

MTNA FOUNDATION REPORT

Greetings! 2020 has been a challenging year and very different from our normal lives as teachers. But also I think it has provided us with opportunities to be more creative in many areas of our teaching. Exploring new ideas via our MTNA Webinars and other Seminars and all the Virtual tools that can be used in our studios is exciting and invigorating. While we want to be with our students in person we may have discovered some advantages in our online teaching that we'll want to continue to use!

The MTNA Foundation has continued its important work of providing opportunities for students and teachers alike. I would hope either one of our Local Associations or MSMTA might develop a creative and promising Marketing Program that would follow our MSMTA Strategic Plan and could be used to apply to the Foundation for funding to enable that program to be carried out successfully. By using our Strategic Plan we find ideas for ways to grow our membership - a goal we all have. If we need funding to accomplish that the Foundation might be the place to explore.

I want, once again, to thank all of you who have made a donation to the Foundation during 2020. The total amount donated from Montana for the year is \$215.75. During the years when we sponsor one of our member teachers for the Foundation Fellow Award of course that number is much higher. Our total raised for our 2020 Foundation Fellow was \$1,558.00. The minimum required to be raised for each Fellow is \$1,500. Hopefully we'll have another Fellow from Montana named in 2022. The process of naming and raising funds for that Fellow will begin in 2021. So MSMTA and MTNA thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support this Foundation that does so much to nurture and educate private music teachers and honors outstanding student musicians and composers. Your donations are greatly appreciated always!

Wishing all a most productive and healthy year ahead!

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