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# 2015-2016 IMPACT REPORT

**EMPOWERING INNOVATION**

**Cultivating Opportunities  
for Families**

**CLUB 25**

**Creating Community  
Partnerships**



Flagler County  
Education Foundation



# 2015-2016 RESULTS

## LETTER FROM FCEF PRESIDENT MATT MAXWELL



**I**t is an honor for me to take on the role of president of the Flagler County Education Foundation. I know firsthand the impact that the foundation has on the lives of children. Last spring my mentee, Anthony Mazza, graduated from the Take Stock in Children Scholarship program. I learned so many important lessons from Anthony about courage and overcoming challenges. There are hundreds of kids like Anthony who are deserving of our support.

The a board of directors is comprised of business leaders, retirees with extraordinary skills and business experiences, and young entrepreneurs who grew up in Flagler County and now are raising families. Each board member has a personal and/or professional stake in preparing all students for college and careers.

I look forward to an amazing year when we can build on the successes of our programs and deepen our impact on the lives of children to prepare them for tomorrow's challenges.

The FCEF's membership and good standing with the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations and Florida State Take Stock in Children Organization (FSTC) enables the Flagler School District to apply for special grants and gain access to matching dollars. In this school year over \$146,000 were contributed as a result of FCEF's engagement with the Consortium and FSTC.











In 2015-16, FCEF added twelve new board members strengthening our community connections for students in key career industries including hospitality, real estate, manufacturing and medicine.

The FCEF and the Flagler School District held their 2nd Annual Classroom to Careers Symposium to engage and inform more than 60 executive business leaders in Flagler County.

The Florida State Take Stock in Children awarded the FCEF the Take Stock in Children Program Silver Excellence Award.

Bunnell Elementary was recognized for its campus garden with the state Golden Shovel Award; the project was funded with a FCEF Innovations Grant.

Flagler Palm Coast High School's i3 New Tech Academy was one of only ten recipients (out of 67 districts) awarded a Motorola STEM grant.

REVENUES		Total: \$458,878
 <b>Community Donations</b>	 <b>State Grants</b>	
\$158,146	\$106,824	
 <b>Net Event Revenue</b>	 <b>Investment Revenue</b>	
\$77,287	\$116,621	
EXPENSES		Total: \$367,742
 <b>Take Stock in Children Program</b>	 <b>Innovation Grants for Teachers</b>	 <b>Senior Scholarships</b>
\$111,756	\$76,266	\$60,591
 <b>STUFF Bus</b>	 <b>Community Literacy</b>	 <b>Foundation Expenses</b>
\$21,144	\$16,747	\$81,238

