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academic
opportunities
for student success*

Fall 2015

\$73,830 Awarded to RIMSD Teachers and Schools

Rock Island-Milan School District teachers and schools were given a total of \$73,830 in PRIME (Promoting Rock Island Milan Education) Grants from the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation at the Opening Day Ceremony for the district on August 3, 2015 at Rock Island High School.

A total of 41 grants were awarded supporting new programs and providing teaching resources to improve the quality of education for our students within District 41. All teachers and schools are given the opportunity and encouraged to apply for funding from the Education Foundation. Teachers may apply for grants up to \$1,000; school/department grants are available for up to \$3,000; and district-wide grants where multiple schools will be affected are available for \$4,000.

Each year the Education Foundation receives more funding requests than we can support. This year, grant application requests totaling over \$99,000 were submitted to the Education Foundation. The Foundation worked with the Department of Teaching & Learning in the school district to find sources for 21 additional grant requests totaling \$25,600.

The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation was able to fund these requests through the generous donation from individuals and businesses within our community. And while we continue to work hard to increase the impact we are having in our schools, there are always unmet needs. Please consider donating to give our teachers and schools the necessary resources to provide students the opportunities for success.



2015 Teacher Grants funded:

Jim Adams, RIHS - \$930 for welding equipment
Cindy Arkebauer, Eugene Field - \$992 for SMART TV, Headphones, Apple TV
Brooke Banker, Frances Willard - \$941 for Creation Stations
Ron Boardman, RIHS - \$1,000 for Comprehension Stations
Tim Corwin, RIHS - \$912 for A.P. Statistics materials
Kim Dillender, Earl Hanson - \$996 for iPads
Brooke Greenwood, Frances Willard - \$964 for Collaborative
Community supplies
Henry Hall, Earl Hanson - \$996 for iPads
Kris Hays, RICMS - \$922 for iPads
Kate Lievens, Earl Hanson - \$997 for BRAIN materials
Valerie Matson, Frances Willard - \$941 for Collaborative Work Stations
Bettina McWilliams, RI Academy - \$1000 for Green Screen
Krystle Padilla, RI Academy - \$1000 for Literacy Design Project
Amanda Puebla, RIHS - \$1000 for Social Service assistance
Stacy Rohm, Longfellow - \$858 for iPads
Shaya Smith, RICMS - \$746 for Journalism Class
Joann Stribling, RIHS - \$912 for CNA classroom supplies
Maggi Voss, Edison - \$996 for reading materials
Wade Weber, RIHS - \$924 for welding equipment
Chad Wickard, RICMS - \$939 for LDC reading & writing books
Julie Zarlatanes, Edison - \$1000 for Scope magazines

2015 School/Departmental Grants funded:

Giovanna Davila, Thomas Jefferson - \$2,938 for Orff Project
Deb Depaepe, RICMS - \$2,997 for Library seating/stations
Joey Dilulio, Ridgewood - \$1,667 for Success Maker
Sara Greim, RIHS - \$2,999 for technology materials
John Hazners, RIHS - \$680 for TI SmartView Emulator Software
Steve Inman & Jennifer Anselmi, RICMS - \$2,771 for Special
Education resources
Allison Knanishu, RIHS - \$3,000 for ELL reading resources
Nikki Melody, Frances Willard - \$3,000 for FW Rockstar Computers
Kim Miers & Chris Beierlein, Denkmann - \$1,905 for School
Yearbook & Newsletter material
Cheryl Park, Washington - \$2,926 for iPads
Jennifer Schrempf, Earl Hanson - \$2,919 for collaborative stations
Science Dept., Edison - \$2,831 for Hands-On Next Generation
Venessa Taylor, RIHS - \$2,922 for REACH program materials
Dennis Wiess, Eugene Field - \$3,000 for LEAD Program
ELA Instructors, Washington - \$2,653 for iPads

2015 District-wide Grants funded:

Carmine Draude, District 41 - \$2,000 for Visiting Artists
ELL Teachers, District 41 - \$1,196 National Geographic Reach
Music Dept., District 41 - \$3,614 for SmartMusic Program
Karen Neder, District 41 - \$3,858 for Speech/Language resources
Elizabeth Wayne, District 41 - \$3,994 for Functional Life Skills
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Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Class Engages RIHS Students

Ideas are turning into action at Rock Island High School! The innovative new Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Class is engaging 50 students in an authentic entrepreneurship experience preparing them well for successful futures. In a collaborative environment, students are learning the entrepreneurship process from idea stage to execution in hopes of creating the “The Next Big Business Idea.” Through a great partnership with the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce and the Rock Island Rotary, the students are receiving coaching and mentoring by real entrepreneurs and business experts under the guidance of RIHS classroom teachers.

Here’s what the students have to say about the Entrepreneurship Class:

“Outside the walls of the traditional classroom, entrepreneurship is an innovative approach to learning. Throughout these first few months, we have been exposed to real world applications and seen a different approach to learning. As we develop as entrepreneurs, we master and understand many concepts as well as using technology to our advantage as an essential part to this course.

Social interactions are an essential piece to entrepreneurship. On two occasions, we got to experience the importance of growing our social skills in the business world. August nineteenth the entrepreneurship program had the fortunate opportunity of seeing Daymond John and hearing his philosophy to entrepreneurship. Secondly, on September twenty-second a special luncheon was held by the Women’s Connection to increase financial literacy and education amongst members through LearnVest.com. We hope to encounter and learn from many more of these opportunities as the year continues.

Additionally, the learning environment that has been created for us helps us to flourish academically. With the guidance of expert coaches and mentors we learn at the highest level. Each day, and the help of Macbooks and station monitors, collaboration is possible. Group members can effectively work within the fifty minute time frame we are constrained with. Through Google Documents, we can create customer segments to narrow our client base, review our competition, and compose letters to potential partners. Canvas (headquarters for lesson plans and assignments) assists us to focus more of the joy and concept of learning rather than solely getting a decent grade.

By entrepreneurship and collaborative environment, we are presented with a different style of learning that expands our horizons, breaks down educational barriers for the better, is creating enhanced versions of ourselves.”

Contributing Students: Jeremy Smock, Arviana Miles, Allison Bradley, Kaliya Colvin, Alec Huff, Jada Jones, Stephanie Marceleno, Marcus Miller, Jacob Naab, Jami Oaks, Skyler Neal, Donovan Ferrel



This unique course is sponsored by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation and made possible through the financial generosity of many businesses, grants, and RIMEF donors. Costs of the program, renovation to the classroom, and purchase of new technologies totaled over \$116,000. Over \$100,000 has been raised including a \$10,000 kickoff donation from the Rock Island Rotary Club. Please contact the Foundation to contribute financially or learn more about how Rock Island-Milan students can create “The Next Big Business Idea.”

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