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Trustees see grants in action during “tour”



Harrisonville Public School Foundation trustees recently took some time to visit Harrisonville Schools teachers who have received Foundation grant awards.

The first stop was Harrisonville Middle School where library media specialist Tammy Barker showed off green screen technology (pictured above) and coding and programming bots. Barker received a \$700 grant from the Foundation in August.

At Cass Career Center, criminal justice/CSI instructor Chandra Kelly and students talked about their use of resource books purchased by grant funds. The Missouri Criminal Code: A Handbook For Law Enforcement was used by students as they prepared for a mock trial. Kelly also received a grant

to purchase cameras, which will be used for practical exercises in crime scene investigation. The two grant awards total \$1,800; Kelly received one grant in the fall and one in the spring.

The final stop was the Cass Career Center agriculture department where instructor Marshall Streit showed off meat processing equipment purchased with grant funds. He talked about how the students used the equipment to make sausage and the knowledge students gained regarding meat quality and meat science. Foundation trustees even had the opportunity to taste some of the student-produced deer sausage. Streit's grant was for \$1,000 and was presented in the fall.

Foundation At-A-Glance

Check out the newly developed Foundation At-A-Glance information sheet on pages 4-5 of this newsletter. This quick-read summary of Foundation activities is a great resource for learning and sharing information about the Foundation. If you would like copies of this handout for your office, as a pdf to email or as an image for social media use, then please contact us at 380-2727, ext. 1224 or jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org.

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Foundation presents spring teacher grants



Teachers and students in the Harrisonville School District recently received more than \$3,500 in grants from the Harrisonville Public School Foundation.

Throughout the 15 years of the teacher grant program, more than \$88,000 has been presented to teachers. The goal of the program is to enhance the education of Harrisonville students by encouraging and recognizing new educational approaches and concepts that are not currently funded by the district.

The grants were awarded in a surprise squad format with Foundation trustees surprising the teachers in their classrooms and presenting them with a check.

Teacher grants were awarded to the following:

- Karli Enderle, McEwen Elementary, for Cuisenaire math rod manipulatives to provide hands-on learning

for complex fraction concepts such as equivalent fractions; unit fractions; comparing fractions; and adding, subtracting multiplying and dividing fractions.

- Micalah Thayer, Harrisonville Middle School, for literature circle library that will allow for more book choice in the classroom and individualized learning through novel studies, which in turn will help students develop a personal interest and love for reading.

- Amanda Teeter and Kathy Jackson, Harrisonville Elementary, for visual sight words resource called Snap

Cards, which will be used for a reading intervention among students who are struggling to read sight words. These cards provide a visual representation of the word that will aid students in visual memory.

- Chandra Kelly, Cass Career Center, for two Canon EOS Rebel camera packages to be used by students in the criminal justice/CSI program to help practice crime scene investigation skills.

- Justin Sharp, Harrisonville High School, to support robotics team competitions. This grant was funded by Family Center.

Mark Your Calendar!

Homecoming 2018 - Friday, Sept. 28

Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament -
 Friday, Sept. 28, 8 a.m.

Homecoming Parade - Friday, Sept. 28, 2 p.m.

Homecoming Football Game -
 Friday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.

Catch the Spirit 5K Walk/Run -
 Saturday, Sept. 29, 8 a.m.

Major Saver sales benefit schools, Foundation

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation and Harrisonville School District recently received a check for the



proceeds from the Major Saver fundraiser held earlier this year. Students sold the restaurant and entertainment discount cards, and the proceeds from the sales are split equally between the Foundation and the participating schools.

The overall proceeds totaled \$16,762.50. Harrisonville Early Childhood Center earned \$1,856.25; Harrisonville Elementary re-

ceived \$4,777.50; and McEowen Elementary earned \$1,728.75.

