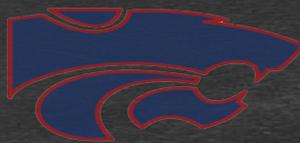


CFHS

ALUMNI/COMMUNITY ACADEMIC



ENDOWMENT

expand opportunities foster creativity enhance academics

*spring
fundraising
event*



\$ 15,817.29

... The amount raised on May 4, as 150 supporters gathered to celebrate the Academic Endowment's impact on student achievement at CFHS.

Our fourth annual spring fundraiser was generously hosted by the **Cedar Creek Lodge** in Columbia Falls. We felt privileged to be in such a beautiful, state-of-the-art, event facility right here in our home town. Guests enjoyed a fiesta-style buffet prepared by **Sol Sisters** catering and drinks from the **South Fork Saloon**. As always, the auction line up was first class with incredible art and donations from local businesses; Joe Warner made for a lively auctioneer. We are blessed by the kindness of you, our contributors and community.

The highlight of the night is always student presentations. This year, we wanted to share how your support of the Endowment is impacting our students right now. So rather than solely entertainment, we elected to have students testify to the impact the Academic Endowment has had on their learning and opportunities. Even we, the Board, were blown away with what they said. We are making a bigger difference than even WE thought! Through your selfless giving, our students are finding opportunities to shine and as a result, they are out performing their peers. This year TWO of our graduates earned the prestigious title of **Presidential Scholars**, a first for CFHS.

Our goal for this event was to raise \$12,500 and through your generosity, **we surpassed our goal** - this year's event raised \$15,817! We are most grateful to you! Because of these contributions, the ACAE is primed to fulfill a record number of project requests this school year!

Speaking of upcoming projects, this school year we are expecting more than \$25,000 worth of project requests - from carrying transportation costs to academic competitions and programs like Model UN, to new science lab equipment and technology upgrades. As always, we carefully weigh the impact these purchases have on the opportunities for our students. We hope you will partner with us to bridge the gap between available resources and funds needed to give our students a world class education

\$25,000
... The amount of grant
requests for 2017-2018
SCHOOL year

\$39,333.64

... The total of generous donations and auction proceeds for year-to-date 2017.

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...The current number of volunteer Board members which includes alumni, educators, community partners, parents, and businessmen.

Save the date **April 19, 2018**
Spring Auction Fundraiser

one million dollars

... The **GOAL** for our long-term endowment, the perpetual interest of which would **FUND** academic programs and activities at CFHS insuring opportunities for the future students of our community.

FORTY-ONE PERCENT
... The percentage of economically disadvantaged students at CFHS.

SIX HUNDRED
eighty eight

... The number of students impacted this year through projects and resources provided by your generosity to the ACAE Fund.

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...Your contribution to the ACAE Fund is 100% tax deductible. Some donations are also eligible for the **Montana Education Tax Credit**. We'd love to chat with you about giving options.

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... The clear and unwavering mission of our Endowment: to fund projects and programs that expand educational opportunities, foster creativity, and enhance academic experiences for the students of Columbia Falls High School. The Endowment also works to build community support for programs and projects in Columbia Falls.

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... The P.O. Box number in Columbia Falls, MT where you can mail a donation. Prefer to make a donation online? You can find us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaFallsHighSchoolAcademicAlumniEndowment/>

Ambitiously, we strive to create a permanent, self-sustaining, million dollar fund that will ensure future excellence and innovation in our school... in all areas of curriculum, including the fine and career arts, sciences, and core disciplines. We know this huge undertaking can be done if our alumni, parents, and community join in and endow the future, as the generations before us gave and invested to create legacies of opportunity. The Endowment will enrich our community and the lives of its students...today, and tomorrow.