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A day-long celebration of the QEA investments took place on October 6 at West Jax and Butler

#### QEA featured at conference 4

The QEA Fund was the subject of a presentation at the national Grantmakers for Education conference.

#### QEA wins award at NEFRC 5

The effort was recognized with the 2014 Regional Award for Excellence in Education.

## School district leverages Quality Education for All Fund investment for significant funding opportunities

While the Quality Education for All Fund is still working towards raising its goal of \$50 million, there have been recent funding opportunities outside of QEA that are worth noting and celebrating. Duval County Public Schools has been successful in more than matching QEA funding with grants from national foundations and federal low interest bonds totaling more than \$54 million. The Quality Education for All Fund was used to leverage these investments which will benefit not only students in our 36 Quality Education for All schools, but all students.

This fall, Duval County Public Schools announced a second Qualified Zone Academic Bond (QZAB) investment. DCPS was able to use a \$5 million investment from the QEA Fund as a

match to receive a QZAB award from the federal government. This **\$50 million** award will be used towards technological devices and upgrades in schools across the district.

Another exciting opportunity was also announced this fall. Duval County is one of only three districts throughout the state to receive a **\$100,000** AWARE grant from the Florida Department of Education to improve access to integrated school and community-based mental/behavioral health services. AWARE 4 Duval will train school-based employees on how to detect mental health characteristics within their student population. The district also received a **\$335,000** grant from the Florida Department of Education for

Instructional Leadership.

Finally, funding from the U.S. Department of Education for more than **\$3.7 million** to address behavioral challenges of students within the 36 QEA schools. The Systematic Tiered Responsive Interventions Validated by Evidence (STRIVE) Project will implement a multi-tiered behavioral framework will provide staff with universal professional development and targeted technical assistance. Anticipated outcomes of the project include decreased disciplinary referrals, increased school attendance, decreased suspensions and expulsions and an improved school climate at high-need schools.



## Kickoff event highlights investments under way at QEA schools for community, donors

*The event drew donors, community members to West Jacksonville Elementary and The Leadership Schools at Eugene J. Butler on October 6, 2014*

On Monday, October 6, several donors to the QEA Fund met for a breakfast held at The Community Foundation geared towards updating them on the progress of the initiative to date. The group of 21 donors heard from the QEA Advisory Board chairman, the Superintendent, and the presidents of both The Community Foundation and the Jacksonville Public Education Fund. The donor group was given the opportunity to ask questions of each speaker and to give their feedback on the QEA initiative thus far.

Following the breakfast, donors had the opportunity to attend a school tour at West Jacksonville

Elementary School. Several QEA donors, as well as JPEF board members and community members attended the school tours. Many of the classrooms visited were those of teachers receiving the performance incentive through the QEA fund. The tours also showcased the implementation of QZAB I at West Jacksonville, including one to one devices and smart board in classrooms.

The afternoon concluded with a “lunch and learn” session hosted by the principal and staff of West Jacksonville. Four school board members were in attendance (Connie Hall, Paula Wright, Cheryl Grimes, Becki Couch), as well as

Superintendent Vitti, several community leaders and members of the press. The lunch and learn featured a panel discussion with Cindy Edelman, a QEA donor; Iranetta Wright, Chief of the Duval Transformation Office; and a principal and a teacher receiving the performance incentive.

Later in the evening, citizens from all over Duval County gathered for the ONE by ONE Community Meeting at The Leadership Schools at Eugene J. Butler. There, more than 60 people had a chance to see student performances, learn about QEA, share their questions and discuss ways for community members to be involved in the initiative.



## Spotlight on: Jacksonville Teacher Residency Program

The Jacksonville Teacher Residency program has taken off in a big way this school year. Residents completed their first semester of coursework at the University of Florida and have each been placed in a middle or high school in the Duval Transformation Office schools. Since August, the residents and their mentors have formed bonds in the classroom that they each value and learn from every day.

