

# 2018 IMPACT REPORT

## OUR GOALS FOR THE ST. LOUIS METRO AREA

We believe introducing children to technology can open their worlds to possibility. ITEF empowers educators to embrace innovative learning projects that enable this transformation.

### ITEF VISION STATEMENT:

Innovative Technology Education Fund believes that introducing children to the spectrum of available technology creates opportunities for exploration, problem solving and inspired uses of imagination. ITEF empowers educators to consider the kinds of innovative learning projects that enable these opportunities.

### ITEF MISSION STATEMENT:

With a keen eye on underserved schools and communities, the Innovative Technology Education Fund seeks to accelerate learning in K-12 spaces through the innovative uses of technology..



*The Biome School*

## 2018 INNOVATOR AWARDS

# SIX AREA SCHOOLS GRANTED \$235,500

The Innovative Technology Education Fund (ITEF) is awarding a total of \$235,500 to six area schools, through 2018 Innovator Grants ranging from \$22,500 to \$60,000. These competitive grants are provided to allow schools in our region to create cutting edge, inventive learning opportunities for their students.

"Technology can open a child's eyes to possibilities they've never before imagined," said Charmaine Smith, Chief Executive Officer of ITEF. "We are thrilled to help these innovative educators bring to life their ideas to transform learning at their schools. They join a community of past Innovator grantees in our region who are reimagining educational spaces and instructional practices for the benefit of students."

ITEF is a St. Louis-based, charitable, nonprofit foundation that supports innovation in

education by funding advanced technology in the classrooms of public, private, parochial, and charter schools in the greater St. Louis area. ITEF also provides opportunities for educators to continue to grow and learn in their field.

Since 2008, ITEF has provided more than \$3 million in grants to St. Louis-area schools, helping fund the creation of makerspaces with advanced technology like 3-D printers and robotics equipment, full digital media and video production spaces, and even STEM-based agriculture labs where students learned problem-solving through hands-on use of farming technology.

Grantees are selected by ITEF board members from a pool of applicants who meet requirements, including being an accredited K-12 public, private, charter, or parochial school in the greater St. Louis region.

"I was always the overlooked kid in class that felt like I had no control over *what* I learned or *how* I learned. There were always correct and incorrect ways to solve problems and the overload of assessments that labeled my academic intelligence always discouraged my love for learning. I believe it is our moral obligation as educators to find the "genius" in every student so that we spark **a lifelong love of learning.**"

Annette Fields  
St. Louis Public Schools



# 2018 INNOVATOR AWARD WINNERS

The following winning schools received their grant awards during ITEF's 'Art of the Possible' event for area educators on April 19, 2018.



*The Biome School*

**Awarded: \$51,000**

**The Biome School** (Public Charter School) "Beyond the Text: Engaging Children in Literacy through Project-Based Video Game Design" Using Bloxels, an inventive video game creation tool, students will build their own games to tell unique and imaginative stories.

**Awarded: \$23,000.00**

**City Montessori Adolescent Program** (MAP St. Louis) "Fuse Studio" Fuse Studio is an engaging and activity-based STEAM program, which provides challenging activities for students in a self-directed learning environment.



*Hodgen Tech Elementary*

**Awarded: \$49,000.00**

**Hodgen Tech Elementary** (SLPS) "Renovated Learning" This school will be incorporating a new approach to teaching and learning in a state-of-the-art makerspace/robotics lab.



*Festus Middle School*

**Awarded: \$22,500.00**

**Festus Middle School** (Festus SD) "Pollinator's Paradise" Utilizing the engineering design process, students will design their own projects to create habitats for pollinators in order to mitigate the annual mosquito invasion.



*Miriam Academy*

**Awarded: \$30,000.00**

**Miriam Academy** (Private School) "Miriam Academy Television Studio" MATV is a multi-media video recording and editing studio that will offer students hands-on opportunities to explore and learn video production.

**Awarded: \$60,000.00**

**Sumner High School** (SLPS) "Summer Streaming Startup" Sumner Streaming is a student-led online network, which will showcase student-created content in six different learning areas.

# LEAN INTO LEARNING 2018

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

## THIRTY-FIVE GRANTS AWARDED TO METRO AREA EDUCATORS

Our 2018 "Lean Into Learning" professional development grant initiative was a huge success. We awarded \$127,937 to educators from 17 districts and many more schools. Here are a few examples of their ITEF PD experience: conference and symposium attendance, school visits across the nation, collaborations with neighboring districts and participation in online learning through IDEO U. We understand that professional development can take many forms. ITEF hopes

educators will choose innovative experiences that will inspire them to try new and challenging initiatives.

Each year, the Lean into Learning cycle opens on June 1. Applications must be completed by December 1 of that year and professional development must be taken by December 31. ITEF is excited to support educators as learners.

### Professional Development Grants were awarded to these schools in 2018:

The Soulard School  
Lindbergh School District  
Fort Zumwalt School District  
The College School  
The Forsyth School  
Pajoma Preparatory School

Gateway STEM High School  
Mehlville School District  
Wentzville School District  
Northwest R1 School District  
Valley Park School District  
Lift for Life Academy

Ritenour School District  
Fox C-6 School District  
Crossroads College  
Preparatory School  
Sunrise R-IX School District  
KIPP

More information about this initiative can be found on our website:  
<http://innovted.com/professional-development-grant/>

## 2018 EDUCATOR IN RESIDENCE: GLENN BARNES

ITEF is in its second year of sponsoring an Educator-in-Residence program. This program is a 45-day, self-defined professional development opportunity for educators. ITEF provides access to space at the CET and any resources needed for the EIR. The intent is to bring K-12 educators into our innovative community at the Cortex and give them time to plan, learn, read, collaborate, reflect and most importantly, explore innovative teaching and learning practices in a welcoming environment. Educators can host professional development sessions, bring in experts, or have a quiet space to develop innovative lesson plans.



This year's EIR is Dr. Glenn Barnes who is a K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Specialist with the Saint Louis Public Schools. His residency began on June 1 and will continue through the end of July. We are excited to hear about what new ideas he will bring back to SLPS for the new school year.

## NEED HELP BUILDING A SOLID PROPOSAL?

In 2018, ITEF launched a series of Proposal Guidance & Planning Workshops to help educators fine tune their ideas into a competitive proposal. During this hour-long workshop, ITEF staffers help educators navigate our application process, provide tips and end with a Q&A session to help with any further clarification. Our workshops evolve over time so it is strongly recommended for previous applicants to come back for a refresher.

Our **2019 Proposal Guidance & Planning Workshops** will be held at the CIC@CET at 20 S. Sarah Street, St. Louis MO 63108 from 5:30 - 6:30pm on **November 6, 14, 19 and 25**. Please reserve your space by emailing Jenny Birgé at [jbirge@InnovTechEd.com](mailto:jbirge@InnovTechEd.com)



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## 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

### REVENUE

Foundation Revenue:	\$938,890.00
Realized Gains On Investments:	\$208,554.00
Interest And Dividend Income:	\$87,266.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,234,710.00</b>

### EXPENSES

Total Grantmaking:	\$420,681.00
Salaries, Benefits and Payroll Taxes:	\$171,467.00
Administrative Expenses:	\$123,177.00
Grant-Related Expenses:	\$68,930.00
Unrealized Loss On Investments:	\$660,537.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,443,991.00</b>

