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Mission Statement

Our purpose is to provide financial support for Westlake Academy, an IB Continuum School where students become compassionate, life-long learners through an internationally-minded, balanced education that empowers students to contribute to our interconnected world.

Financial statements, 990s, bylaws and current initiatives can be found on our website.



www.WestlakeAcademyFoundation.org



2022-2023 Westlake Academy Foundation Board of Directors

Back row (I to r): Dr. Shelly Myers (Executive Director), Sean Shope, Rob Fitzgerald, Christine Ross, Meghan Dorr, Heather Kilgore

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WAFACTIVITY

January - July 2023

- Blacksmith Annual Fund close-out efforts
- Grantmaking
- "Gift Cards for Classrooms"
 \$100 at Spring Break
- WA Gala 2023
- Teacher of Year awards
- Year-end student events
- Move to new office in A&S
- Prep for '23-24 initiatives

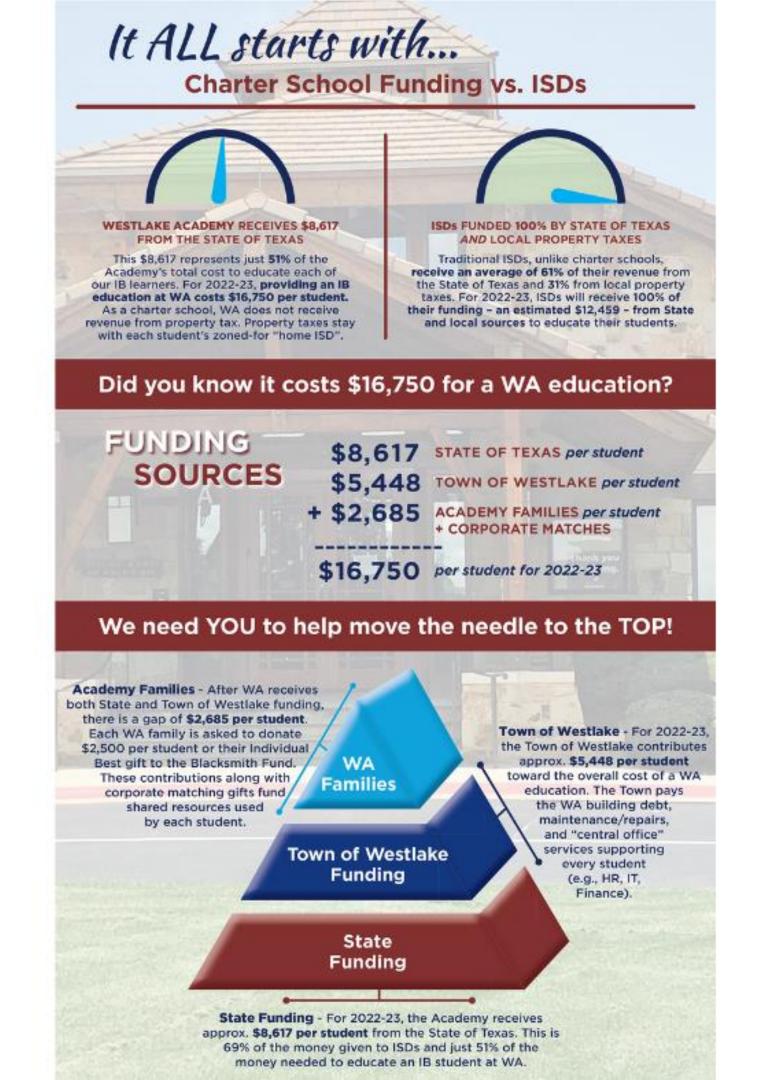












BLACKSMITH ANNUAL FUND



Background

- Provide \$1.1M in financial support to WA for '22-23 operations
- Per student funding gap of \$2,685
- Requested donation of \$2,500/student or Individual Best gift
- Parents, grandparents, school leadership, faculty/staff, alumni, corporations and foundations are all invited to contribute

Campaign To-Date

- Gifts/pledges at \$1.248M (113.46% goal; \$1,443 avg. x 865 students)
- \$1.192M received as of 6.30.23 (106% goal; \$1,379 avg x 865)
- FYI Giving Day total = \$1.179M from 429 gifts
- Of **527 families**, 375 **(71%)** have donated for their 640 students; 40 of 70 new families **(57%)** have given
- Grade Captains & staff called, emailed and sent letters throughout Spring to non-donor families as well as to those with unpaid pledges (approx.
 \$55K outstanding)
- These efforts increased overall participation by 2% and funds raised by \$18K.





