

Our History

How it Began

The Foundation was established in 1986 by a diverse group of local business and community leaders to enhance the quality of public education in Lee County by increasing community support and involvement in Lee County public schools.

Mission

We are a non-profit, charitable education foundation which enhances and enriches the quality of public education in Lee County for students and educators. Our programs are made possible through corporate, individual, and educational partnerships.

Vision

With philanthropy and community partnership, we embrace educational excellence for our students and teachers to prosper in an ever-changing global society and economy.

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The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools

A non-profit, charitable education foundation dedicated to enhancing and enriching the quality of public education in Lee County.

Corporate Mentoring



Purpose Driven

Youth mentoring integrates the needs of multiple stakeholders. It is a place where business strategy, organizational mastery, and community needs come together:

- Lost human potential due to our nation's **educational achievement** gap results in the economic equivalent of a **permanent recession**
- **1 in 5** American youth did not finish high school in 2013
- **60% of all jobs** will require **some kind of post-secondary education** as of 2018
- Youth mentoring is the **number one form** of **skills-based** volunteerism



Mentoring Programs

We offer two transformative, one-on-one mentoring programs, made available to all of Lee County's public high schools and middle schools



Take Stock in Children is a statewide scholarship program for at-risk students that provides a unique opportunity for deserving students from low-income homes to escape the cycle of poverty through education.



Student Advocacy & Mentoring Partnership offers low-income students the opportunity to achieve success by providing college and career planning resources and mentoring. Students in STAMP are also offered community scholarships, which they can apply for.

Mentoring is Good Business

Besides strengthening our community, youth mentoring pays dividends to engaged corporate business partners by:

1. Increasing employee satisfaction and improve employee retention
 2. Providing opportunities for skill building across all levels of a company. It is shown that employees who are involved in mentoring have improved:
 - Communication
 - Customer service skills
 - Collaboration
 - Management skills
 - A deeper appreciation of diversity among fellow co-workers
 3. Developing and diversifying local, future work talent
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“We recognize that today’s youth are the future of our company...we need to take responsibility for better preparing them for tangible roles in the corporate workforce.”

-Bloomberg