph by GHS student Cassandra Sanchez

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THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING CONNECTED

Connections matter. In our homes, they provide power and illumination. Connectivity to the internet helps us communicate, share ideas and obtain information about our world at seemingly lightning speed. In the workplace personal connections open doors and propel careers forward. Social connections build friendships, decrease isolation and create community.

Connections are important in learning, too. Giving students authentic experiences that tie “book knowledge” to real-world situations is widely acknowledged to be essential for deepening subject matter understanding. Much is also known about the positive benefits of making links for students to their sense of self, to healthy relationships with their peers and to the larger ideas of their world. The Gloucester Education Foundation (GEF) has always recognized the importance of connections, and this Annual Report highlights some of these — just open up the interior page to see the connections that GEF has made for Gloucester’s students over the past year!

For organizations like GEF, connections are vital. This year, we are making a very important one, as we bridge one generation of leadership with the next: June Landergren Steel, who has led GEF since 2016 as President of the Board, turns over the gavel to Gloucester parent Joe Calomo, who assumed leadership of the Board in April 2018. June remains on the Board as Past President, while another Gloucester parent, Serena Low, has stepped up as President-Elect. This three-person structure ensures smooth transition of leadership and gives GEF a very real connection to its future moving forward.

There is yet another connection that has always been critical to GEF: the very special bond that we share with our generous and caring community. Without it, our work simply would not be possible; with it, we continue to help our students have extraordinary learning experiences. We thank our many supporters; our connection to you helps our students “Think the Best” and be their best.



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Serena Low, Joe Calomo and June Steel

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Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent
Gloucester Public School District



GEF CASH FLOW

APRIL 1, 2017 - MARCH 31, 2018

FUNDS RECEIVED

Unrestricted Support*	\$176,389
Restricted Support**	
Programs	\$113,793
Endowment and Investment Income	\$509,639
Restricted Total	\$623,432
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$799,821

EXPENDITURES

Program Support

Arts

Gloucester High School	\$4,540
O'Maley Innovation Middle School	\$17,560
Elementary Schools	\$11,250
Districtwide	\$2,164
Total Arts	\$35,514

STEM

Gloucester High School	\$13,030
O'Maley Innovation Middle School	\$33,200
Total STEM	\$46,230

Literacy

Elementary Schools	\$8,666
Total Literacy	\$8,666

Other

Gloucester High School	\$12,527
O'Maley Innovation Middle School	\$11,000
Elementary Schools	\$8,860
Districtwide	\$503
Total Other	\$32,890

Program Support Total	\$123,300
Payroll	\$86,901
Operations and Fundraising	\$94,093
Endowment/Future Programs	\$475,576
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$779,870

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The Gloucester Education Foundation supports the Gloucester Public School District in ways that you won't always see reflected in our financial statements. In prior years, GEF collaborated with the District in securing 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants, which funded after-school programs at Gloucester High School and O'Maley Innovation Middle School. Combined, these efforts resulted in an additional \$930,000 from 2014 — 2017 for the District. GEF has also helped the District secure an additional \$188,373 from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, \$100,000 from the Cummings Foundation and smaller grants totaling \$14,750.

In recent years, GEF has raised an additional \$1.23 million above and beyond its annual fundraising for the Gloucester District. Since 2005, GEF, through the generosity of its supporters, has raised nearly \$7 million on behalf of the Gloucester Public School District.

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A Representative Sample



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Theater support
- After school music instruction
- Literature-based social emotional learning support (Veterans')
- Grade 5 ballroom dance program and the Mad Hot Ball
- Soundfields® systems (RED-CATs) (K-2)
- Schoolyard gardens startup support
- *Dance Through the Decades*
- SPED bikes
- *Art Explorations* textbooks and supplies
- Grade 5 sail on Schooner *Lannon*
- Tech Tub® for early literacy support (East Gloucester)
- Heart monitor watches (Veterans')
- Jam Hub® silent music studio (Beeman)
- *Countdown to Kindergarten* orientation
- Maritime Gloucester field trips
- Math Olympiads program expansion

O'MALEY INNOVATION MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Birdseye-Hammond STEM Center
- *Summer Engineering Adventure* at MIT
- "Slime Lab"— wet lab for life science
- Writing curriculum coordinator
- *Advanced Engineering* equipment/ supplies
- Aquaponics
- Music room renovation
- *Word Generation*® vocabulary program
- 3-D printer lab
- Musical instrument library and equipment
- New sound system for O'Maley Theater
- *Climate Change and Coastal Communities*
- Grant-writing support
 - O'Maley Academy after school program
 - O'Maley Learning Commons
 - O'Maley BioLab

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL

- Start-up support for computer science program
- Digital cameras and iMac photo lab
- Summer Advanced Placement® prep classes
- 3-D printing lab
- Online texts, Vernier® sensors and glassware for chemistry
- *Ardelle sail for marine biology and oceanography classes*
- *Genome Gloucester* summer program
- Ceramics equipment & supplies
- ShopBot® digital CNC router
- Equipment and curriculum for robotics and engineering programs
- *Biomechanics to Prevent Injury*
- CAD Software and MakerBot printer®
- Microphones and QLab® sound/lighting for theater program
- Learning Commons Creation Lab
- Dating violence prevention presentations
- SailBot® robotic sailing program
- Quadcopter robotic mini-helicopter
- *Teen Mental Health First Aid training*
- Lab Volt® solar/wind training unit for electrical technology program
- *Farm to Table* program

DISTRICT-WIDE INITIATIVES

- City-wide Arts Festival
- Transportation for field trips
- *Artistic Bridges* visiting artist program
- Grant-writing support

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