Foundation Gala

April 29, 2023

Hosted 300 guests at Circle T Barn

\$423,727 in Gross Revenue

--\$131,250 in Sponsorships

--\$137,300 for Live Auction

--\$26,893 in Silent Auction

--\$107,650 for Gift Card Initiative

\$99,972 in Event Expenses

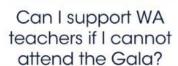
\$215,902 in Unrestricted Funds



What is included with my Gala ticket?

GOURMET DINNER SIGNATURE COCKTAIL OPEN BAR THE JAM WOWS 12-PIECE BAND LIVE ARTIST - MICHAEL SHELLIS **3D PHOTO BOOTH** CIGAR ROLLING SKETCH ARTISTS LIVE AUCTION SILENT AUCTION **VALET PARKING**





YES!

Register to bid/donate on our website. Link in bio.





















YOUR GALA TICKET INCLUDES

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AUCTION OPEN

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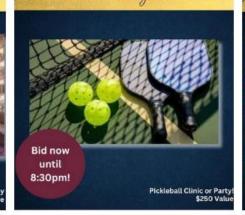
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Social Oak Wine Basket \$750 Value

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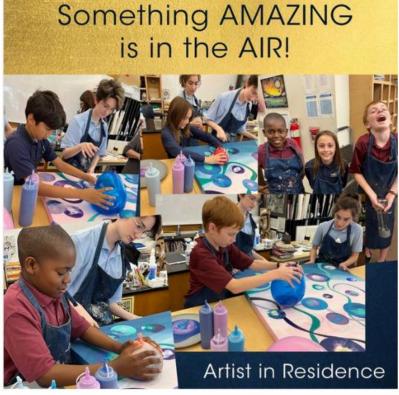


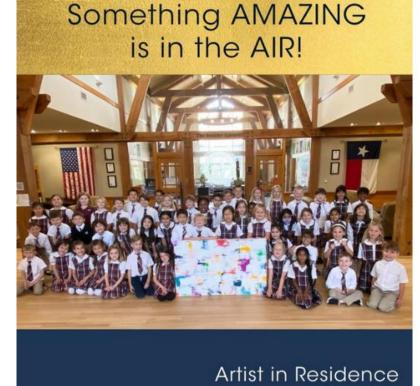




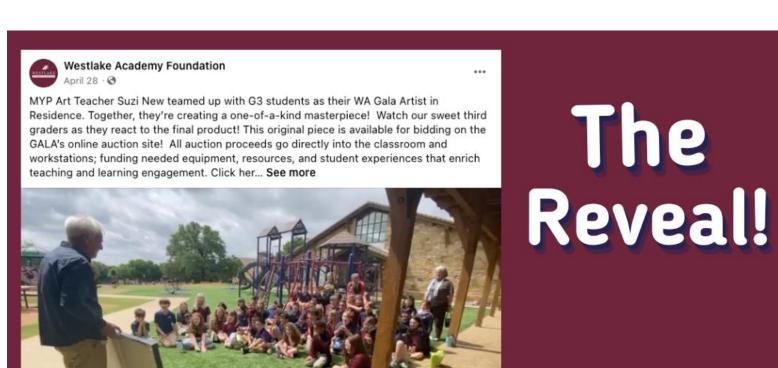


Something AMAZING is in the AIR! Artist in Residence









Residence. Together, they're creating a one-of-a-kind masterpiece called "Impressions of Water". This original piece is available for bidding on the GALA's online auction site! All auction proceeds go directly into the classroom and workstations; funding needed equipment, resources, and student experiences that enrich teaching and learning engagement. Click here to make your impact! Bid to... See more

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Art Teacher Suzi New teamed up with Kindergarten students as their WA Gala Artist in





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Support Westlake Academy and make a difference in the lives of our students and teachers through the Foundation Gala. Your generous dollars are put back into every Academy student and teacher!