A standout duo at Andrew Jackson High School is ninth grade math teacher Sabrina Hall and her JTR resident Ian Lozano. Sabrina Hall is now in her 6th year teaching at Andrew Jackson. She has been a consistently high-performing teacher, and is the recipient of a performance incentive through the QEA Fund initiative. Although Hall was already receiving recognition for her performance through the incentive, she still chose to be a JTR mentor.

"Being a mentor gives me the opportunity to share what I've learned and to make a difference in someone's life," she said. "I've learned so much in my years of teaching and I don't mind sharing."

And Hall's mentee, affectionately known as "Mr. L," is enjoying learning those lessons every day.

"Ms. Hall has such energy and passion for what



*Above: Sabrina Hall, JTR mentor*

she does," Lozano says. "She finds a way to always make things positive in a way that allows me to learn and the students to learn."

The two will continue to teach together this school year, and next year, Lozano will begin teaching in his own classroom and putting everything he learned from Hall into practice.

## QEA Fund in the news

### The Associated Press

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/oct/05/charity-report-ranks-states-cities-on-generosity/2/?#article-copy>

### Huffington Post

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/willa-seldon/community-as-coauthor->

[wri\\_b\\_5989044.html](http://wri_b_5989044.html)

### WJCT 89.9 FM

<http://news.wjct.org/post/life-lessons-new-teachers-talk-challenges-and-triumphs>

### The Florida Times-Union

<http://members.jacksonville.com>

[/opinion/editorials/2014-11-17/story/public-schools-achieve-setting-goals](http://opinion/editorials/2014-11-17/story/public-schools-achieve-setting-goals)

<http://jacksonville.com/news/health-and-fitness/2014-11-19/story/jacksonville-based-community-foundation-marks-50-years>

## Save the date for January 12 donor breakfast

On January 12, there will be a donor breakfast held at the University Center at the University of North Florida from 9-11 a.m.

During this breakfast, donors will have an opportunity to hear updates regarding the Quality Education for All Fund from the Superintendent, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida and the Jacksonville Public Education Fund.

Special guests from the Jacksonville Teacher Residency Program will be in attendance to meet and mingle with donors and share their experiences in the program.

We hope that you will be able to join us! Please look for a formal invitation that will be coming in the next few weeks.

## Quality Education for All Fund spotlighted at annual Grantmakers for Education national conference

*Presentation drew grantmakers from all over the country*



On October 22, members of the Quality Education For All Fund Advisory Board had the opportunity to participate in a panel presentation at the Grantmakers for Education Conference in Miami.

Grantmakers for Education is a membership organization of hundreds of education grantmakers working to improve outcomes and expand opportunities for all learners across the education spectrum. Each year, their annual conference convenes representatives from foundations and

philanthropic organizations from across the country and the world.

Grantmakers for Education receives hundreds of session submissions each year, and to be selected is a prestigious honor. Presenting at GFE gave the opportunity for the QEA Fund and initiative to be highlighted to an audience of national foundations and funders.

The panel participants — Gary Chartrand, Cindy Edelman, Nina Waters and Nikolai Vitti — were given an hour and a half to speak about the several years of work, planning and collaborating that led to the QEA initiative as it stands today. The panel was moderated by Trey Csar.

Session attendees were able to get a comprehensive view of how research, community input, a strong funder collaborative and district partnership all played a role in establishing the QEA Fund in Duval County.

Preliminary feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive and both the panelists and JPEF staff have been following up with inquiries and requests for more information.

## Quality Education for All Fund recognized by the Northeast Florida Regional Council

The Quality Education for All Fund has been selected to receive the 2014 Regional Award for Excellence in Education from the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC).

NEFRC is a network composed of local governance, serving seven counties — Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler,

Putnam, Nassau and St. Johns — and their 27 municipalities.

The award was given at NEFRC's annual Elected Officials and Regional Leadership luncheon on December 4.

### Investors in the Quality Education for All Fund

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