



2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Bringing resources and
people together to support
and enhance public
education in Osceola County.



FoundationOsceola.org 407-870-4855

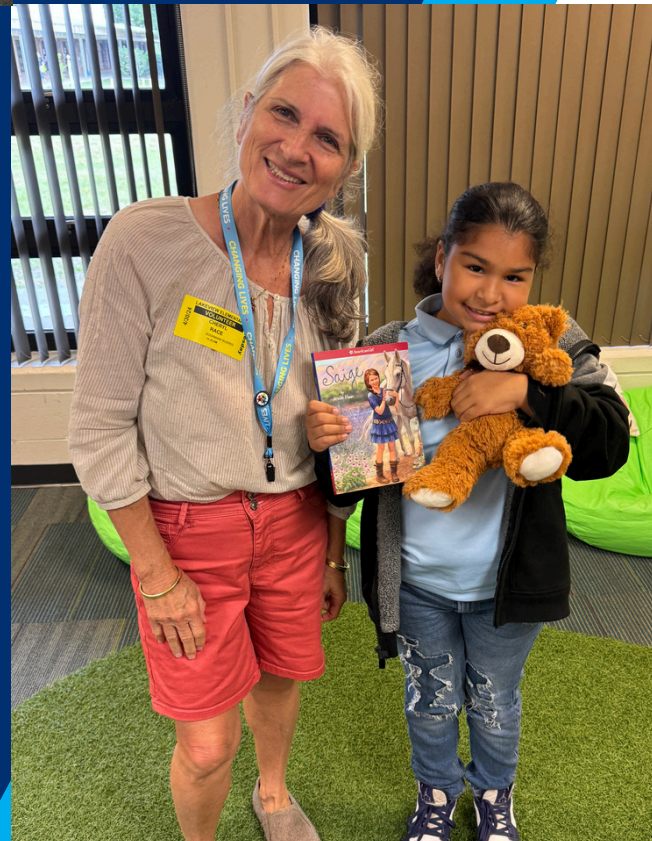


**TRUSTED
SINCE
1985**

ABOUT US

Founded on the belief that every child deserves access to quality education, the Education Foundation is dedicated to enhancing and enriching the educational experience for students in Osceola County. We collaborate with educators, community leaders, and volunteers dedicated to closing gaps and creating opportunities for academic excellence and personal growth.

The Board of Directors plays a pivotal role in the Education Foundation Osceola County. Comprised of 40 dedicated and influential members from various sectors of our community, the board is the driving force behind our mission.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to bring resources and people together to support and enhance public education in Osceola County. Through scholarships, literacy assistance, mentorship, career exploration, and providing essential school supplies, we aim to ensure that every child receives the tools and support they need to succeed.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- ★ **Goal 1 Academic Success** – Provide programs with intentional strategies to close the achievement gap and ensure opportunities that will lead to college, career, and life readiness.
- ★ **Goal 2 Talent Management & Community Engagement** – Provide programs that promote high quality educational opportunities that meet the diverse needs of students through community involvement and a quality workforce.
- ★ **Goal 3 Governance & Fiscal Responsibility** – The Board of Directors is responsible for providing oversight and guidance to ensure fiscal soundness while continuing to evaluate and improve on current practices to achieve optimal operational efficiencies.



2024-2025 PROGRAM IMPACT



Awarded 600 scholarships
totaling over \$900,000 in support



**A Gift for
Teaching**
of Osceola County

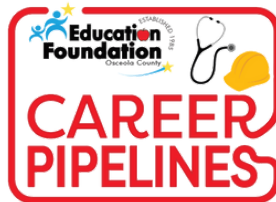
Distributed \$2,436,711.46 in FREE
school supplies directly into the
hands of teachers and students



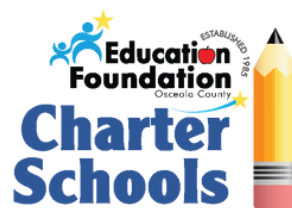
10 students graduated with a
Florida Pre-Paid Scholarship



82% of students in the program
passed their FAST testing to
advance on to the next grade



Exposed 8,700 students to
high-wage, high-demand
career pathways



Provided 2,000
student stations

"I was able to help my students
by supplying them with what
they needed. Because of your
generosity, students are able to
accomplish their goals with no
worries."

-Marisol Polanco,
Horizon Middle School

www.FoundationOsceola.org

2024-2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

Amber Adams, Southstate Bank
Barbara Bombalier, Welbro Building Corp
Erika Booth, FL House of Representatives
Tim Burdette, SDOC – CTE
Cindy Campbell, Ford Insurance
Misael Chavez, Waste Connections
Holly Duke, Charles Perry Partners Inc
Marisa England, AVCON, Inc
Kelly Esposito, Gilbane Building Co
Angela Fiorentino, Amerifactors
Shawn Fletcher, City of St. Cloud Council
Lancelot Gooden, Valencia College
Danielle Gump, SGM Engineering
Stefania Jancewicz, Ninth Judicial Circuit
Robb Larson, Osceola Heritage Park
Deborah Laughon, AdventHealth Celebration
Erin McAlear, Skanska USA Building, Inc.
★ Jeff Mock, Clancy & Theys Construction Co.
Richard Pengelly, PFM Asset Management
★ Kathy Pierson, Kathy Pierson Communications

Sheila Rankin, AdventHealth Kissimmee
Richard Rodriguez, Pirtle Construction Co.
★ Nora Rodriguez-Patterson, Addition Financial
Anitza San Miguel, ASM Mentors
★ Jolene Sheive, Legacy Realty of Central FL
Denise Stage, Terry's Electric, Inc.
★ Hans Steinbrenner, Osceola Magic
Melissa Thacker, Balfour Beatty
Clyde Wells, Maury L Carter & Associates
Dana Wells, St. Cloud Levee Liquor & Gas
Brian Wetzel, Orlando Health St. Cloud
Jay Wheeler, Underground Refuse Systems
★ Kay White, Retired Educator
Jeffery Williams, Wharton-Smith Inc