What better way to say THANK YOU to our WA teachers and staff than sending them into Spring Break with a \$100 gift card made possible by YOU, our generous donors! Each year, WA staff receives \$1,100 via four gift cards for classroom and workspace resources.

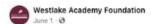
The gift card initiative ... See more











Going once, going twice...SOLD! The Gala live auction was a fantastic success! (
the opportunity to bid on these amazing items, thanks to our generous donors!

- Thanksgiving Day at the Dallas Cowboy Game Donors Rod & Amber Dias
- Year of VIP WA Campus Parking Donor Westlake Academy
 Original Painted Created by Michael Shellis at the Gala Donor Michael Shellis more





Did you see (or hear about!) the WA Gala's live artist, Michael Shellis, who pair of-a-kind original work of art during cocktail hour, which was showcased in the portion of the evening? His masterpiece inspired an incredible \$45,000 winnin proceeds directly benefiting students and teachers! Thank you to all involved! Shellis Town of Westlake-Government Westlake Academy IB Charter School



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Five lucky Gala guests knew they had to be IN it to WIN it and came away as wining FIVE fabulous prizes — LOOK! Private Movie Screening, FC Dallas VIP Suite Ticker Fitness – Personal Training Sessions, Roots & Water Membership, and Social Oal Experience. We are so thankful to all of our donors for the amazing items offered bidding! With a record-smashing \$419,250 raised, these dollars will have an incrimpact at WA. We appreciate generous YOU!!





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The WA Gala on April 29 - What a night!! Gorgeous setting, perfect weather...t community couldn't have asked for a more fabulous evening to give a record-I \$419,250 for our school, thanks to sponsorships, ticket sales, and BIG BIDS, ir than \$129,000 from the live auction held during the event. We can't wait to se donations will impact the WA campus, teachers and students! The WA Gala w been possible without the incredible support... See more







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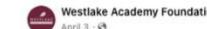
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Because of you, we get to turn donor dollars into GIFTS IN ACTION aci Today's spotlight - Retention Bonuses. Academy teachers do amazing our students - early mornings, late nights and weekends, too. In recog see and all that we don't, the Westlake Town Council and Westlake Acpartnered to provide every full-time staff member with \$2,000 retentic every part-time member. This grant was ... See more





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RETENTION

STIPENDS

Because of you, we get to turn donor dollars into GIFTS IN ACTION act to turn donor dollars into GIFTS IN ACTION! Today's spotlight Today's spotlight - Fine Arts Day activity supplies. Thanks to this Quin fantastic art teachers elevated the annual Fine Arts Day! The addition and maker's space table inspired creativity and artistic expression ame to the two fountains in the secondary gym, our P.E. classes and parents alike. Such an extra-special day for the WA community!





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illing Stations. Over the past two years, the Foundation funded an touchless water fountain/bottle filling stations across the campus. w enjoying easy access to high-quality H2O. And with every use,



FOUNDATION GRANTS

Grant Money Available

- \$100,000 via Spring Gala auction proceeds
- \$10,000 via Gingy Quinn Fund endowment
- Once teacher(s), Principal, and Head of School/Superintendent review and sign off on the grant application and budget request, it is submitted to the Foundation Board for review at monthly meeting.

