

# Hopewell Valley Education Foundation NEWSLETTER

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## Who is the HVEF?

We are a non-profit organization comprised of a volunteer board of local community members.

## What is the mission of the HVEF?

Our mission is to enhance the educational experience in Hopewell Valley public schools through the identification and development of community partnerships and resources.

## Goals of the HVEF

To develop a network of businesses and residents to support and promote our efforts through financial contributions or other resources, including

- o Take a Seat
- o Power of 100
- o Book Lover's Luncheon
- o Above & Beyond Gala
- Offer teacher initiated grants
- Offer scholarships to CHS seniors
- Support science/stem fairs
- Support author in residence program



HVEF board members attending their February board meeting. Gearing up for the Annual Gala, spring grants cycle and more.

## Join Us in Celebrating the Governor's Teacher and Support Staff of the Year at Our Annual Above & Beyond Gala



Friday March 21, 2025  
Hopewell Valley Vineyards  
6:30-9:30pm

Click [here](#) for tix

Early Bird Tickets through March 2nd

Enjoy a night of live music and celebration of our HVRSD family.

There will be a silent auction with many donations from our local community.

# Board Member Spotlight

Over the next few months we will be highlighting our board members



Frank McDonnell

Frank moved to Pennington from Long Island, NY in the Summer of 2016. The valley has been a great landing spot for his whole family - wife Gayle, son Gabe (CHS grad) and daughter Kate (7th grader at Timberlane). His desire to give back to the community that has been so welcoming to his family led him to join the HVEF board in 2018. The favorite parts of his time with the foundation involve participating on the Grants and Scholarship Committees. He says being actively involved in helping utilize the funds we raise to help our students is incredibly rewarding.

Aislinn moved back to her hometown of Titusville in 2021 with her husband and two children who are currently attending Bear Tavern Elementary School. A strong believer in the role education plays in shaping individuals and communities, Aislinn joined the HVEF Board in 2023 and looks forward to furthering the mission of the HVEF.



Aislinn Ronaghan



Terri Genova

Terri has lived in Pennington with her husband Joe and their four children for over 30 years. They moved to the area knowing their children would receive an excellent education. All four children are Hopewell Valley graduates. Terri served on PTO boards at Hopewell Elementary, Stony Brook, Timberlane and Central High School. She has been a board member for the HVEF since 2010 and has served on the annual Book Lovers Luncheon and the Above and Beyond Celebrations. She joined the HVEF to give back to the teachers that helped her son with special needs. At that time, school year 2000-2001, when services were very minimal, many of his teachers were pushing him to succeed into the productive adult he is today.



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