

Winchester Education Foundation

A Year in Review – Highlights for Calendar Year 2020

1. Organized a Black History Month Ceremony at Handley featuring former Governor L. Douglas Wilder on February 11, 2020
2. Arranged a field trip for 35 students and 5 teachers to visit the Virginia State Senate and House of Delegates galleries to witness the process of our State Legislature under the umbrella of the Delegate Jim Scott Public & Community Service Initiative, which was made possible the generosity of Knox Singleton and Inova Health Systems



3. Coordinated a visit from US Senator Warner, Karen Schaufeld, Dr. Bill Hazel etc. to tour the Emil & Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center and see the progress of the construction
4. Museum of the Shenandoah Valley Virtual Zoom Business Forum Luncheon – Secured and introduced former Governor Terry McAuliffe. He prominently mentioned and recognized the Emil & Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center. Also participated on 3 additional Governor McAuliffe Zoom meetings.
5. Awarded two Hispanic Heritage Month Scholarships at Handley - \$500 per student
6. Claude Moore Charitable Foundation - \$250,000 grant for the Emil & Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center
7. Commonwealth of Virginia - \$250,000 grant for the Emil & Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center
8. Dave and Kathy Holiday Professional Skills Academy at the Innovation Center - \$125,000 pledge over 5 years
9. John R. Whetzel Advanced Technology Academy at the Innovation Center - \$125,000 pledge over 5 years
10. Chemistry Lab at Handley - \$50,000 pledge over 3 years
11. Joyce Hamman Classroom at Handley - \$25,000 pledge
12. Doug Toan East Pavilion / Entrance at the Innovation Center - \$75,000 pledge
13. Monford and Lucy Custer Foundation Nursing Lab at the Innovation Center - \$30,000 pledge for Innovation Center
14. Creation of the Lindon – Rice Field Project at James R. Wilkins, Jr. Stadium
15. William A. Hazel Family Foundation Architectural / Engineering Lab - \$50,000 pledge
16. Bill McMullan - \$25,000 unrestricted donation
17. Mike Perry - \$2,500 unrestricted donation
18. Bunny Benham - \$2,000 unrestricted donation
19. Emma Ridgeway Trust - \$2,500 unrestricted donation

Total of \$1,012,000 confirmed this year via new pledges and grants