THE EDUCATION EQUALIZER FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026















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Dear Education Equalizer Family,

As we reflect on the 2025–2026 fiscal year, we are proud to celebrate another year of breaking barriers, expanding opportunities, and helping scholars turn their college dreams into reality. At The Education Equalizer Foundation (EEF), our mission remains clear: to ensure every student has the resources, guidance, and support needed to pursue higher education.

This year, we celebrated remarkable achievements:

- Over $11 million in scholarships earned by EEF scholars.
- 100% college acceptance and FAFSA completion among graduating seniors who applied.
- 78 students supported through ACT/SAT preparation.
- Expanded college exposure through campus visits, college fairs, and partnerships with institutions nationwide.
- Increased HBCU access through our partnership with the Common Black College Application.

This year, we also honor the life and legacy of our dear friend Robert Mason, founder of the Common Black College Application, whose commitment to educational equity continues to inspire our work.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to removing barriers, expanding access, and creating pathways to college success.

Together, we are doing more than preparing students for college. We are changing lives and creating opportunities for generations to come.

In service,
Drs. Kerwin and Carjie Scott
Co-Founders
The Education Equalizer Foundation



In Loving Memory of Robert Mason
Founder, Common Black College Application
A Champion for Educational Equity. A Visionary Leader. A Dear Friend.

Some people open doors. Others dedicate their lives to ensuring those doors remain open for generations. Robert "Rob" Mason was one of those extraordinary people.

I met Rob in 2018 while serving as Director of Admissions and Recruitment at Tennessee State University. What began as a shared commitment to expanding college access grew into a friendship I will forever cherish.

As founder of the Common Black College Application (CBCA), Rob helped thousands of students pursue their dreams of attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities. When I established The Education Equalizer Foundation, he became one of our greatest champions, generously providing free college application waivers to every EEF scholar.

But Rob gave us far more than access to college applications. He gave his time, shared his wisdom, created unforgettable experiences for our students, and celebrated every EEF milestone as if it were his own. He believed in our mission because he believed in our scholars' limitless potential.

A Legacy That Lives On
To honor Rob's extraordinary commitment to educational equity, EEF is now home to the Robert Mason HBCU Gap Fund, a $500 award offered to a student attending a CBCA institution who simply needs help continuing in college.

Rob, thank you for believing in me, believing in EEF, and believing in students who simply needed someone to open a door. Your friendship was a gift. Your vision changed lives. Your legacy will continue for generations.



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VISION

A future where any student who wants to go to college is not only able to go to college but is also equipped with the tools to graduate with a successful career and give back to their community.



Our Priorities

- Remain committed to keeping the needs of students first in all that we do.
- Transform the lives of our scholars and their families.
- Inspire our scholars and embolden their self-determination and self-advocacy skills.
- Provide our scholars with the resources and networks they need to thrive and bring others along.

WHY OUR WORK IS CRUCIAL

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Students from underserved backgrounds often face significant barriers to higher education–including limited financial resources, inadequate academic preparation, and insufficient college guidance.

- **FAFSA Completion Crisis in Florida:** **Florida ranks 48th out of 51 (including D.C.) in FAFSA completion. In 2024, only 44.1% of Florida seniors submitted the FAFSA–a drop of over 11 percentage points from the previous year (ed.gov).** We hosted FAFSA workshops across Central Florida, resulting in increased FAFSA submissions among students we directly served, which unlocked financial aid and reduced the access gap.

- **Academic Performance & Test Prep Support:** **Florida's average SAT score of 948 ranks tied for 47th nationally, with an 18-point decline in 2024 alone (horizoneducation.com)**. In contrast, EEF scholars in our ACT/SAT prep programs achieved average gains of +3.5 points (ACT) and +100 points (SAT) –expanding their access to competitive colleges and scholarships.

