



From the Executive Director



Good morning,

It is the same kind of different. Students in Aurora Public School are still being supported with their post-secondary plans, although the format is a bit different.

- Students continue to be served virtually by our College and Career Center Advisors. Our Advisors are hosting Google classrooms focused on specific topics, as well as meeting with students and families 1-1 to discuss individual plans.
- Today, we announce the amazing and inspiring 2020 scholarship recipients. These students collectively were awarded \$16,000 to support their post-secondary plans. You can review the full list of recipients [here!](#)

The immediate needs of APS students over the last six weeks has led us to support students in new ways. According to data from the Mile High United Way 2-1-1 hotline, food and meals is the second-highest presenting need in Arapahoe and Adams counties (rent payment assistance is the highest presenting need).

- In partnership with the APS Nutrition Services team, students and adults in Aurora have access to grab-and-go meals. If you or someone you know would like to utilize our grab-and-go meals, please [click here](#) to see times and locations.
- More than 440,000 meals have been served to date.
- In partnership with Children's Hospital Colorado, approximately 185 bags of groceries are distributed daily to Aurora families.
- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have generously given what they can to our [Food and Crisis Relief Fund](#).
- And because a dance party is always a good idea ... APS Foundation Board Member, Lane Lyon, was the emcee for the APS virtual prom!

I hope this quarterly update provides you with hope. Our world might look a little different, but our pursuit to relentlessly support APS students is the same as it has always been.

Be well,
 Jill

Jill Ruiter
 Executive Director

P.S. Consider donating to the [Aurora Public Schools Foundation](https://www.aurora.k12.or.us/apsf) through your will or other legacy mechanism. Your gift can make a lasting impact for the students of Aurora Public Schools. Visit [educateaurora.org/otherways/](https://www.aurora.k12.or.us/apsf/otherways/) to learn more.

2020 APS Foundation Scholarship Recipients!

The APS Foundation Scholarship
T'airra Champliss, Rangeview High School
Melanie Agsam, Vista Peak Preparatory

The Gerkin Family Expository Writing Scholarship
Brianna Spence, Rangeview High School

The Dorothy Osborn Barry Education Fund Scholarship
Yareli Tellez-Arce, Hinkley High School

The Denise Davis Scholarship
Cristal Bermudez, William Smith High School

The Kristin D. Hiza Memorial Scholarship
Melody Emenyonu, Hinkley High School

The Nora Jane Crocker Redding Scholarship
Ebele Ozoma, Rangeview High School

The Bob Caviness Memorial Scholarship
Amyah A Williams, Aurora Central High School

The Myrtle Replogle Travis & Russell Romyne Travis Memorial Scholarship
Onry Navarro Jacobo, Aurora Central High School

The T. Matt Hirschfeld Scholarship
Amya Hickey, Gateway High School

The Dee and Steve Lambert Scholarship
Kevin Aguilera, Aurora Central High School

We are thrilled to share the winners of our 2020 Scholarships!
Visit our [website here](#) for the full list of names.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our generous donors who have supported the Food & Crisis Relief Fund



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CARES Act New Deduction

The CARES Act allows individuals and corporations to support charities with new and updated deductions.

New Deduction Available: Up to \$300 per taxpayer (\$600 for a married couple) in annual charitable contributions. This is available only to people who take the standard deduction (for taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions). It is an "above the line" adjustment to income that will reduce a donor's adjusted gross income (AGI), and thereby reduce taxable income. A donation to a donor advised fund (DAF) does not qualify for this new deduction.

New Charitable Deduction Limits: As part of the bill, individuals and corporations that itemize can deduct much greater amounts of their contributions. Individuals can elect to deduct donations up to 100% of their 2020 AGI (up from 60% previously). Corporations may deduct up to 25% of taxable income, up from the previous limit of 10%. The new deduction is for gifts that go to a public charity, such as the Aurora Public Schools Foundation. The old deduction rules apply to gifts to private foundations. The higher deduction does not apply to donations directly to a DAF.

Please contact us at apsfoundation@aurorak12.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date!



Tuesday, May 5, 2020
An international day to unleash generosity of all types to support
COVID-19 relief efforts.

[DONATE HERE](#)

[Save the date to your calendar!](#)

About Us

We exist to make possibility a reality for every Aurora Public Schools students. We advance private, non-profit, public and philanthropic partnership to develop and leverage resources to drive innovation and excellence for our 38,000 students who represent 130 countries, 5,000 teachers and staff, and 64 schools.

- We create a college and career bound culture and resource hub through the operation and support of 5 College and Career Centers in APS high schools.
- We facilitate direct philanthropy to support classroom, schools, and programs within APS.
- We advance partnership and leverage resources to drive innovation and excellence for the students of APS.