

Twice a year, the Foundation seeks applications from faculty for educational initiatives and opportunities that will enhance the student experience or their own professional development. These opportunities are not usually a part of the District budget so external funding is sought to make these initiatives happen. Capital projects such as the Innovative Classrooms come about through discussions with the Board of Education and the Administration. These are the programs that received funding support from the Foundation this school year.

ARCHIVES & ART

John Stenvall WPA Painting Restorations - \$4,626.69

The New Trier Art Department and Archives requested funds to restore and frame two original oil paintings by long-time art teacher and department chair John Stenvall. Stenvall painted for the Federal Arts Project, which was part of the New Deal's Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression. His *Still Life & Unexpected Feast* paintings, once badly framed and damaged from years of inappropriate storage, now hang fully restored outside the Winnetka Campus Library.

Barbara (Bachman) Crane '45 Photography Exhibit - \$1,747.50

Barbara Crane's exhibit in the Briery Gallery (Feb. 2012) was a tribute to this former student and NT teacher. She is in the pantheon of great American photographers. Her works are shown in two Chicago museums and are archived in many others around the world. The Fine Arts Association and the Foundation committed to the full amount of the exhibit (\$3,495) by splitting the exhibit expenses, excluding the honorarium.

Processing 120 feet of Unprocessed Archival Material - \$4,800

The NT Archives has greatly expanded its collection over the past several years but the sheer volume has been nearly impossible to inventory and catalog, despite the efforts of Anne O'Malley. Prior to her retirement, Anne engaged the professional services of Kenamore & Klinkow Archives Consultants in 2002 and again in 2007-08 for professional services to the Archives. This grant was requested to once again engage the services of Kenamore & Klinkow to inventory, process and catalog 20 linear feet of unprocessed archive materials completing 160 hours of the essential work needed to achieve this; and to provide consulting services to Peter Tragos, Archive Coordinator.

ENGLISH

Greg Harris Film Festival - \$800

The Greg Harris Film Festival began three years ago when beloved teacher Greg Harris passed away. The objective is to capture students' love of film and to inspire them to make their own movies. In its first year, 20 films were submitted and 12 were selected to be shown at the festival. This past year, 65 films were submitted and 19 were shown during the festival. After viewing the films, awards are given to the filmmakers in an Oscar-style ceremony. Mini-Oscars are given in different categories including Best Cinematography, Best Experimental Film, Best Editing, Best Narrative Film and Audience Choice Award. The Film Fest has grown three-fold since its inception and so too have the expenses.

Literary Festival - \$850 Matching Grant

This program has been supported over the past seven years by the Foundation with funding in excess of \$64,000. Last year, festival planners were strongly encouraged to seek other funds since the economy was impacting the amount of distributions the Foundation was able to make to other projects. The Grant Committee presented a \$2,500 challenge to Festival planners motivating them to seek outside funds for this event. They were successful raising \$850 in new dollars which the Foundation matched.

KINETIC WELLNESS & HEALTH SVCS— CPR and AED Training Equipment - \$5,000

Health Services and Kinetic Wellness requested funds to replace broken and outdated mannequins and AED Training equipment used to prepare students and staff in CPR and in the use of the AED. The equipment purchased is now shared by all programs that provide this training. In 2010-2011, 1,000+ students and staff were trained in this lifesaving skill. For 2011-12, over 2,000 additional students & staff will receive this training.

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MUSIC

Australia 2012 - \$5,000

The Music Department is taking 180 students from its three capstone ensembles (Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir and Symphony Orchestra) to Australia over spring break 2012. This 11-day tour will include unique cultural experiences. There will be home stays with families in our sister city Mona Vale, Australia and a day at Pittwater High School shadowing students. There will be multiple performance opportunities in and around the greater Sydney area including a performance at Sydney Opera House. The trip will also include many other excursions including an overnight trip to Canberra, the capital of Australia.

Australia 2012 - Matching Grant - \$5,000

A matching grant was offered to the students to challenge them to raise additional funds for their trip. Student initiated fundraising for this trip had to be at the heart of any fundraising effort to qualify for this grant. Through a variety of different fundraising efforts, the students raised well over \$30,000 qualifying them to receive the \$5,000 in matching funds.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Vocational Training – A Classroom Business - \$3,863.90

Established two years ago, the NT Transition Program is designed to provide students with disabilities a community-based, functional, real-world curriculum. The focus of the program is to enhance students' life and vocational skills to prepare them for their post high school opportunities. This grant was requested to establish an attainable classroom business (t-shirt printing) where students with disabilities who struggle in a community work setting or who are unable to work for an extended period of time in the community will have the opportunity to practice the vocational skills that are vital to future employment. Funds will be used to purchase the necessary start-up equipment. Marketing of this printing service will be across the high school and available to the many student organizations, advisories, teams, programs, and departments that annually print t-shirts.

Training in the Social Thinking Model for Faculty Working with Students with Autism & Asperger's Syndrome —\$3,500

This grant helped to defray travel and conference fees for seven social workers and psychologists to attend a national conference for training in the development of the *Social Thinking* model for working with students with high functioning Autism and Asperger's Syndrome. This training will help broaden New Trier's on-going commitment to meet the unique challenges of this group of special needs students.

SPEECH & THEATRE

Paperless Debate Files - \$3,000

The Debate Team requested funds to move from a paper system to paperless. Last year, each two person team carried anywhere from three to eight 50-pound Rubbermaid tubs filled with files and paper evidence to competitions. The team paid an additional one-thousand dollars in baggage fees at airports when traveling out of town and rented an additional van solely to transport the tubs to and from the airport, hotel and tournament sites. Funds received were allocated toward the purchase of eight laptop readers; wireless modem, data plan and portable hub; eight computer cases, thumb drive burner and 4GB thumb drives. The Debate Team is now Green.

TECHNOLOGY

Two Innovative Classrooms - \$100,000

In consultation with the School Board, the Foundation voted to allocate \$100,000 over two years to assist the District in outfitting two state-of-the-art innovative classrooms for New Trier beginning in summer 2011. The necessary renovations took place, and as it turned out, the District was able to create the classrooms, one at Northfield and one at Winnetka, for half of the pledged sum, freeing up \$50,000 for another purpose. These funds will be used for the renovation and upgrade of the EPI Center, a conference and meeting center located on the Winnetka Campus.

OTHER

Guided Assistance Program (GAP) Textbooks - \$1,000

GAP is a program where special needs students receive academic assistance developing organizational and study strategy skills. Many teaching disciplines recommend that textbooks because of their size and weight should be left at home and referenced for homework rather than in classroom. The Foundation has provided funds for the purchase of study skills materials and textbooks from biology, chemistry, algebra II, geometry, calculus, and geo science.

Principal's Discretionary Fund - \$1,000

Almost 200 students currently qualify for federal assistance because their families are at or below the poverty level. There are several 'Angel Funds' at New Trier offering assistance to these students for special needs not covered by government grants (e.g. graduation expenses, fees for extracurricular activities, summer school tuition, etc.). In addition, the Foundation has created this fund to be used by the Principals to assist students with more immediate and unanticipated needs.

To read about other programs the Foundation has supported over the years, visit www.newtrieralumni.org and click on the button Educational Foundation.

If you would like to help the Foundation continue to support programs such as these, please consider making a gift. Your gift will help the Foundation have an impact on our students and faculty.

If you would like to get involved with the Foundation as a volunteer, contact Marianne Breen, Executive Director at 847-784-2346 or breenm@newtrier.k12.il.us.

Thank you for your generous support!