- **Federal Student Aid Advocacy:** **With in-state tuition in Florida averaging $6,370 annually, and significantly higher costs for private or out-of-state institutions, affordability is a significant barrier (College Board, 2024).** EEF is a member of the National College Attainment Network and traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for a stronger, more equitable federal student aid system that benefits students from all backgrounds.

These numbers underscore the urgent need for intervention. EEF programs are designed to bridge these gaps, equipping students with the tools, knowledge, and confidence they need to thrive in higher education. By addressing structural inequities and empowering students directly, we are making college accessible, affordable, and achievable for all.

"At EEF, we guide students through every step of the college journey–from exploration and application to acceptance and navigating financial aid. Our scholars don't just get into one college–they often receive five or more acceptances, many with full or partial scholarships. In 2026, EEF students collectively earned over $11 million in scholarship offers, proving that strategic support leads to real opportunity." Dr. Carjie Scott, Co-Founder & President



Amiah's high test scores, grades, and community service earned her over $1,800,000 in scholarships, including the Dean's Scholarship and Provost's Scholarship from Nova Southeastern, and 100% full tuition Bright Futures scholarship. She was accepted into 31 universities, including Florida State University, Howard University, University of Central Florida, and Florida International University .

> One thing that inspired me during this journey would be the way that God has blessed me and encouraged me throughout the way. I'm also thankful for my parents and my family who insisted that getting an education is very important, especially as a first-generation college student. - Amiah Carter

Ashton received approximately $296,673 in scholarships, including the Rattlers in Arms Scholarship and 100% Bright Futures. He is a First Tee National Scholar and was accepted into the University of Florida and Florida State University.



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Dakinyah was accepted in to 18 universities including Savannah College of Art and Design, Kennesaw State University, Alabama A & M, University of North Florida, and Clark Atlanta University.



Deanglo has earned $150,000 in scholarships and was accepted into 27 schools including Florida International University, University of South Florida, North Carolina State University, Morgan State University, University of West Florida, and North Carolina A & T.

> One thing that inspired me during this journey was my future and, "No weapon formed against me shall prosper," Isaiah 54:17.
> -Deanglo Willis

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

College Success

EEF provides guidance to students and their families, helping them navigate the college application process with confidence. We are a one-stop shop offering everything you need to apply to college.

Scholarship Support

At EEF, we teach you to fish for scholarships so you “eat” for a lifetime rather than giving you a fish to “eat” for a day. Our goal is to alleviate the financial burden of higher education and make it more accessible.

Mentorship & Empowerment

At our core, EEF is an empowerment organization. Through mentorship programs with monthly check-ins, we expect students to excel academically and become community change-makers.

Community Engagement

EEF engages with schools, communities, and organizations to promote higher education and advocate for equitable access to educational opportunities. We believe that change happens when we work together. If we haven't worked with you yet, please contact us today!

