

Twice a year, the Foundation seeks applications from faculty and staff 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 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.

### **ATHLETICS**

#### **SALT—Trevia Night Playbook—\$1,000**

Coaches, teachers and administrators often ask athletes to be leaders, but athletes are rarely taught how to do this. Therefore, in 1996 a program was initiated for student-athletes entitled SALT—Student-Athlete Leadership Training. Its purpose is to help develop leadership skills. Two athletes from each sport are selected to participate and from this group, four attend the J. Kyle Braid Leadership Ranch in Colorado. In pursuing their commitment to JKB and the mission of SALT, these leaders created *Trev-Night*, a fun and fundraising program for all New Trier students targeted for February '12. Its success provided proceeds allowing student leaders to write a *Trev-Night Playbook* as a reference for future leaders to reference as well as to plan for the 2013 *Trev-Night*. This grant offered support for the writing of the playbook plus seed money for the 2013 event.

### **ART**

#### **Glass Art: Visiting Artists—\$4,000**

As a result of a capital expenditure from the District for the construction of a Glass Art Hot Shop, the Foundation provided this grant for two visiting artists to assist in staff development and curriculum expansion.

### **ENGLISH**

#### **Greg Harris Film Festival - \$800**

2013 will be the fifth year of the Greg Harris Film Festival and the second year the Foundation has supported this wonderful program with a grant. The objective of the festival is to encourage students' love of film and inspire them to make their own movies.

#### **Literary Festival - \$2,000**

As the festival planners continue to find their way with identifying new prospects for funding support of this program, the District is committing \$3,000 annually to the Festival. The grant committee decided that a Foundation gift at this time will be a transitional gift of support. We will reiterate to festival planners their need to identify other funders so the Foundation can continue to fund new initiatives. Over the last six years, the Foundation has provided \$64,800 to the Festival, more than any other single program.

### **KINETIC WELLNESS & HEALTH SVCS— Polar Heart Rate's Cardio GX System— \$5,000**

The Kinetic Wellness department requested a grant to purchase a Cardio GX System to upgrade its equipment. The GX System provides real-time heart rates that can be projected on a big screen, allowing teachers to collect and download the data and further use the system to develop student programs and evaluate performances. This equipment is utilized on the Winnetka campus.

### **MUSIC**

#### **Jazz Listening Library—\$1,500**

This request helped establish a Jazz Listening Library that is housed in the Winnetka Campus library. Funds were used to purchase 'classic' jazz albums in CD format. The objective of the grant is to provide students with access to some of the most historically significant jazz music recorded in a format that is of the highest quality. This material has become a significant component of the jazz curriculum. All NT students have access to these recordings.

#### **Midwest International Clinic: Guest Artist— \$1,000**

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble was selected to perform at the 66th annual Midwest Band and Orchestra International Clinic in December 2012. In preparation for this experience, this grant covered the expenses to bring guest conductors and a guest artist to New Trier in advance of the clinic to perform with our musicians.

#### **Swing Choir Performance at the American Choral Directors National Convention in Dallas, TX—\$2,500**

The NT Swing Choir was invited to perform at the American Choral Directors Association National Conference in March 2013. This is the premier professional organization for choir directors and educators from across the country. Swing Choir was chosen as one of six vocal jazz ensembles to perform at the convention. Students were required to raise matching funds in order to reduce their personal out-of-pocket cost of approx. \$1,200.00.

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## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

### **Social Thinking Model for Faculty Working with Students with Autism & Asperger's Syndrome: Developing a Curriculum —\$8,000**

For a second year, an anonymous donor stepped forward to cover the initial grant request of \$4,500. This paid for a one-day professional curriculum development workshop for all social workers, speech therapists and the school psychologist to participate on campus with mentors from Michelle Garcia Winner's Social Thinking Conference Network. With the Foundation's support of an added \$3,500, this allowed for a second day of planning with Garcia Winner's team, the critical component to developing instructional curriculum ideas for students with high functioning Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

### **Introduction to PROMPT Training—\$2,250**

This grant is for three New Trier speech therapists to attend a local PROMPT (Prompts for Restructuring Oral Muscular Phonetic Targets) training workshop. Funding is not available through the department budget this year. Students in this program are severely challenged and are regularly assigned to work with teachers in their own classroom. Currently, a student's success in private speech therapy with a PROMPT trained therapist cannot be replicated in his/her school-based therapy at NT. With this type of training, Speech Language Pathologists will be able to reinforce the oral motor skills of these students so as to work hand in hand with outside therapies.

## **SERVICE LEARNING**

### **Summer School Experience: India—\$5,750**

The New World History curriculum over the last several years has included regional units of study on Africa, China and Haiti, each connected to a school-wide social service project.

In summer 2012, the Foundation provided a \$2,000 grant to the coordinators of New Trier's Service Learning Project to support an exploratory trip to India to determine that country's viability as a promising region for the next service learning efforts on both campuses. As a result of this trip, and the Board of Education's approval of India as a focus for service learning projects at New Trier, the faculty coordinators are organizing an India trip for students scheduled for June 2013. The Foundation has agreed to support their request to defray the expense for students registering for the program by providing \$250 per student (up to 15 students).

## **SPEECH & THEATRE**

### **Scene Shop Tool Storage—\$3,000**

With no secure storage area for tools and set designs, this grant was used to purchase the appropriate storage containers to securely house stage equipment, power tools and theatrical set designs created for the six theatrical productions that occur each year.

### **Media Workshop iPad Pilot Program—\$2,500**

This request funded the purchase of five iPads for the Media Workshop class in 2012-13. Students use the equipment as part of their regular classroom experience to plan, record, edit and share audio and video public service announcements. This program runs in concert with the District-wide rollout of the iPad Program.

### **Paperless Debate II - \$2,000**

This grant provided four additional laptops, Mi-Fis and travel computer cases for debaters on all three NT Debate forums – Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum and Congressional Debate, to facilitate competitions in three different geographic locations at the same time.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

### **All School Seminar: "New Trier: Expanding the Circle" — \$5,000**

Student Alliance sought funding support for an All School Seminar which took place on February 12, 2013. This grant helped defray the costs of guest speakers. The District committed \$10,000 as a baseline for support. This is the first time in 12 years that the All School Seminar took place on both campuses.

## **OTHER**

### **NEW TRIER TYRO SOCIETY—\$2,000**

The Tyro Society provides a structured four-year Business Internship annually to two promising, graduating NT seniors who have applied for and been selected to receive a NT Scholarship to assist with their college education. Established in 2006 by alumni Chuck Lawless '89 and Peter McDowell '91 who wished to give back to their alma mater, their goal is to introduce students to actual business environments while being mentored by successful NT alumni around the country, and around the world. The program begins during the summer of a student's high school graduation.

### **Principal's Discretionary Fund - \$3,000**

Established by the Foundation in 2011, this fund provides the two campus principals with money to support student need that is not covered by district funds, financial aid or other "Angel" funds. Students who receive support must be on the District's financial aid list. In 2011, six students were provided support. Because of increasing need, the Foundation has recently agreed to support the discretionary fund up to \$5,000 annually.

To read about other programs the Foundation has supported over the years, visit [www.newtrieralumni.org](http://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 or if you'd like to get involved as a volunteer, contact Marianne Breen, Executive Director at 847-784-2346 or [breenm@newtrier.k12.il.us](mailto:breenm@newtrier.k12.il.us).

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