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**WHAT IS THE NORTHAMPTON AREA KONKRETE KIDS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION?**

The Northampton Area Konkrete Kids Educational Foundation, established in 2009 by a group of community volunteers, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization whose primary goal is to support and finance innovative programs that enhance the quality of education for Northampton Area School District K-12 students. The Foundation provides the District’s teachers and administrators with funds that are used to extend learning opportunities and co-curricular experiences for the benefit of the entire school community.

**WHAT DOES THE FOUNDATION DO FOR STUDENTS IN THE NORTHAMPTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?**

The Foundation funds Grant Requests submitted by the District teachers and administrators that enhance the quality of K-12 education throughout the District. Since its establishment in 2009, the Foundation has provided over $146,000 for projects. Examples of those projects include the following:

* Camp Invention Summer Program (a STEAM focused enrichment program for elementary/middle school students)
* Heart Rate Monitors for Health/Wellness/Fitness programs
* Artist-in-Residence for High School – Murals installed in High School and Northampton Area Public Library
* Author-in-Residence for elementary students
* Microbot, Ozobot Technology to develop coding skills for elementary students
* Project Pride – Internet connections for low-income students
* Digital Mixing Console for High School music/band students
* In-School Programs/Assembly Programs: Rachel’s Pride (No Place for Hate) - Moore Elementary;

“Cat in the Hat” Literacy Program – Lehigh Elementary; Dig Show and Mad Science Program – Lehigh Elementary; “Romeo and Juliet” performance - HS

* Large format printer for High School Digital Arts program
* Accelerated Reading materials – Siegfried Elementary

The Foundation sponsors the Dual Enrollment Program at Northampton Area High School. The Dual

Enrollment Program is a partnership between the High School and Northampton Community College which

enables 11th and 12th students in “good academic standing” to enroll in college-level courses while still

enrolled in classes at the high school, and to receive both college and high school graduation credits for the

college courses they successfully complete.

**HOW DOES THE NORTHAMPTON AREA KONKRETE KIDS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION RAISE MONEY TO FUND GRANT REQUESTS AND OTHER PROGRAMS?**

The Foundation relies solely on fundraisers, sponsors, and donations to provide the funding to support and finance the various grants that serve to enhance the quality of learning opportunities and experiences for the District’s K-12 students.

**WHAT ARE THE FOUNDATION’S MAJOR FUNDRAISERS?**

**Oldies Dance –** Saturday, October 30, 2021

Held at Northampton Community Center, this popular event features live music by DESIRE and a hot buffet and beverages. Must be 21 years old to attend. Contact: Paulette Fritz, 610-509- 8173 for information/tickets.

**Annual Golf Tournament –** Monday, June 20, 2022

Held at Woodstone Country Club and Lodge, this event includes the opportunity to play golf on a premier course, win outstanding prizes, and enjoy a delicious meal with fellow golfers. Contact: Bill Conner, [connerw66@msn.com](mailto:connerw66@msn.com) for information/registration.

**Paver Project** – Ongoing

Purchase a brick paver that will be engraved with your name/your family names and then placed within the memorial plaza located outside the entrance to Al Erdosy Stadium and the new District swimming pool. Two paver sizes are available - 4x8 ($75); 8x8 ($150). Contact: Claudia Shulman, 610-767-7824

or [www.konkretefoundation.org](http://www.konkretefoundation.org) for information/order forms.

**Distinguished Alumni Award Wall of Honor CELEBRATION –** Sunday, September 12, 2021

Held at Woodstone Country Club and Lodge, this event honors NAHS graduates who have demonstrated leadership and excellence in their professional and personal lives, and who represent NASD’s proud education tradition and commitment to serving others. Due to the pandemic and the necessity to postpone the 2020 CELEBRATION scheduled for April 2020, the Foundation will honor both the 2020 Distinguished Alumni honorees, as well as the 2021 Distinguished Alumni honorees, on Sunday, September 12th, 2021.

**2020 Distinguished Alumni**

Mr. Daryl Amey (Class of 1962) – Owner/Manager Amey’s Garage, Inc.; 50 year plus member/officer/president Lehigh Township Lions Club; member/volunteer Lehigh Township Volunteer Fire Company

Dr. Edgar Balliet (Class of 1968) – Owner Balliet & Veterinary Associates; Instructor/Advisory Board Lehigh Carbon Community College/Northampton Community College veterinary programs; “on-call” volunteer veterinarian Lehigh Valley Zoo

Dr. Linda Koch (Class of 1965) – Retired Vice-President of Student Affairs, Lock Haven University; college administrator, Western Connecticut State University/Shippensburg University; member/leader of community boards/government agencies/professional organizations

Mr. Leo Livengood (Class of 1957) – President/CEO/Owner Livengood Excavators, Inc.; served in local Lehigh Township government agencies; sponsors Lehigh Township community/recreational/church projects; “Spirit Award” recipient, LV Chamber of Commerce

Mr. John Mauser (Class of 1965) – Retired NASD math teacher; volunteer/member/leader of various Lehigh Valley environmental/conservation organizations including Watershed Coalition of Lehigh Valley, Northampton County Conservation District, Friends of Minsi Lake

Mr. Larry Oberly (Class of 1963) – Retired Nazareth Area High School math teacher; local government/church/community volunteer/leader

Allen Township, Northampton Area Historical Society, and Atlas Cement Company Memorial Museum

**2021 Distinguished Alumni**

Ms. Grace Lois Bauer (Class of 1970) – Retired Aaron Douglas Professor Emerita, English professor, and Coordinator of Creative Writing at the

University of Nebraska; published author; mentor to aspiring poets/writers

Mr. Daniel Heist (Class of 1979) – Director of Internal Audit, Penn State University; CPA; Chairman, National Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society (2019); served as board officer/member National/Pennsylvania/Lehigh Valley American Cancer Society

Mrs. Fiorella Reginelli Mirabito (Class of 1980) – Mayor of Bath, PA; served as member of Board/Executive Committee, Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce/LV Chamber Foundation; past commissioner, Colonial Regional Police Commission; Owner My Place Pizza restaurant