WAF Discretionary Grants (Jan-July 2023)

- G7-G11 Nat'l Spanish & French Exams (\$2,070) ~ Beth Hughes
- Secondary English Dept. Prof. Dev. (\$4,971) ~ Terri Watson
- TI-84 Graphing Calculators (\$1,480 of \$4,400; co-funded with Quinn Fund) ~ Sarah Thomas
- All-School Spa Afternoon & Lunch (\$1,680 of \$2,895; co-funded with HOC) ~ WA Staff Appreciation Cmte.
- ATTF French Teacher Conference (\$2,118) ~ Christine King
- Social Institute Curriculum for G6-G11 (\$4,790) ~ Rachel Gibson



WAF GRANTS (Jan-July 2023)

Gingy Quinn Fund

- DP Art Materials & Fine Arts Day makerspace supplies (\$733)
 Joanna Reynolds
- IB Continuum Exhibition Student Pizza Dinner (\$552) ~ Alison Schneider
- TI-84 Graphing Calculators (\$2,920 of \$4,400; co-funded with WAF)
- New Teacher Classroom Set-up (\$1,000) Isabelle Sonday

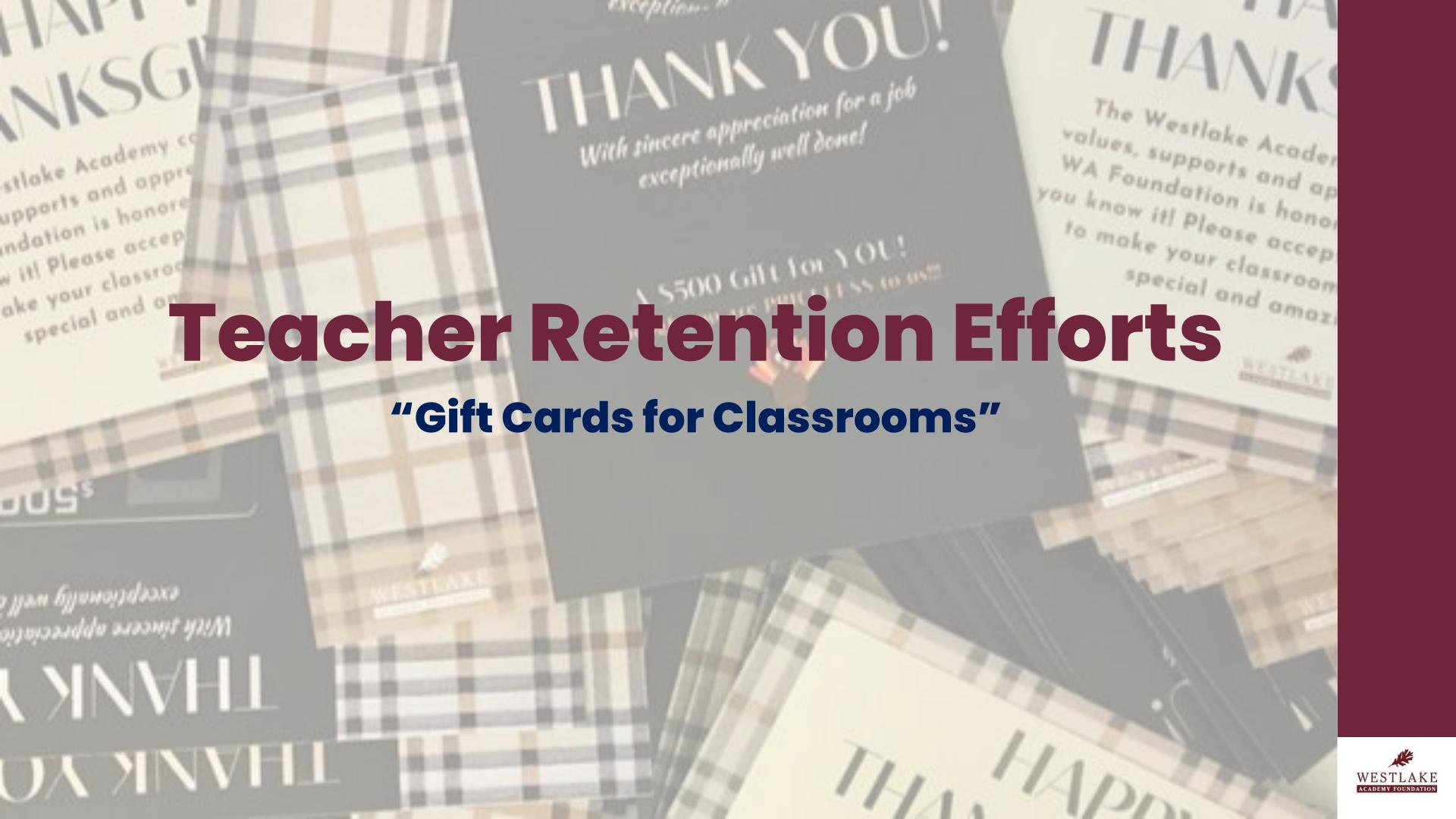
Restricted Gifts & External Grants Managed by WAF

