



2021 Year-In-Review

A black and white photograph of several graduation caps falling through the air, creating a sense of celebration and achievement. The caps are scattered across the upper half of the page, with some appearing closer and larger than others.

AWARDED
76K

Thank you, supporters! We are so grateful for your thoughtful contributions throughout 2021.

Your generosity and commitment to the Centennial Area Education Foundation enabled us to distribute \$76,000 directly supporting the Centennial School District community. We were privileged to award the same number of grants and scholarships in 2021 as previous years which would not have been possible without thoughtful donors, community partners, and volunteers like you. Our 2021 Year-In-Review is detailed below. We look forward to making more connections and impact in our community in 2022.

A black and white photograph of a group of students in graduation gowns, looking up and cheering with their arms raised in celebration. The students are positioned in the lower half of the page, creating a sense of joy and accomplishment.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Centennial High School honored 2021 scholarship recipients with a virtual award ceremony on May 17, 2021. CAEF directly funded \$15,000 scholarships to 15 graduating seniors. Overall, CAEF administered and disbursed over \$52,000 to 55 scholars funded by several donors.

We'd like to thank the individuals who have created the many scholarships that we help to administer. Your support is appreciated by the foundation, as well as the students.



Power of Centennial

POWER OF CENTENNIAL (POC)

The POC group, representing over 50 community members, met twice in 2021 and awarded over \$1,835 toward five different education-based programs. To date they have given a grand total of \$23,584 since the program began in 2014.

2021 POC Awarded Grants:

- ECCE Parent Education Speaker Series (\$512) – virtual educational workshops on various topics including a feature speaker discussing equity and inclusion for parents in the Centennial community.
- Centennial Elementary Staff Book Study “Lost at School” (\$150) – staff book study designed to help children with behavioral challenges find success beyond Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions.
- ISD12 Community Ed Drivers Ed Scholarships (\$400) – drivers education scholarships for low-income families.
- CHS Preprinted Graph Whiteboards (\$648) – 3 classroom sets of graph whiteboards for 9-12 grade science students to help draw, sketch, and graph complex data.
- Golden Lake Elementary Kindergarten (\$124) – classroom books focusing on social justice and racial equity for young learners.

POC hopes to build the program by increasing its member base and continue in-person meetings for 2022. The next POC meeting and application cycle is moving from May to March in the hopes of giving teachers and staff a longer window to use funding during the remainder of the current school year. Grant applications will be accepted through March 1, 2022 at caefoundation.org/power-of-centennial.

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DIFFERENT PROGRAMS



CMS Spring Online Theater Production

ANNUAL GRANT PROGRAM

In 2021, CAEF proudly distributed over \$22,000 in grants to fund 19 programs and activities that supplement and enhance experiences within the Centennial district education community. Grants included requests from seven schools for funding programs that enriched education such as summer reading programs, special education group garden, healthy eating program, sensory hallways, flexible classroom seating, special needs prom, middle school online theater, and more.

CAEF annual grant application period is January 15 through February 28, 2022. The application form can be found online at caefoundation.org/grant.

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2021 CAEF EVENTS

Golf Tournament (July) - On July 17, 2021, ten teams participated in the CAEF Golf Tournament at Majestic Oaks. CAEF raised over \$13,000 to support educational grants and scholarships for Centennial students—a great turnout for our inaugural event and during a pandemic. A big THANK YOU goes to our 13 sponsors, golfers, raffle donors, individuals who gave monetary donations, and of course our volunteers! Plan to attend our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament in July 2022.



Winners: Pete Wimpfheimer, Sam Dulan, Ethan Daher, Colton Adamson

Volunteers:
Angela Parisian &
Lucretia Bertrup

Cornhole Tournament (August) - Eight teams participated in the fall Cornhole Tournament held in conjunction with the Chain of Lakes Rotary Rock 'n' Run event on August 22nd. CAEF collected \$275 at the event as teams tossed for a chance to win Visa gift cards. We look forward to hosting another community tournament in the future.

Give to the Max Day (November) - CAEF participated in the 13th Annual Give to the Max Day event, a Minnesota online fundraising program connecting donors with nonprofits and schools that increase generosity throughout the state. CAEF was pleased with 10 donors giving over \$830 during the event.

SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 9, 2022

Infinite Campus Event Center, Blaine

CAEF did not host a 2021 Gala due to the pandemic environment. We hope you'll join us for our 2022 CAEF Gala fundraiser. More information will be coming soon!

Learn more at [CAEFFOUNDATION.ORG](https://www.caeffoundation.org)