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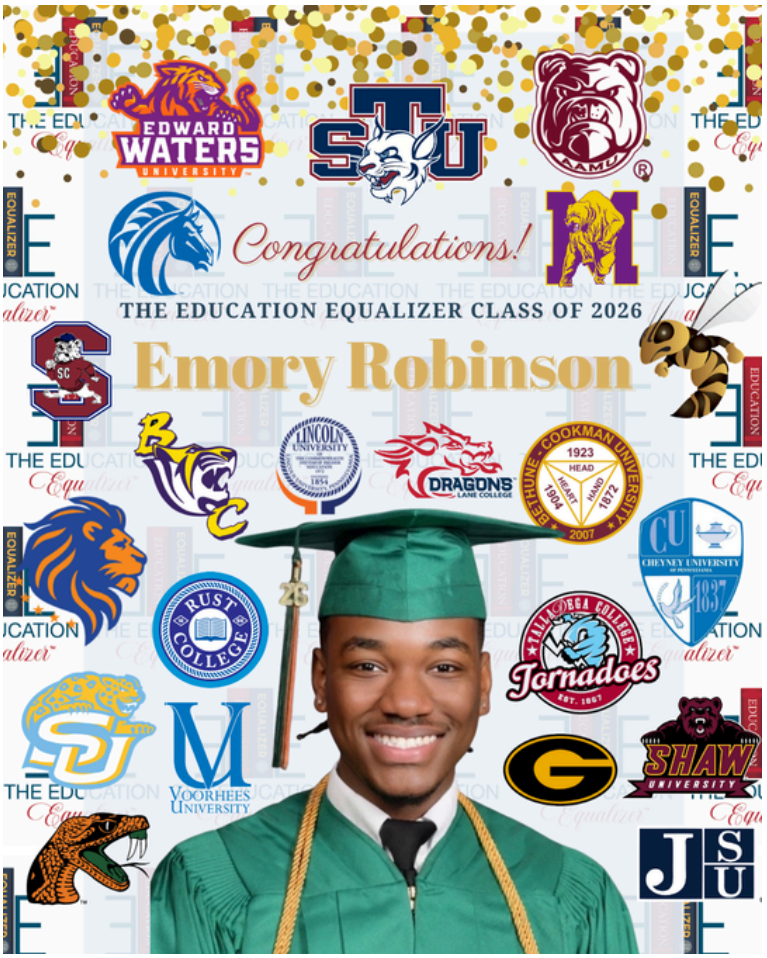
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Edrian's high test scores, grades, and community service earned him approximately $5,669,854 in scholarships, including 100% Bright Futures. He was accepted into 93 universities such as the University of Florida, Arizona State University, and Florida State University. Edrian will be graduating with his high school, AP Capstone, and IB diplomas.

> My goal is to become a cardiothoracic surgeon and, in the future, open my own clinic to provide affordable healthcare in Puerto Rico. - Edrian Deliz

Emory was accepted into 21 universities including Florida A & M, Jackson State University, Southern University, Fayetteville State University, Alabama A & M, and South Carolina State University. He additionally received the Good Neighbor Scholarship from Cheyney University and a $500 award from the Renaissance Ball.



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Jayla was accepted into 10 universities such as Alabama A & M, Clark Atlanta University, Miles College, University of North Florida, and Shaw University. She received $176,690 in scholarships including an Academic Scholarship from Miles College and 4-year Direct Aid from Bethune-Cookman.

> Throughout this journey, I've been inspired and guided by a mentor who encouraged me to keep going and believe in myself.
> -Jenesis Dye

Jenesis was accepted into 27 universities such as, George Washington University and Howard University. She received $209,580 in scholarships, including the Miles College Bridge Scholarship, the Out of State Provost Scholarship and State Supplemental Scholarship from the University of Alabama Birmingham, and $57,590 total in grants from the University of North Florida.



