WakeEd PARTNERSHIP

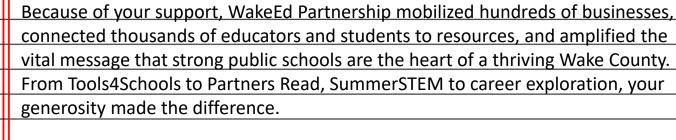
ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2024-2025



A Message from our President

Each year, I'm reminded of the extraordinary power of a united community. This Annual Impact Report tells a story far greater than numbers—it reflects the unwavering commitment of our donors, partners, volunteers, and champions for public education.



We believe every student deserves access to world-class learning opportunities.

Thanks to you, we're not just imagining that future—we're building it.

Keith Poston, President, WakeEd Partnership

SummerSTEM

SummerSTEM is a program that enriches educators' understanding of the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the workplace using Project-Based Learning (PBL) with an emphasis on STEM businesses and careers. In addition to direct instruction and coaching in lesson design, K-12 educators participate in immersive experiences with local companies, exploring targeted career fields they can take back to the classroom.

10 Partnering businesses

29 Schools participated in the program

69 Teachers participated









STEMposium





44 Teachers presented

52 Students presented

25 Schools participated





Career Accelerator

Career Accelerator is a workforce development program launched in 2022 created to provide rising high school students in 10th through 12th grades with immersive experiences with local companies, exploring a variety of career fields. This free summer program is hosted at local high schools across Wake County. All rising 10th through 12th grade students are invited to participate. In addition to immersion experiences, students receive coaching and instruction in other workforce development areas, such as CV building, social media use, and interviewing skills. Students receive a monetary stipend upon completion of key program elements, including industry certificates and/or credentials.

467

42

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED

PARTNER BUSINESSES

411

MICRO-CREDENTIALS
COMPLETED





Partners Read

Partners Read places community volunteers into Wake County elementary schools to read with developing 1st grade readers. Volunteers have the unique opportunity to develop one-on-one relationships with students through Partners Read, as they help them increase confidence and enjoyment in reading. Additionally, students add the books that they have read with their partners to their personal libraries. Today we have volunteers in 60+ schools across Wake County.



560 Students Served302 Volunteers62 Schools

97.1%

Of Site Coordinators believe that Partners Read helped improve literacy rates at their school site

97.1%

Of Site Coordinators believe that Partners Read had a positive impact on the social-emotional wellbeing of their participating students









Level Up Literacy trains community volunteers to provide high-dosage 1:1 literacy tutoring to elementary students in Wake County Public Schools.

332 Students received 1:1 tutoring

Schools hosted 1:1 tutoring programs

194 Volunteers worked with students

1,900

Tutoring hours across 3,700 Level Up Literacy tutoring sessions in less than 13 weeks of programming

97%

Of students showed improvement according to progress check data, regardless of which component of literacy was focused on



Tools 4 Schools

Tools4Schools is a free classroom supply store open to all Wake County Public School teachers to help provide students with all the classroom supplies necessary for success.



5,540

Shopping trips completed by educators

100%

Wake County Public Schools served

\$569,031

Given away in school supplies

93.8%

Educators agree that Tools4Schools has reduced out-of-pocket spending

9,253

Educators in the Tools4Schools system



I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR ANY SUPPORT GIVEN TO TEACHERS TO HELP GET SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THEIR STUDENTS. THE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE WAS WELL ORGANIZED. IT WAS EASY TO SHOP. THE SHELVES WERE WELL STOCKED. THERE WAS A GOOD VARIETY OF SUPPLIES TO CHOOSE FROM.

\$1,602,470

Given away in school supplies since we opened Tools4Schools

PITTARD SCHOLARSHIP

The Coach Bob Pittard Scholarship Fund is available to graduating student athletes from Green Hope High School and Apex High School who, during their high school years, earned a varsity letter for participation in a full season in a varsity sport.

17 Scholars

\$12,500

Awarded to each scholar

\$212,500

Total awarded this year



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of EDUCATION

Stars of Education is WakeEd Partnership's annual awards gala that celebrates Wake County's education champions. The event is also WakeEd Partnership's largest annual fundraiser, raising critical funds for programs and initiatives.



FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD& HALL OF FAME CLASS 2024



Valencia Hicks Harris
EDUCATION



Brad Wilson BUSINESS



Barb Walsh COMMUNITY



Mark Indermaur ATHLETICS



Sara Maria Blanton ARTS



Community Workforce Solutions ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Representative Rosa Gill VERNON MALONE FRIEND OF EDUCATION





Nabiha Rahman EMERGING STAR



Aneesa McKenzie-Thompson STAR AMONG US



360

Gala Attendees

\$124,702

Funds raised



Top Funders

Wake County Public School System John Rex Endowment

Burroughs Wellcome Fund Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.

Salem Elrahal

Women's Giving Network of Wake County, an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation **UNC Health**

4 Others Foundation Amgen Foundation

Wolfspeed

Raleigh Wealth Solutions

SAS Institute

Aetna

Goodnight Educational Foundation

Raleigh Chamber of Commerce

BASF Tom Bradshaw and Mary Mac

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