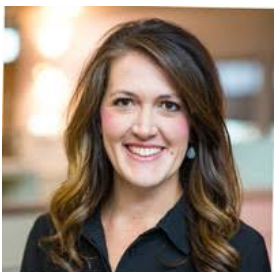


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**From the Executive Director**



Happy fall, readers!

Over the past few months the Foundation has been very busy!

In the last three months, we opened our 5th College & Career Center and hosted our Annual Gala. By opening our 5th center in Vista Peak Preparatory over 96% of APS High School students now have access to a center. Along with that, our 7th Annual Gala broke all our previous records. We had the largest number of attendees and raised more than any gala previously, and the work didn't stop there!

Since the start of the school year, our centers have held six FASFA and Financial Aid nights, including one district-wide night where over 170 students and their families were served. We still have a few more FASFA and Financial Aid nights to be held before the end of 2019.

I invite you to take a look at how APS students are being impacted by your generosity! Our 2018-2019 annual report is now available [here](#).

And lastly, as the holidays approach we are gearing up for Colorado Gives Day on December 10. This year, thanks to [Academy Roofing](#) all donations up to \$7,500 will be matched! You can schedule your donation now, by [clicking here](#).

All the best,

Jill Ruiter

**Recent News**

**We opened our 5th Center!**



Vista PEAK Preparatory has officially opened up its College & Career Center! Below is a

**Record Breaking Gala!**



This year, our 7th Annual Gala was able to raise over \$270,000 and hosted almost 500

video from the ribbon-cutting ceremony including interviews from Vista Peak's Principal, their Student Body President, and the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. Before the ceremony, Vista PEAK's very own award-winning a cappella group Ascention performed for us.

Click [here](#) for the full story.



\*Vista PEAK Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Video.

Aurora supporters. This surpassed our goal and broke all previous Gala records.

Make sure to keep an eye out for our 2020 Gala's date. If you are interested in early sponsorship opportunities please contact [apsfoundation@aurorak12.org](mailto:apsfoundation@aurorak12.org)



\*From left to right, Board Member Simone Ross, Gateway Alumnus Marcus Hill, Rangeview Student Alli Powell, and Gateway Alumnus Leslie Gallagos.

See our Impact Report for the 2018-2019 school year below

AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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## Spotlights

### APS Alumni



Marsha Nelson

This quarter we are thrilled to showcase Marsha Nelson, a Hinkley High School graduate, member of the APS Foundation Board of Directors and an advocate for Aurora. She grew up in a military family, which allowed her to spend her childhood years in places like the Netherlands, Germany, South

### APS Senior



Alexis Pak

Alexis Pak, a senior at Vista Peak Preparatory, was one of the first students to visit the newest APS College and Career Center. Alexis always knew college was the path she wanted to take, but preparing to apply for college and financial aid presented some challenges. In the beginning of the process her

Korea, Southern California and Colorado. Along the way, Marsha spent her 5th-grade year at Laredo Elementary School, part of her 6<sup>th</sup>-grade year at East Middle School and graduated from Hinkley High School in Aurora, CO.

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parents recognized significant changes in the process since they applied to college. Even though Alexis's parents divorced when she was 6 years old, they could both agree that her finding the best fit for her secondary education was their combined goal for her.

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Finish the story here.

## Upcoming Events

Oct 28 & Nov 2



### Inline Hockey

Starting October 28th  
8 week program for \$90

### Skate Class

Starting November 2nd  
8 week program for \$90

\$10 from each registration will go back to your school and to Aurora Public Schools Foundation!

[Click here for full details.](#)

Dec 18 & 20



### Community night with the Denver Nuggets

Denver Nuggets vs  
Orlando Magic  
December 18, 2019  
7:00pm

or

Denver Nuggets vs  
Minnesota Timberwolves  
December 20, 2019  
7:00pm

Tickets starting at \$25!

[Click here for tickets](#)

Christmas at the Gaylord



Save up to \$4 off ICE!  
Use promo code EFAPS

\$2 from every ticket will go back to:  
Aurora Public Schools Foundation

[Click here for tickets](#)

Save the Date for Giving Tuesday!



### Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, December 3rd

The global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration

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

Schedule your CO Gives Donation!



### Colorado Gives

Tuesday, December 10th

The statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving.

Academy Roofing will be matching the first \$7,500 donated. Schedule your donation [here now!](#)

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.