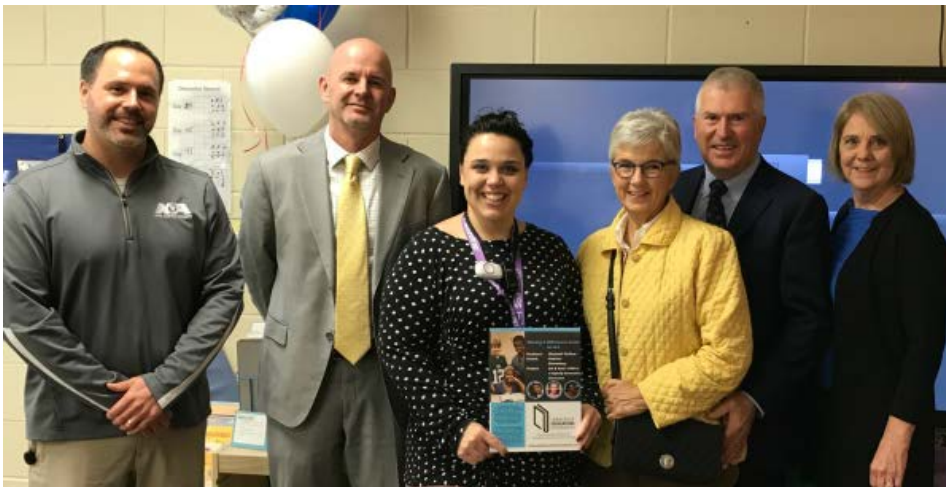




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**Urbandale Education Foundation Awards Nearly \$18,000 In Grants To Urbandale Educators**  
*For the sixth consecutive grant cycle, the Urbandale Education Foundation awards grants to Urbandale educators as part of the Making A Difference Grant Program*

**URBANDALE, Iowa – October 25, 2018** – The [Urbandale Education Foundation](#) (UEF) was thrilled to have the opportunity to award nearly \$18,000 to Urbandale educators as part of the UEF Making A Difference Grant Program. The program is intended to provide [Urbandale Community School District](#) (Urbandale CSD) educators the opportunity to receive funds for projects and initiatives not supported within existing school budgets. On October 23, 2018, UEF Board of Directors awarded a total of 16 grants by surprising educators in their classrooms with a celebration and award ceremony. [View the video](#).



Elizabeth Whitver, Webster Elementary, receiving an Urbandale Education Foundation Making A Difference Grant on October 23, 2018.

Going into its sixth consecutive grant cycle, the UEF increased its fundraising efforts resulting in the greatest number of grants (16) and funds (nearly \$18,000) awarded to date. The UEF was fortunate to be selected by Endow Urbandale as a 2018 Endow Urbandale Grant recipient resulting in a \$2,000 donation to the UEF in support of educator grants. In addition, the Urbandale High School Class of 1968 made a generous donation in support of educator grants. The financial support of individuals and organizations throughout the Urbandale community is making a true difference in the lives of Urbandale CSD students and educators.

The following 16 Making A Difference Grants were awarded to Urbandale CSD educators:

1. Terri Muehlenthaler-Holmes, Jensen Elementary, Kindergarten "Up On Top"
2. Megan Teresi, Jensen Elementary, iPads for Hands-On Learning
3. Jim Happe, Metro West Learning Academy, 3D Printer
4. Angie Sime & Ashli Hoyt, Olmsted Elementary, Books At Home For Everyone
5. Lori Marlenee & Annette Brannen, Olmsted Elementary, Early Reading Chapter Books

6. Tiffany Braxton, Olmsted Elementary, Our History: Embracing Black History
7. Laura Beth Chiston, Rolling Green Elementary, Experiential and Photographic Learning
8. Kelli Oda-Lawler, Urbandale High School, Empower the Voice
9. Ted Brimeyer, Urbandale High School, Urbandale Singers
10. Ashley Swett, Urbandale High School, Read and Write Every Day
11. Casey Clark, Urbandale High School, Lights On!
12. Tricia Fleagle, Urbandale Middle School, Online Book Access
13. Megan Faul, Valerius Elementary, Flexible Seating 4th Grade
14. Halyna Vogeler, Valerius Elementary, Culture Day at Valerius
15. Ashley Muilenburg, Webster Elementary, Webster Garden Project
16. Elizabeth Whitver, Webster Elementary, Dot and Dash: STEM in a Digitally Immersed Classroom

“The goal of the Urbandale Education Foundation is to enhance the educational experience of students in the Urbandale School District,” said UEF Board President Steve Schuler. “I can’t think of a better example of this than the Making a Difference Grants. These grants provide that little additional funding needed to provide a better and more unique educational opportunity for students through the creative ideas developed by dedicated educators in the Urbandale School District. We thank all those that contributed funds towards this worthy endeavor.”

The UEF is in the unique position to provide support for Urbandale schools, award scholarships to Urbandale High School graduates and connect Urbandale alumni through the merger and partnership of three organizations: Urbandale Education Foundation, [Urbandale Dollars for Scholars](#) and [Urbandale Alumni Association](#). To learn more about how you can become involved and make a positive difference for Urbandale students, educators, schools and the vitality of the Urbandale community, or to make a tax-deductible contribution, visit: [UrbandaleEducationFoundation.com](#) and follow on Twitter [@SupportUCSD](#).

#### **About Urbandale Education Foundation**

The Urbandale Education Foundation (UEF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to enhancing the educational experience of students in the Urbandale Community School District by funding projects and initiatives not supported within existing school budgets. The UEF raises funds through grants and private donations and then invests in enhanced educational programming, innovative technology, scholarships for graduates, state-of-the-art facilities and lifelong learning opportunities. The UEF is in the unique position to provide support for Urbandale schools, award scholarships to UHS graduates and connect Urbandale alumni through the merger and partnership of three organizations: Urbandale Education Foundation, [Urbandale Dollars for Scholars](#) and [Urbandale Alumni Association](#). The UEF is dedicated to making a difference in the future of Urbandale schools, students and the vitality of the Urbandale community. To learn more, or to make a tax-deductible contribution, visit: [UrbandaleEducationFoundation.com](#) and follow on Twitter [@SupportUCSD](#).

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