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Study announces top 50 K-12 education foundations in the nation

“Stepping Up: The Nation’s Top K-12 Education Foundations 2015” shows Florida and Texas most well represented, followed by Tennessee, Utah, Colorado and California.

(Nov. 11, 2015) – dewey & associates, a national management and strategy consulting practice, announced today the results of “Stepping Up: The Nation’s Top K-12 Education Foundations 2015.” Stepping Up is the nation’s only annual study and ranking of K-12 education foundations. The study includes education foundations in the top 200 largest school districts in the nation (by student population), as well as other top-performing foundations in smaller school districts. Stepping Up looks at eight key performance categories to determine the ranking: annual revenues, revenues per student, total assets, assets per student, investment income, total program expenses, expenses per student, and human capital (volunteers).

To view the study, click here: <http://deweyandassociates.com/education-foundations-2015.html>

The purpose of the study is to advocate the importance of K-12 education foundations while recognizing those that do it best. “Education foundations are innovating and enhancing public education,” said Dewey Caruthers, president of dewey & associates and study author. “More people should know what their local education foundation is doing to dramatically improve the student learning experience.”

The foundations included in the study raised \$350 million in revenues, held \$425 million in assets, spent \$181 million on programs and grants, and utilized 67,000 volunteers. “I believe the K-12 education foundation industry is the fastest-growing philanthropic segment in the U.S.,” said Nina Menis, executive director at National Schools Foundation Association (NSFA). The NSFA is the nation’s largest and oldest association for K-12 education foundations.

The top 25 K-12 education foundations in the nation:

1. Pinellas Education Foundation (FL)
2. Public Education Foundation (TN)
3. Brevard Schools Foundation (FL)
4. Omaha Schools Foundation (NE)
5. Achieve Minneapolis (MN)
6. Hillsborough Education Foundation (FL)
7. Albuquerque Public Schools Foundation (NM)
8. Douglas County Educational Foundation (CO)
9. DC Public Education Fund (DC)
10. The Fund for Public Schools (NY) - TIE
10. Denver Public Schools Foundations (CO) - TIE

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12. Foundation for Newark's Future (NJ)
13. The Foundation for Osceola Education (FL)
14. Clark County Public Education Foundation (NV)
15. The Foundation for Tulsa Schools (OK)
16. Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools (FL)
17. Spring Branch Education Foundation (TX)
18. All Hands Raised (OR)
19. Broward Education Foundation (FL)
20. Prince William Co. Public Schools Education Foundation (VA)
21. Education Foundation of Collier County (FL)
22. New Visions for Public Schools (NY)
23. The Boston Educational Development Foundation (MA)
24. The Great Schools Partnership Charitable Trust (TN)
25. Children First Fund: The Chicago Public Schools Foundation (IL)

Only five foundations ranked in the top 10 last year remained in the top 10 this year: Pinellas Education Foundation, Omaha Schools Foundation, Denver Public Schools Foundation, The Fund for Public Schools, and Hillsborough Education Foundation. Two foundations ranking in the teens last year moved into the top 10 this year. Brevard Schools Foundation, ranked 16th last year, moved into third place this year; and Douglas County Educational Foundation, ranked 14th last year, moved into the number 8 spot this year.

The remaining top 50 rankings are available in the study (www.deweyandassociates.com)

Foundations also are placed into four divisions based on revenues. "We want to provide comparisons to foundations of similar sizes," Caruthers said. Division 1 includes foundations with \$2 million or more in revenue; Division 2 includes foundations with revenue of \$1 million to \$1,999,999; Division 3 includes foundations with \$500,000 to \$999,999 in revenues; and division 4 includes foundations with less than \$500,000 in revenue. Division rankings are available in the study (www.deweyandassociates.com)

Stepping Up 2015 is sponsored by Foundant Technologies and ClassWallet – both are "ed-tech companies" **Foundant** helps Education Foundations manage the busywork associated with their scholarship and classroom grant programs so they can focus on the things that are really important like fundraising and donor relations. **ClassWallet** has processed over \$10 million in grants, saving education foundations countless hours and costs. Disbursing funds to educators is rewarding. Reconciling all the paperwork...not so much. To learn more visit www.classwallet.com.

About dewey & associates

Founded in 2000, dewey & associates (**d&a**) is a national management and strategy consulting practice with expertise in three emerging youth education issues: First, advocating K-12 education foundations (enhancing public education); second, preventing childhood obesity (innovating public health), and third, reducing arrests for common youth misbehavior (reforming juvenile justice).

Founder Dewey Caruthers is the author of nationally significant studies in these areas of expertise. Dewey speaks at national and state conferences on all three topics. His work has been funded by national, state and local foundations; state and county govt. agencies; and children's hospitals.