



Early American History Programs

By providing teachers with exceptional professional development opportunities, teaching resources and engaging learning activities, we strive to deepen students' knowledge of American history and provide them with the critical thinking skills necessary to become engaged citizens.



ENCOURAGED more than **5,700 Oklahoma students and teachers** to explore early American history lessons through **seven interactive Virtual Colonial Days Webinars** featuring historical interpreters from Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, Jamestown and more.

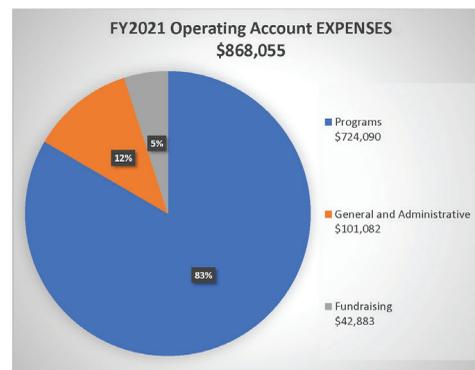
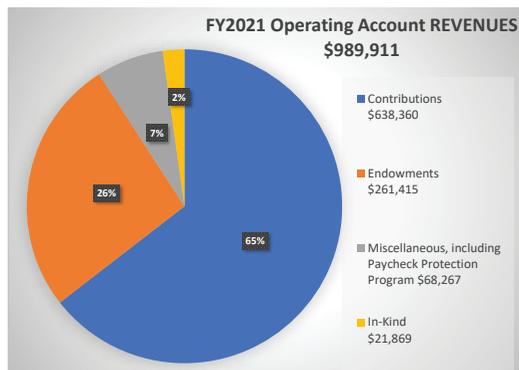


ENCOURAGED teacher professional development through **free online webinars provided by Colonial Williamsburg** in lieu of their in-person Teacher Institute, which typically serves 35 Oklahoma teachers each summer. Oklahoma's Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute attendees – selected by our foundation – are expected to attend in summer 2022.



Financials

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization supported through private contributions. For more detailed information about our financials, visit the "about" section of our website at www.ofe.org.



Recognizing and Encouraging Academic Excellence in Oklahoma's Public Schools



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Academic Awards Program

After COVID-19 sidelined our Academic Awards Banquet in 2020, we were thrilled to host an in-person celebration this May in Tulsa honoring top achieving students and educators in Oklahoma's public schools. "Rising Above, Going Beyond" was the theme for the celebration, which featured an inspiring keynote address by educator Erin Gruwell, co-author of the "The Freedom Writers Diary."

Oklahoma School Foundations Network

Under the leadership of Katy Leffel, our Oklahoma School Foundations Network is expanding services and increasing collaboration among Oklahoma's 209 public school foundations. These citizen-led nonprofits serve as a bridge between their community and school district, raising private dollars to complement existing school budgets and building community involvement for the betterment of local schools.



RECOGNIZED 100 outstanding public high school seniors and five exceptional educators with Oklahoma's premiere academic honors. Awarded **\$100,000 in Academic All-State Scholarships**.

Teacher Professional Development

With support from generous donors and educational partners, the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence encourages and rewards innovation among Oklahoma teachers by supporting quality professional development opportunities.



ENCOURAGED academic success for English learners by providing online professional development, networking and support for more than **800 teachers in 104 districts** through the Teachers of English Learners Program. The program, which is now available to teachers statewide through the State Department of Education, **is boosting the number of ESL certified teachers** by providing a free ESL Certification Test Prep Course.



ENCOURAGED 12 Oklahoma educators to deepen their knowledge and explore their academic passions through Fund for Teachers Fellowship experiences in summer 2021.



ENCOURAGED efficacy and research-based teaching strategies by providing online Foundations of Fractions training to nearly **70 Oklahoma educators**.

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ENCOURAGED excellence among Oklahoma's **209 public school foundations** by providing nearly **1,000 hours** of FREE on-call support, training, networking and board retreats.



RECOGNIZED innovative programs sponsored by school foundations with **three \$1,000 Outstanding Program Awards** to further impact and inspire others.



ENCOURAGED collaboration between foundations and school administrators by presenting four breakout sessions, attended by nearly **200 people**, at the **Oklahoma Education Leadership Conference**.

Boren Mentoring Initiative

Recognizing the proven impact of mentoring on student success, we promote the growth and development of quality youth mentoring programs, providing free support, resources and – coming soon – start-up and opportunity grants for K-12 mentoring programs. We promoted the impact of mentoring by honoring outstanding mentors during National Mentoring Month in January.



RECOGNIZED 21 exceptional volunteers with Outstanding Mentor Awards and statewide publicity, celebrating the role they play to help students achieve better academic, social and economic futures.