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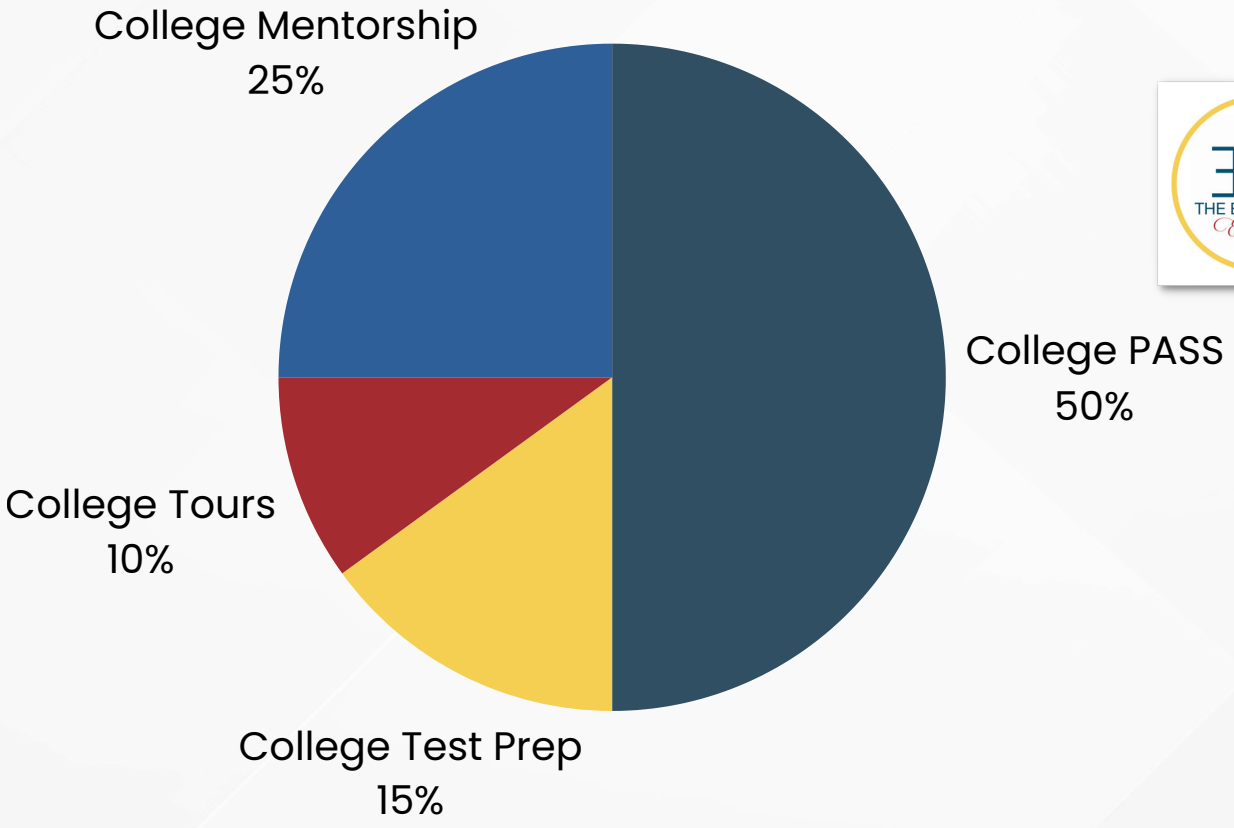
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FINANCIALS

FY 2025-26

Together, **we spent $60,022** during the 2025-26 fiscal year and provided college preparation services to over 150 middle and high school students.

Where do we spend our money?



100%

Your donations funded college PASS, college tours, ACT/SAT prep, college application, i.e., FAFSA, scholarship, etc. mentorship programs, and events!



Jewel was accepted into 10 universities such as the University of Alabama, Mississippi State University, and the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. She received $60,000 in scholarships including $40,000 from Full Sail University and $20,000 from West Virginia State University.



Kyleigh was accepted into 6 universities including Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Kennesaw State University, University of North Florida, and Valdosta State University.

> My goal is to become a project manager and business analyst. I want to specialize in the design and construction of commercial and residential infrastructure.
> -Kyleigh Lewis

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Kayshell was accepted into 19 universities such as Louisiana State University, University of South Florida, Alabama A & M, Stillman College, and University of North Florida. She received $220,500 in scholarships including $60,000 from Flagler University and $144,000 from St. Thomas University.

Lamarkeise was accepted into 11 universities including Alabama University, South Carolina State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Florida A & M, Valdosta State University, and Benedict College.



> One thing that inspired me during this journey was Hebrews 11:6 “And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.”
> -Lamarkeise Davis

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EEF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Every year, The Education Equalizer Foundation's Million Dollar Scholar Brunch serves as more than a celebration—it is a testament to what happens when students are given the tools, guidance, and support needed to achieve their dreams. This year we awared $1200 cash scholarships to students who exceeded the goals of our program.

Edrian Deliz — $750 Award
MOST SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED & MOST COLLEGES ADMITTED
Edrian earned admission to an extraordinary 93 colleges and universities. He secured $5,669,854 in scholarship offers, demonstrating exceptional academic achievement and determination.

