

## 2021 UPDATES



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Westminster Public Schools Foundation,

Before the new school year starts, I wanted to share some highlights from the last school year and let you know the impact YOU and the rest of the community had on our WPS students.

Despite all the challenges of last year, we had nine WPSF scholars graduate from college. We are so proud of these students and cannot wait to see what happens next for them. Stay tuned!

As we all know, the pandemic resulted in increased needs for our students and families. We reached out

to the community on their behalf and asked for emergency support, and boy did our community step up. Through grants and individual and corporate donations, we raised nearly one million dollars to support pandemic-related needs. Funds covered costs related to hot spots, food, PPE materials, and essential need items. Over 500 families received support from our benevolent fund allowing families to purchase basic need items like cleaning supplies and food. Through a partnership with Food for Hope, weekend bags of food were sent home with students in 16 of our schools.

We were also fortunate to direct support to other non-COVID-related programs. Because of the generosity of our donors, last spring, we invested funds in the following ways:

- 30 college scholarships awarded totaling \$255,335
- 109 high school students earned a total of 360 college credits
- 16 middle school teachers received training in teaching computer coding
- 8 Career & Technical Ed. pathways received a total of \$20,000 for their student organizations
- \$100,000 was invested in the Youth Empowerment Support Services (YESS) program, bringing social and emotional mentoring to middle school students.

I look forward to sharing the results of these investments in the upcoming school year.

For now, best wishes to everyone as summer wraps up, and my sincerest gratitude to all of our supporters.

Gratefully,



Executive Director

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