- Hudson Foundation "Memorable Experiences" (\$80,000)
 - \$5,000 Junior/Senior Prom
 - \$2,000 Sadie Hawkins Dance
 - \$3,860 G12 Class Experience
 - \$69,140 balance to be used in 2023-24
- PYP Davidson Science Lab (\$1,011)
- Performing Arts Program (\$6,488)
- Student Travel Awards (\$2,036 for 3 students)
- JPMorgan Chase "Technology & Furniture Updates" (\$146,022 grant request pending)
- Hudson Foundation "Impactful Experiences & Trainings" (\$125,000 grant request pending for use in '23-24)









ONGOING TEACHER RETENTION INITIATIVE

EACH YEAR...

The Foundation is asked to raise dedicated funds to support the Academy's teacher retention efforts. This year, the "Gift Cards for Classrooms" initiative was the Foundation Gala's "Fund-an-Item" project.

Thanks to incredible donor generosity, **91%** (\$107,650) of the needed funding was raised at the Gala. The balance was funded by prior years' overage of funds restricted for the Gift Card initiative.

TOTAL DONOR IMPACT...

For the 2022–23 school year, the Foundation provided total of \$117,700 to support retention efforts and build morale by distributing four gift cards at especially busy times of the school year. The impact was \$1,100 to each of WA's 107 teachers and staff members.

\$10,700 to give \$100 Gift Cards before Spring Break!



WHAT DOES THE STAFF SAY?



I was beyond surprised when I received my first gift card. It is certainly not an easy task to raise funds for all educators that have an impact in the student's education, as well as hand deliver the gift to each person. I genuinely appreciate your time, detail, attentiveness and generosity.

MYP TEACHER



I'm new to WA. I'm also new to teaching and had no idea how much teachers spent on their kids and their classrooms. The gift card allowed me to buy muchneeded book boxes, sports equipment, and other items the kids' needed.

PYP TEACHER



I am truly grateful beyond what words can adequately express.

The generosity of the Westlake

Academy families is overwhelming. I look forward to receiving the gift cards throughout the year. It allows me to do special things for my students and my team, as well as my classroom that I otherwise would not be able to do.

DP TEACHER









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June 21 at 7:00 PM · 3

At the recent Senior Awards Ceremony in May, the Westlake Academy Foundation was pleased to present graduating seniors with personalized pewter cup engraved with their names. This small gesture serves as a welcome gift to the WA Alumni Association as we as a tangible reminder of their WA teachers, classmates and time as a Blacksmith! The V Foundation is truly honored to present this gift on behalf of all of our generous donors. Town of Westlake-Government Westlake Academy IB Charter School



SPRING ACTIVITIES...

- Created two on-campus "spas" as volunteers on Staff Appreciation Committee
- Kindergarten-Senior Keepsake Photo experience
- Jefferson Cup alumni gift presentation to seniors
- Teacher of the Year Awards with HOC
- Set-up for year-end ceremonies (Gym & MPH)
- Tours for current & prospective Westlake families
- Pack & move to new office in Arts & Sciences bldg.



IT'S WHAT WEDO.

Taking care of students and teachers, making sure they have all that they need, is what motivates the volunteers and staff of the WA Foundation. To share the many expressions of thanks and appreciation and to further show donors the impact of their giving, we facilitated a campus-wide gratitude campaign. Our most recent "Gallery of Gratitude" can be viewed on our website!