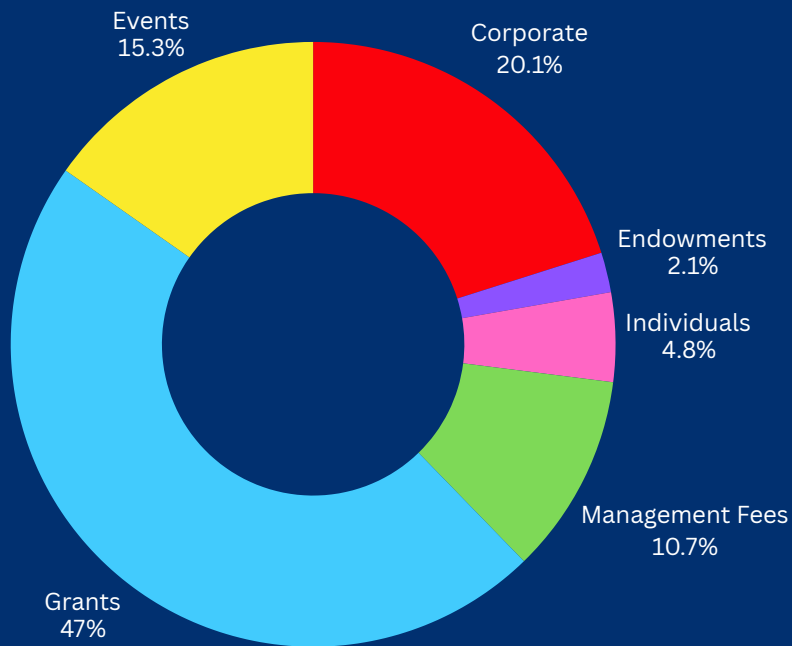
EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Anthony Cook, SDOC School Board
★ Mark Shanoff, SDOC Superintendent
Tom Tompkins, Founder

★ *Denotes Executive Committee member*



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



The Education Foundation Osceola County is overseen by a committed Board of Directors that ensures responsible management of all funds. Our dedicated team adheres to best practices in financial stewardship and administration. Together, we manage an annual budget of over \$2 million, directly supporting 85 schools, more than 78,000 students, and 8,000 district staff members—all made possible through the support of our community and generous donors.

OTHER INITIATIVES

★ COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

provided financial literacy support and scholarship application guidance to seniors through the "Got College? Got Careers?" initiative. Osceola County, previously known for having one of the lowest college-going rates in Florida, has now exceeded the state average. For the 2024-2025 school year, the county's students have achieved a third-place ranking in college attendance statewide.

★ **MAGIC OF READING** students unlock the joy of reading and score big with a free ticket to an Osceola Magic basketball game by reading just 15 minutes a day.

★ **ARTS EDUCATION** support for arts education is fostered through the Arts Alive program, which enriches student learning by promoting creativity and artistic expression.

★ **FREE BOOKS** New Worlds Reading Initiative provides free books directly to a qualifying student's home for the duration of the school year for K-5th grade.

★ **RESILIENCY THROUGH THE COMMUNITY** encourages resilience and success by championing consistent school attendance and the growth of strong, dedicated students.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Annual Mission Partners



Godwin
Family



WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.
Connect with the Future®



OSCEOLA
NEWS-GAZETTE
Informing readers.
Helping build a stronger community.

ORLANDO
HEALTH® | St. Cloud
Hospital



FORD INSURANCE



Other Affiliations



CENTRAL FLORIDA
FOUNDATION



School District Education
Foundation Matching
Grant Program

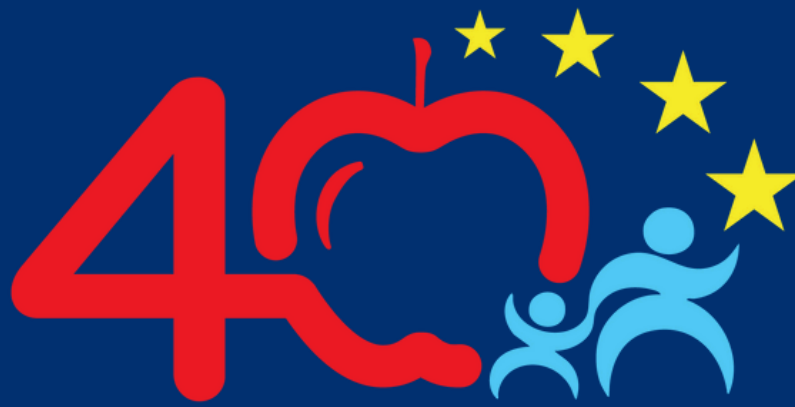
VOLUNTEER SUPPORT



Our volunteers are the true heroes. From helping out at our events to spreading positivity and improving our community, their efforts make a big difference. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to our Board of Directors, committees, and volunteers for their exceptional contributions to our mission. Their selfless dedication shows their strong commitment to making a positive impact on both our organization and the community we serve.

3,600 VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED!





Education Foundation
OSCEOLA COUNTY

HELP US CONTINUE OUR MISSION!

Interested in making a difference in the
lives of our students in Osceola County?

Contact us for more information on how
you can help change a life!

CONTACT US

- www.FoundationOsceola.org
- FoundationOsceola@gmail.com
- 407-870-4855
- 2310 New Beginnings Rd
Kissimmee, FL 34744