

Continuing Support of COCISD

The Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD Education Foundation raises revenue from individuals, parents, alumni, businesses and civic organizations interested in worthwhile educational programs committed to the success of the Coldspring-Oakhurst School District. Sustaining excellent educational programs and services requires technology, laboratories, cultural experiences, up-to-date occupational and technical equipment, resource materials and, primarily, outstanding teachers. The Foundation cannot do this without your help. We are looking forward to another successful year of support for COCISD. We invite you to continue to invest in the COCISD students. A donation form is included here for your use.



The COCISD Education Foundation says

“THANK YOU”

For broadening COCISD education horizons

Please clip and send to address below.

The Foundation would like to extend sincere appreciation to all the caring individuals and businesses that have supported and continue to support enhanced programs for our District's students and school.

It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.

Frederick Douglass

**Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty
Anyone who keeps learning stays young.**

Henry Ford

Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.

John F. Kennedy

Yes! We accept your invitation to become an investor in the COCISD Education Foundation. Our lead gift to the Foundation will be:

- \$10,000 (Diamond Investor)
- \$5,000 or more (Gold Investor)
- \$2,500 or more (Silver Investor)
- \$1,000 or more (Bronze Investor)
- \$500 or more (Benefactor Investor)
- \$250 or more (Friend Investor)
- \$100 or more (Trojan Family Investor)

Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Signature _____

Date of Donation: ____/____/____

(Any amount is welcomed!) Our tax-deductible gift is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Leave a lasting legacy. Contact us about including the COCISD Education Foundation in your Planned Giving

Make your check payable to The COCISD Education Foundation and mail to:

P. O. Box 39, Coldspring, TX 77331

Thank you for broadening COCISD education horizons!



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COLDSRING-OAKHURST CISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

Who We Are

The Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District Education Foundation partners with its community in supporting opportunities that enrich teaching, inspire learning and maximize innovation while promoting excellence in education for all COCISD students. The Foundation is comprised of local volunteers who

- Employ **ethical and responsible** business practices in the collection, disbursement and reporting of all funds in the administrative oversight and governance of the Foundation;
- Use sophisticated methods in **fundraising efforts** that focus on cultivation and appreciation of its relationships with its donors;
- Promote **special events** that highlight student and teacher successes and create community awareness by the use of any and all available media sources; and
- Ensure that all Education Foundation programs provide **education enrichment**, encourage teaching innovation and reward excellence in students and staff.

Annual Academic Banquet

The 2nd annual Academic Banquet was held on May 12, 2013. The event honored the Top 10 graduates of the COCISD Class of 2013, as well as ten teachers chosen to be the honorees as "significant" in each of the graduate's academic success. The event, which was sponsored by area businesses and individuals, hosted each student and his/her family, each recognized teacher and his/her guest, as well as the table sponsors. The culmination of the evening was the awarding of the golden stoles to be worn at graduation by the Top 10.



Top Graduates honored by Foundation

Financial Statement

During its 2012/2013 fiscal year, the Foundation raised \$30,106 through donations with a disbursement of \$20,308 for expenses, including \$10,000 in Teacher Grants in December, 2012. With a carryover to 2013-2014 of \$12,276, and a Gala Event in October 2013, **money was available to fund Innovative Teacher Grants of \$31,500**—awarded in January, 2014. With this strong support from business and community, your Foundation has provided over \$40,000 of educational benefits in the first 2.5 years of operation.

Local Business Partners with Foundation

The Foundation was *once again* very pleased to receive a donation of \$5,000 from local business, Yokogawa Corporation of America.



Yokogawa production Manager Scott Eddleman and Proposal Specialist Kelly Eddleman, shown right, recently represented Yokogawa Corporation of America/Coldspring for its donation of \$5,000 to the Coldspring-Oakhurst Education Foundation. Also pictured are Superintendent Jerry Gibson, shown left, and members of the Executive Board of the COEF.

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Dollar\$ for Scholar\$

The community came together to cheer on the COCISD **Trojans** during their 2013 football season. Many businesses and individuals pledged dollars to the Education Foundation for each score made by the **Trojan** football team at the home games. Over \$1500 was donated and added to the Foundation's grant fund.

COCISD Involvement

Faculty and administration of COCISD continues to express their support and commitment by participating in a district-wide payroll deduction program. This program continues to be very popular, and the Foundation welcomes the enthusiasm of all COCISD employees and staff.

1st Annual Fund Raising GALA

On October 5, 2013, the Foundation hosted **The Very Biggest Red and Black Night GALA**. The event was held at the Cape Royale Clubhouse in Coldspring and served not only to introduce the Foundation to the Community but also to provide a variety night loaded with fun! Music, Great Food and Magic were enjoyed by over 100 guests. Enthusiastic bidders received fantastic auction items, and the Fund Raising Gala was a huge success. We look forward to our 2nd Annual event on October 25, 2014. Please call Diane Colburn at 936-524-3288 if you would like to receive an invitation.



...and a good time was had by all at the GALA!

2013 Grants Awarded

In January, 2014, the Foundation was pleased to award grants **for a total of \$31,500**--more than three times the amount awarded in 2012! Grants were as follows:

*Providing machines for enhanced science learning through Augmented Reality and iMovie through iPad technology creating three-dimensional images for use in presentations, images and videos--Junior High

- *Making available non-auto-correct Chromebook machines that eliminate dependency in students' English writing activity requirements—High School
- *Making possible access to "Extra Special Babies" needed for the Human Growth and Development class to illustrate care techniques and prevention—High School.
- *Providing books to support the Daily Five goal of students reading "leveled" books each week—K-2
- *Providing novels for English classes to facilitate all students having access to copies for outside class reading—High School
- *Providing dictionaries for English 1 and 2 students to use daily and as an allowed aid for STARR tests—High School
- *Funding the Waterford PreK reading computer program that provides individualized instruction identifying need for early intervention as well as reinforcing classroom early technology and literacy skills—PreK
- *Funding a color printer and photo paper to extend the students' observation of elements of art—High School
- *Providing classroom library books to support reading and writing instruction in and out of the classroom—Elementary
- *Supporting a Junior Master Gardener program—Elementary
- *Assisting in funding the Daily 5 literacy program—Elementary
- *Assistance with Nachos and Numbers Event that increases parent/teacher/student interaction—PreK-5
- *Assisting in funding After School Reading program expenses that provide students with tools for reading accomplishment in their current grade level and beyond—Elementary

Recognition of Foundation

On February 1, at the annual "BEST OF San Jacinto County 2013 Awards Dinner" hosted by the Coldspring/San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce, the Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD Education Foundation was honored to receive the **Best Civic Organization** by members of the community. This recognition is very much appreciated!



Best Civic Organization

Education is the Most Powerful Weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

Free the Child's potential, and you will transform him into the world.

Maria Montessori

What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child...that must the community want for all its children

John Dewey



Presentation of the Grant check to Superintendent Jerry Gibson by COCISD Education Foundation

Don't forget to check out our website: www.coedufoundation.org and "like us" on Facebook at COCISD Education Foundation

2014 COCISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION CALENDAR

- Jan – Grants awarded to COCISD
- Feb—Receive 'Best of...' Award
- Mar—Newsletter
- April—3rd Annual Academic Banquet
- Oct—2nd Annual Fundraising GALA
- Fall—Grant Awards