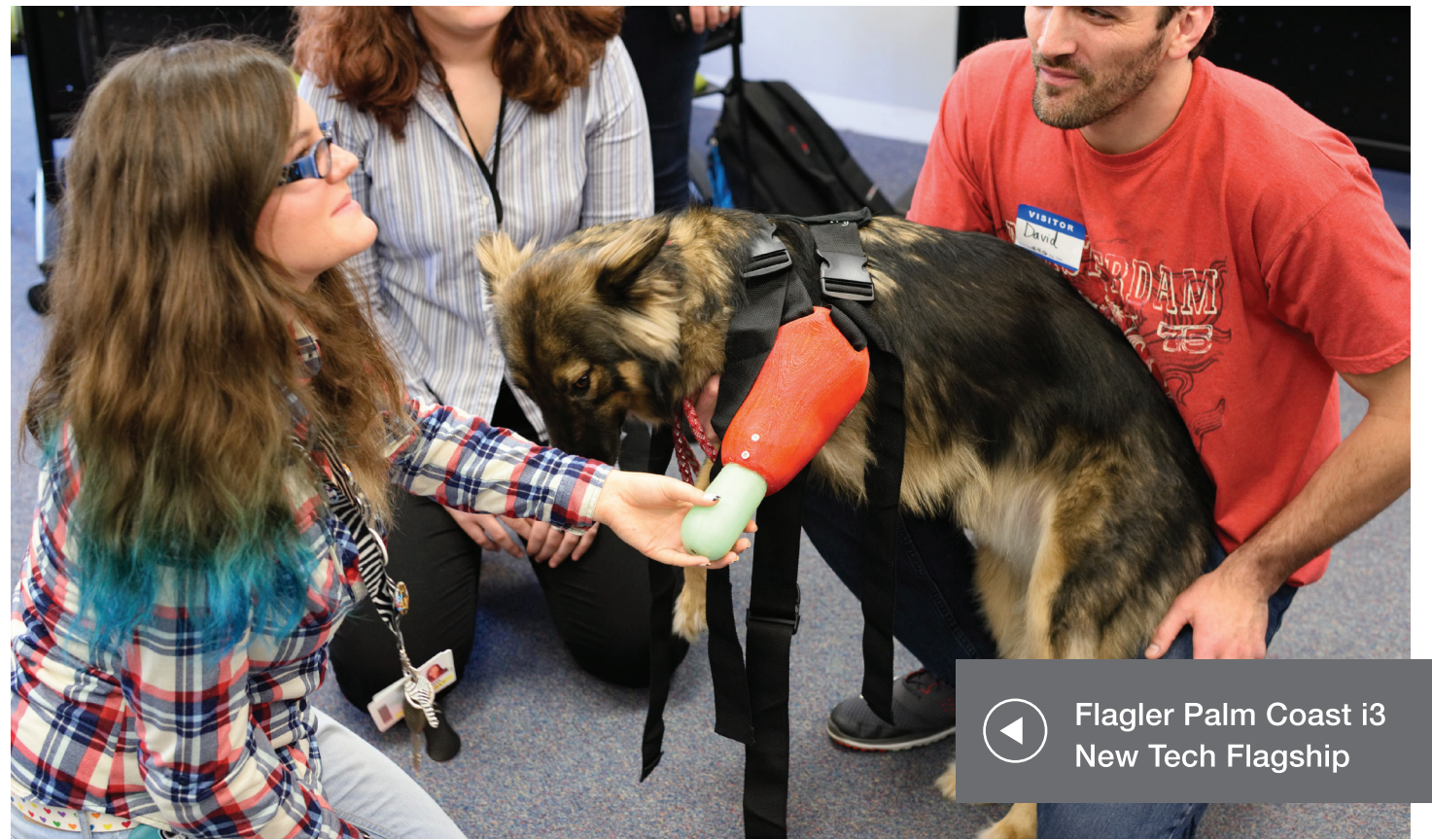
# EMPOWERING INNOVATION



◀ Buddy Taylor Middle School Agronomy Flagship

STUDENTS COME IN EARLY AND STAY AFTER SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN STEM CLUBS. MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM LAST YEAR'S CLASS COME BACK TO WORK WITH US, BECAUSE IT'S SO MUCH FUN. ”

Ana Fajardo  
6th grade teacher



◀ Flagler Palm Coast i3 New Tech Flagship

“ THIS IS A CLASS OF CREATIVE CONSTRUCTION AND REAL-LIFE TOOLS. A ROOM FILLED WITH GREAT THINKERS AND A CHANCE TO BUILD WHAT COULD BE USED AS THE NEXT ROBOTS OF THE 21ST CENTURY. ”

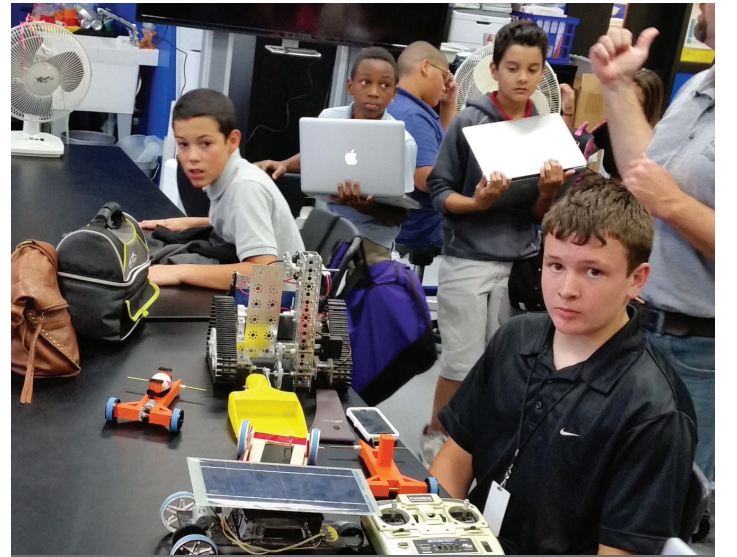
Jessica Gomez | 8th grade student

Since its inception in 1990 Flagler County Education Foundation (FCEF) has empowered innovation in Flagler County Public schools by providing grants for classroom projects that engage students and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities in the 21st century. Over the past three years, more than \$180,000 has been awarded to teachers who are driving innovation in their schools. FCEF funds have made a huge impact in the development of “Classroom to Careers” Flagship programs at each school that encourage students to explore a variety of careers in industries identified as important to economic development in Flagler County.

Today’s classroom is quickly replacing paper, pencil and chalkboard with an electronic device for each student, real-time global communications via satellite, classroom furniture that fosters collaboration and strong community partnerships. Public dollars simply do not stretch to meet the needs of our future leaders. The Flagship programs are developing a pipeline of STEM-literate workers who have both the technical and soft skills needed to thrive in college and careers. ■



Old Kings Elementary Marine Science Flagship



Wadsworth Flagship Engineering Lab

# CREATING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Florida Hospital Flagler Dr. Steven J. Brown shows teachers how to do robotic surgery

It is through community partnerships that Flagler County Education Foundation has its greatest impact. Last school year the United Way Women's Initiative of Flagler County (WIF) invested \$5,000 that was matched by the Flagler County Education Foundation to convert a Flagler Palm Coast High School classroom to a state-of-the-art learning lab called, "The Hangar."

