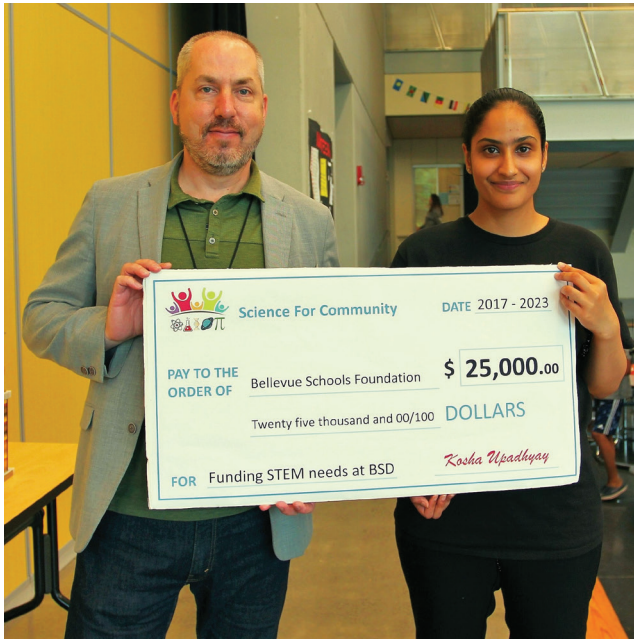


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Student Makes \$25,000 in Donations to Bellevue Schools Foundation

Her non-profit, Science For Community, has contributed to BSF for six years



BELLEVUE, Wash. – The [Bellevue Schools Foundation](https://www.bsfdn.org) announced it received a total of \$25,000 of donations from a Bellevue School District student, Kosha Upadhyay, over the last six years. The funding comes from her non-profit, Science for Community and her signature event call Buzz Bowl.

Buzz Bowl is a Jeopardy-style buzzer game to make learning science and math fun for 5th-8th graders. As Upadhyay explains, “We recruit and train about 80 student volunteers and over 1000 volunteer hours are given away. Around 200 other students are initiated into our novel way of learning STEM at every event. We usually have around 50 teams that occupy an entire middle school. Every event uses 400 questions spanning subjects such as math, physics, chemistry, biology, earth science, and astronomy. In one event around 200 matches are played and 10,000 questions are asked within 4-5 hours. Scores and results of all 200 rounds are triple-checked and computed using an automated system within 10-20 minutes to determine the winners.”

“So far Buzz Bowl has helped create a strong community of over 2000 STEM enthusiasts across 60 schools with the help of over 600 high school volunteers.”

BSF Development Director, Michael Smith, said, “We’re grateful for Kosha and her generous partnership with our students and our foundation. It’s inspiring to see the kind of novel learning experiences we promote come full circle – one of our own students not only supporting STEM learning, but also donating her proceeds back into the Bellevue School District via the Bellevue Schools Foundation.”

For more information or to [donate](https://www.bsfdn.org), visit www.bsfdn.org.

ABOUT THE BELLEVUE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION: Established in 1979, Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF) is the 1st foundation dedicated to supporting public K-12 initiatives in Washington State. Its mission is to promote and fund the best possible learning opportunities for all students in Bellevue’s public schools. This year, the Foundation is supporting \$800,000 of programming in the Bellevue School District.