Jenesis Dye — $250 Award
MOST HBCUS ADMITTED
Jenesis earned admission to 20 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Her achievement reflects academic excellence and a commitment to exploring diverse higher education opportunities.

Trinity Samuel — $100 Award
TEST SCORE SCHOLAR
Trinity demonstrated remarkable academic growth by increasing her ACT score from 19 to 29. Her 10-point improvement reflects perseverance, focused preparation, and dedication.

Regan Hollinger — $100 Award
TEST SCORE SCHOLAR
Regan increased his SAT score by 90 points, improving from 1020 to 1110. His achievement demonstrates persistence and the value of focused academic preparation. EEF awarded him $100 in recognition of his progress.





Lenniya was accepted into 12 universities such as Valdosta State University, Fayetteville State University, Miami-Dade College, Stillman College, and Florida Memorial University. She additionally received $36,000 in scholarships from Clark Atlanta.

Malani was accepted into 8 schools such as Louisiana State University, University of South Florida, Georgia State University, and University of North Florida. She received $56,000 in scholarships from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.



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> One thing that inspired me during this journey was just remembering seeing my little cousin fight for her life at 3 years old, and how the nurses around her took care of her.
> -Merveille Namusura

Regan was accepted into 15 universities such as Virginia Tech, Louisiana State University, and University of South Florida. She received a total of $487,656 in scholarships including a $122,000 merit scholarship from Flagler College and a $81,656 Presidental Scholarship from Florida Memorial University.

Merveille was accepted into 10 universities such as Tuskegee University, Clark Atlanta University, Southern University, and Fayetteville State University. She received a total of $92,000 in scholarships from Tuskegee University and Benedict College.

> My goal is to become a civil engineer. One thing that inspired me during this journey was my involvement in soccer, where I learned discipline, teamwork, and how to stay grounded in my faith.
> -Regan Hollinger



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Thank You

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TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS, CORPORATE SPONSORS, AND BOARD LEADERS!

Your investment in educational equity creates real opportunities for students to prepare, apply, and thrive in college.

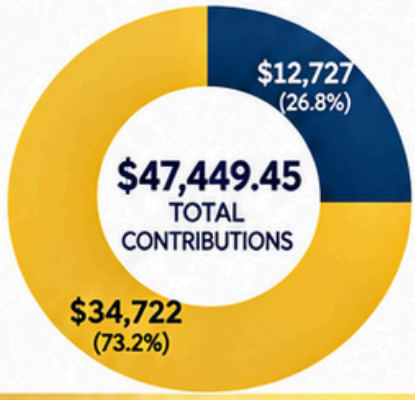
$17,334 IN FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

$34,722 IN IN-KIND SUPPORT (SERVICES, RESOURCES & EXPERTISE)

100% BOARD PARTICIPATION

TOTAL BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS & SUPPORT | **$47,449.45**

BOARD GIVING BY TYPE



Financial Giving & Fundraising
$12,727.00
(26.8%)

In-Kind Support
$34,722.45
(73.2%)

BOARD MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Board Member	Financial Giving	In-Kind Support	Total Contribution
Dr. Carjie Scott	$682.00	$23,000.00	$23,682.00
Dr. Kerwin Scott	$500.00	$5,500.00	$6,000.00
Dr. Kandra Albury	$6,120.00	—	$6,120.00
Lexley Shelton	—	$4,549.53	$4,549.53
Keliy Fordham	$525.00	$1,672.92	$2,197.92
Art Alston	$1,450.00	—	$1,450.00
Chanae Jackson	$1,050.00	—	$1,050.00
Dr. Zelexis Morse	$500.00	—	$500.00
Dr. Kenneth Carter	$500.00	—	$500.00
Dr. Sharon Austin	$500.00	—	$500.00
Boderick Johnson	$400.00	—	$400.00
Inga Gwaltney	$250.00	—	$250.00
Dr. Crystal Bowman	$250.00	—	$250.00
Total	**$12,727.00**	**$34,722.45**	**$47,449.45**