Flagler Home Builders Association support elementary builders clubs



Event partners Scott and Melanie Crews

“NOTHING ATTRACTS JOBS MORE THAN A TALENTED WORKFORCE.”

Mark Wilson  
Florida Chamber of Commerce

“The Hangar” is equipped with the latest technology and classroom furniture to facilitate collaborative learning plus a flight simulator and wind tunnel donated by Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU). Students like Amber Cole are currently dual enrolled, earning ERAU credits while in high school, without leaving Flagler Palm Coast High School campus. Amber’s dream is to become a pilot.

The Women’s Initiative is just one of hundreds of organizations that are partnering with the foundation by providing event sponsorships, mentoring students/teachers, speaking to classrooms, and providing schools with in-kind donations and expertise. ■

Women’s Initiative Flagler partner with FCEF



“21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY WORKERS NEED THE KNOWLEDGE, FLEXIBILITY, AND INGENUITY TO THRIVE IN JOBS THAT HAVEN’T YET BEEN INVENTED.”

Tom Friedman | New York Times Columnist



◀ Take Stock in Children Team Building Day at Camp Winona



Back to school ready to learn



Belle Terre Elementary Josh Crews Writing Club

## ■ CULTIVATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES

**M**ore than 60% of our students face economic challenges that impact school attendance, participation in extracurricular activities and high school graduation. Last year more than 500 students were homeless, moving from place to place and school to school in search of a place to call home. Flagler County Education Foundation is making a difference by providing students in low income families with college scholarships, mentors, school supplies and essential clothing items.

Last year STUFF Bus provided more than 1,400 students with essential clothing items that included shoes, socks, and underwear. Imagine the relief that a child feels when she is taken to the guidance counselor to select a new pair of shoes from the STUFF Bus closet and returns to class within an hour.

The Take Stock in Children Program provides students like Caitlin Peterson the opportunity to pursue their dreams. Caitlin is currently studying videography at Florida

State University. The Take Stock in Children Program offered Caitlin mentoring and the opportunity to earn a college scholarship. In the last school year, 65 students were enrolled in the Take Stock in Children Scholarship and Mentoring program.

The Josh Crews Writing Project honors the memory of a young writer and story teller who died far too young. Each year for the past four years, students participating in before and

after school writing clubs are invited to have their work published in an anthology called, "Write On." While all students benefit from creative expression, students from low income families often live in marginalized communities whose members don't often have the experience of being heard or acknowledged. The Josh Crews Writing Project creates a space where all students will be heard and praised, both as individuals and members of a school community. ■



**" I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR THE YEARS OF MOTIVATION AND CONFIDENCE THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS INSTILLED IN ME. I HAVE LEARNED THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE AS LONG AS YOU WORK HARD, STAY POSITIVE AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. "**

Caitlin Peterson | TSIC Scholarship Student

# CLUB 25

Club 25 began in 2015 in celebration of Flagler County Education Foundation's 25th year serving Flagler County's families, teachers, businesses and community. The following community leaders stepped forward to contribute annual gifts of at least \$500 to be used in the area of greatest need.



**George & Lucy Allison**  
**Michael Beadle**  
**Jim Bowe**  
**Nancy & Rob Carlton**  
**Richard & Polly Conkling**  
**Megan Convery**  
**David Alfin**  
**Catherine Evans**  
**Bonnie & David Hobbs**  
**Jean Hunter**  
**Ron Huxtable**

**Garry Lubi**  
**Joseph Marotti**  
**Ken & Diane Neu**  
**Buddy & Anne Rogers**  
**David Taylor**  
**Stephen & Karen Thomas**  
**Trevor Tucker**  
**Brian & Jacki Unger**  
**Jane Walter**  
**Deborah Williams**  
**Joe & Kelly Wright**



Article by Nancy Carlton



**I**n 2008, I joined the Flagler County Education Foundation Board of Directors and began to understand the challenges facing many of our students and their families. I was also impressed with the innovation in the Flagler Schools and the benefits to our students. I was hooked. After a career in nonprofit management and leadership, I decided this was where my volunteer efforts could have an impact, so I jumped in to work on fundraising and infrastructure for the FCEF.

In the last 8 years, I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with numerous talented volunteers and staff of both the FCEF and the Flagler County Schools. When

Club 25 was formed as an opportunity to provide a sustaining gift each year, it was a natural for my husband, Rob and me. He worked in education for over 30 years and we both believe that a well-educated student population makes the community a better place to live.

Seeing first-hand the innovative ways our students are being taught, inspires us to continue to support the FCEF. Programs not covered by public dollars, such as Stuff Bus, Teacher Innovation Grants and Take Stock In Children are having a positive impact on student achievement and we are proud to be partners with the FCEF in Club 25 to continue these programs. ■