





Argyle Education Foundation (AEF)

Mission & Purpose

Investing in educational excellence – the Argyle ISD Education Foundation is an independent non-profit organization that was created to solicit, manage and distribute funds that will be used to enhance the educational experience of the students in Argyle ISD.

Argyle Education Foundation - Vision & Goals



- Create perpetual source of funds while maintaining fiscal responsibility
- Provide funds for programs and activities to broaden student educational development and enrichment
- Promote innovative and creative learning by providing grants and incentives to benefit Argyle ISD
- Provide an avenue for business and community involvement in the educational needs of Argyle ISD

Argyle Education Foundation - History



- Established in February 2003, the Argyle ISD Education Foundation has provided almost 20 years of service to AISD and the Argyle community
- Since AEF's inception, over \$2,400,000* has been distributed to AISD through teacher innovation, programming, grants, scholarships, STEM funding and recognition

2026-2027 ARGYLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

Executive Committee:

Hannah Robinson- President
Asha Caldwell-Treasurer
Erica Swicegood-Secretary
Joe Valdez – President Elect

Directors:

Ashley Cooley (non-voting)
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Nonvoting Members:

**Dr. Dawn Jordan, AISD Assistant Superintendent of
Curriculum & Instruction**

STAFF:

Director: Cara Armstrong



Investments

- AEF investments funds managed by 
- Within the endowment there are four distinct “buckets”
 - General - \$878,766.06 – establishing a perpetual income stream that we began drawing upon in 2014
 - Liza M-Z Restricted - \$35,840.99 – provides funding for the \$1,000 Annual Teacher of the Year Program
 - Cantrell Restricted - \$12,085.16 – provides funding for annual health sciences student scholarship
 - CoServ Electric Teacher Assistance - \$170,232.51 – provides additional funding for the teacher grants

* Dollar amounts as of August 2026



Programs

2026 Teacher of the Year (partnered with AISD)

***Funded by the Lisa MZ Teacher Excellence Endowment.**

Provided cash prizes for each campus winner as well as an additional cash prize for the overall winners.



Madeline Williamson - Argyle West Elementary School

Maddie Fairchild- Argyle South Elementary School

Bonnie Barkley- Hilltop Elementary School

Sarah Albert - JRE

Jennifer Augenstein -Sixth Grade Center

April Dominguez - AMS

Matthew Woody- AHS



Maddie Fairchild– Elementary Teacher of the Year

Matthew Woody– Secondary Teacher of the Year



Programs (continued)

2026 Student Scholarship Awards (\$1,000.00 each)

- The AEF CoServ Charitable Foundation Scholarship Award: **Rhett McDowell**
- The AEF Deborah T. Combs-Cantrell Health Science Scholarship Award: **Chitrita Logesh**
- The AEF Rudy Menn Community Service Scholarship Award: **Tuscan Bissett**

Staff Appreciation

- \$2,000 of Gift Cards were given to AISD staff at the end of the year staff luncheon!



Development

- The 2026 Gala raised over \$140,000 to allow us to pay for 400 teachers bonuses.
- We were proud to partner with the CoServ Foundation to provide an additional \$22,931 in teacher grants in 2025 for each campus to enhance learning at their school. AEF surprised the teachers in their classrooms last fall! Applications just closed for the 2026 year and will be reviewed by our board this month.
- AEF Employee giving program at AISD in 2025-2026
 - Staff participation for a total of over 15,000!



AEF – What's Next?

- Continue working collaboratively with Argyle ISD administration to identify priority needs and direct AEF resources where they can have the greatest impact for students and staff.
- **SAVE THE DATE!**
 - Gala April 24, 2026
 - The Reserve at Marty B's – Old Hollywood Theme
- Friend of the Foundation Monthly Campaign
- Endowments: We are working on funding new endowments for the coming year!



Questions / Comments

Thank you for your time



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