CORPORATE SPONSORS

$29,682.00
Clermont Periodontics & Implant Center
(Drs. Kerwin and Carjie Scott)
Financial support, technology, administrative support, and college preparation services

$4,549.53
Deliverance Pictures (Lexley Shelton)
Event photography, promotional video content, mailbox use, and travel support

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Clermont Periodontics & Implant Center	$29,682.00
Children's Trust (Dr. Kandra Albury)	$6,000.00
Deliverance Pictures	$4,549.53
Nationwide Insurance (Art Alston)	$1,450.00
Curtis & Tova Peterson	$1,000.00

Our Gratitude

Your financial support, donated services, and unwavering commitment make it possible for EEF to remove barriers and expand. college opportunities for the next generation.



Sage was accepted in to 18 universities such as Fordham University, Temple University, Georgia State University, and Louisiana State University. She received a total of $188,000 in scholarships including $120,000 from Temple University and $24,000 from Clark Atlanta.



Tyler was accepted into 23 universities such as Howard University, Spelman College, and Nova Southeastern. She received $889,097 in scholarships including 75% Bright Futures, the Silent Scholar Award, and $40,000 Honor Scholarship from Edward Waters.

> Throughout my high school journey, I have been inspired by opportunities to interact with and learn from current dental students at the University of Florida. Hearing about their experiences and how they have navigated the dental school process, motivated me, and reinforced my desire to pursue a career in dentistry.
> -Tyler Baker



Sean was accepted into Florida International University, Santa Fe College, Florida State University, and Ringling College. She received the Gold Seal Vocational Bright Futures scholarship, as well as the Santa Fe Achieve Scholarship.



Trinity's high test scored and grades earned her $594,245 in scholarships, including 100% Bright Futures, $120,000 from Auburn University, and $120,000 from Palm Beach Atlantic. She was accepted to 10 universities such as the University of Alabama and Auburn University.

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> One thing that inspired me during this journey was the constant motivation from my family.
> -Trinity

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

EEF has forged significant partnerships and collaborations to enhance educational opportunities for our students.
Here are just a few:

University of Florida

ALP Internship opportunity

Florida A&M University Alachua County Alumni Association

Partnered to facilitate college visits and provide guidance to prospective students.

Common Black College Application

Students can apply to over 65 HBCUs and receive application assistance

Project YouthBuild

Project YouthBuild provides an opportunity for young people to earn their high school diploma, launch a career, and become a leader.

Santa Fe College

Collaboration with Santa Fe Achieve to encourage more students to choose Santa Fe College for their postsecondary education

University of Florida Bridges

The Bridges Multicultural Outreach Program prepares the next generation of racial minority scholars to be competitive applicants in UF's application process.

Children's Trust of Alachua County

The Children's Trust provides services so that children are healthy, educated, supported, and safe.

Would you like to collaborate?
email:
hello@educationequalizers.com



Zion was accepted into 20 universities such as Florida State University, Southern New Hampshire University, Morgan State University, and Valdosta State University. She was awarded approximately $383,622 in scholarships including a $13,000 Dean's Scholarship from Plymouth State University and $104,000 from Lenoir Rhine University.

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CLERMONT PERIODONTICS AND IMPLANT CENTER

We're proud to announce that The Education Equalizer Foundation has officially expanded its reach to Lake County. As part of this exciting growth, current undergraduate students from the University of Central Florida, the University of Florida, and Valencia College—future doctors in training—are now externing at **Clermont Periodontics and Implant Center.** This hands-on experience is helping shape the next generation of healthcare leaders right here in our community!









Are you willing to host future Doctors at your clinic or surgical center? email: hello@educationequalizers.com

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THANK YOU, 2025–2026 EEF TEAM!

Your leadership, service, and commitment to educational equity make our work possible. We are grateful for you!

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