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# NEWSLETTER



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2ND ANNUAL NOTECARD CONTEST  
winners announced



Congratulations to the following students who are the winners of the 2nd Annual Notecard Art Contest:

- Meher Jain, 2nd grade at Draper 1 (General Thank You)
- Saachi Kabra, 3rd grade at Draper 1: (Staff/Teacher Thank You)
- Samridhi Jain, 4th grade at Draper 2: (Community Choice)

Meher, Saachi, and Samridhi will each receive a certificate and a gift certificate from American Preparatory Education Foundation. You can see their winning submissions and all of the student submissions at <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/>.

Thank you to every student who submitted their artwork. We received nearly 60 entries. We appreciate your time, talent, and the appreciation for our teachers, staff, and community that you have shown in your artwork. You all did a great job!



AMAZON SMILE

quarterly update

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

Thank you to everyone who has enrolled in AmazonSmile. The Foundation just received its 2020 4th quarter contribution of \$1,124.70. We receive .5% of your Amazon purchases, so for Q4 that equates to almost \$250,000 in purchases. Contributions from AmazonSmile have been used to fund the Foundation's Hardship Fund, benefitting our families who have experienced financial difficulties.

If you're not utilizing Amazon Smile, please consider doing so and adding American Preparatory Education Foundation as your designated charity. The prices are exactly the same and our families benefit.

To set APEF as your charity, please go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-4568023>. Then make your purchases at <https://smile.amazon.com>. Amazon Smile donations help our APA families who are facing financial hardships. For instructions on adding Amazon Smile to the Amazon app on your phone, please go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/amazon-smile>. Thank you!



**BUILDERS CLUB**  
annual report



The Builders Club is a subscription based donation program wherein donations build our compensation fund and bolster our ability to attract and retain the BEST teachers and staff.

Builders Club members contributed \$22,126 to the fund in 2020. 100% of those funds were used to supplement the bonuses that were paid to APA teachers and staff. Currently 2.32% of our APA families are Builders Club members. Donors contributing to the program through the subscription service contributed \$1,583 in February 2021.

Large donors oftentimes look at the percentage of its members who are contributing financially. It is the goal of the Foundation to significantly increase the percentage of APA families who make monthly contributions to the Builders Club. Please consider becoming a Builders Club member. We are so appreciative of every donation, big or small. Collectively those contributions have a significant impact.

Thank you to each and every one of our Builders Club members. We are so grateful for you. For more information and to enroll, please go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/buildersclub>.

2021 DISTRICT FUN RUN  
virtual fundraiser



## Annual APA Fun Run

sponsored by American Preparatory Education Foundation

May 14-16, 2021

We are in the early planning stages for the Annual American Preparatory Academy Fun Run. Due to uncertainty relating to COVID-19 restrictions we have decided to hold a virtual event. It will be held May 14-16, giving students the flexibility to run on their own schedules. With it being a virtual event it will be much easier for all of our campuses to participate.

Registration begins on April 19 for the 5K and 1K races. Please watch your inbox for more information coming soon!

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

When: May 14-16, 2021 (students will wear race shirts to school Friday, May 14)

Where: Virtual, students can run anywhere they choose

Purpose: To build a united APA community, both in person and virtually

Registration begins April 19

Hero Week: April 26-30

Registration deadline: May 2 at midnight

## About Us

American Preparatory Education Foundation (APEF) is a non-profit organization that provides energy, focus, and expertise as it raises funds for capital improvements, program enhancements, and scholarships to students, parents, and educators connected with American Preparatory Academy (APA) schools. The foundation's mission is to enhance the APA experience for our students and to provide that experience for an increased number of students and families.

American Preparatory Education Foundation (APEF) is a registered 501(c)(3) organization that supports the growth and success of the American Preparatory Education system, including the Africa Initiative. Donations to APEF are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors who have sole authority to select grantees and operate the Foundation within its exempt purposes. A small administrative staff will run the business affairs of the Foundation under the direction of its Board. Administrative and fundraising costs will be kept at a minimum and funded with contributions raised from corporate sponsors for that purpose.



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## Governing Board



**Rick Peterson**, appointed in 2012, serves as the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Peterson was an original founding member of the American Preparatory Academy charter school in Utah, and served as chairman of the APA Governing Board. Mr. Peterson graduated with a degree in Business Management and specializes in small business rehabilitation and acceleration.



**Howard Headlee**, appointed in 2012, was an original founding member of the American Preparatory Academy charter school in Utah, and served as chairman of the APA Governing Board. Mr. Headlee has an Accounting degree and an MBA from the University of Utah and is currently the President of the Utah Bankers Association.



**Gwendolyn Hortin**, appointed in 2020, researched many charter schools before finding what she was looking for at APA. Mrs. Hortin graduated with a degree in Business Management from BYU and spent several years managing operations teams in manufacturing and banking. She currently enjoys her favorite job of all, being a stay at home mom.



**Stephen Smith**, appointed in 2020, is the parent of two daughters who attend APA. He owns a full-service video production company, working with clients like Little Caesars, Facebook, and the University of Utah. Mr. Smith has a degree in Multimedia Communications Technology from Utah Valley University and also serves on Utah Ad Federation board.



**Kevin McVicar** is a Regional Educational Specialist for Audio Enhancement, working with schools and teachers to integrate audio and visual technologies in the classroom to improve the quality of instruction. With an M.A. in Educational Leadership and 15 years as an Instructional Coach and Administrative Director at American Preparatory Schools, he brings passion, energy, and the experience of working directly in American Prep schools with teachers, administrators, and students, supporting the school and its mission. Mr. McVicar joined the Foundation in 2020 after retiring from the day-to-day operations of the schools.



**Brian Hanks**, appointed in 2020, has four children enrolled at APA after an exhaustive search for the best school fit for his children. Mr. Hanks has an undergraduate degree from BYU and a masters from the University of Michigan. He is an author and owns a consulting company, helping dentists buy and sell their businesses.



**James Economides**, appointed in 2021, has 2 children at APA. He co-founded an analytical benchmarking company in the UK 20 years ago and moved to Utah 7 years ago. He previously worked for two US money centre banks in London and New York. He graduated from UC Wales and is a Fellow of the English Institute of Chartered Accountants.