This year's participating businesses were Paradise Park, 54th Street, Price Chopper, The Exit Room, Mazzio's, Houlihan's, Sonic, MOD Pizza, Captain D's, Burger King, Randazzo's Pizza and Pasta, The Little Pig BBQ, Brewbaker's Bar and Grill, SPIN! Pizza, Forged By Fire, Aaron's

Family Fun Center, Dairy Queen, The Garage, McDonald's, Donna's Diner and Pizza Hut.

The Foundation will use its portion to fund its programming, which includes the Excellence in Academics program, teacher grants and advanced Degree teacher initiative.

Pictured above are ECC principal Becky Campbell and the Foundation trustees.

Foundation provides leadership opportunity

Three Harrisonville High School students will participate in a leadership conference this summer, thanks to funding from the Harrisonville Public School Foundation. Jessi Buerge, Jayden Osborn and Maddie Hoffman will attend the Hugh O'Brian State Leadership Seminar (HOBY). The students were selected by the HHS staff for this opportunity.

The leadership seminar is "designed to help high school sophomores recog-

nize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community."

HOBY will be held



June 15-17 at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

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Harrisonville Public School Foundation



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The Harrisonville Public School Foundation's vision is to support the Harrisonville Cass R-IX School District as a leader and innovator in public education through a broad-based system of support. To achieve this vision, the Foundation has a mission to support and enhance district educational programs and activities.

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OUR GOALS

- To encourage and recognize academic excellence
- To be fiscally sound and financially responsible for all assets
- To engage, educate, and energize our community and alumni through publicizing and promoting the Foundation and its activities
- To enhance, supplement, support, and expand student- and school-based learning activities and initiatives

OUR WORK WITH STUDENTS

\$140,000 funds provided since 2006 as \$500 scholarships to Harrisonville High School seniors who have qualified for the **Excellence in Academics** recognition by ranking in the top 15% of their class during all four years of high school; the 2017 recipients are pictured above.

\$25,000+ amount of **scholarship funds** awarded annually to honor high-achieving Harrisonville High School graduates, thanks to families and individuals in the community

17 high school students since 2012 have received financial assistance to attend **Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership** programs, which encourage young people to become leaders and volunteers in their communities

3 scholarships since 2012 provided to high school students selected to attend the **Missouri Scholars Academy**, a three-week experience held at the University of Missouri that is meant to provide gifted young people with learning and personal development opportunities

Students who qualify for **Excellence in Academics scholarships** may direct all or part of their scholarship to a district program close to them.

** In 2017, **Elijah Hart** became the first student to donate his scholarship. He shared his full \$500 scholarship with the high school's speech and drama department.



OUR WORK IN OUR SCHOOLS

\$44,000

total grant funding awarded through Foundation **district grants** to school buildings, which use funds to implement new technology and other initiatives, including those focused on healthy eating

51

distinguished alumni who have been inducted into the **HHS Wall of Fame** and had the opportunity to share their experiences with students; many have also donated to the Foundation

OUR WORK WITH EDUCATORS

\$85,135

amount awarded since 2004 through **teacher grants**, which fund projects that enhance students' education and support new educational approaches and concepts not currently funded by the district

2

teacher grant endowments formed by families to enhance the Foundation's ability to fund teacher grants for the district's educators

\$29,870

funds paid since 2008 to reimburse district **educators seeking advanced degrees** in nonadministrative fields

\$14,000

in total grant funds awarded to the Harrisonville Schools' **educators of the year**, who have been recognized annually since 2004, and each has received a \$500 grant

OUR DONORS

100

donors provided at least a \$1,000 contribution to our general endowment during our **Founding Donors** campaign

32

donors have gifted at least \$1,000 to our general endowment during the currently active **Sustaining Donors** drive

63

district personnel provide gifts through the monthly payroll deduct program

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**Congratulations to our
2017-18 Advanced
Degree Teacher
Initiative Recipients**

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The program provides partial reimbursement to teachers seeking master's degree or higher in a non-administrative field. Following each semester - summer, fall and spring - teachers may apply to receive partial reimbursement for up to six hours of courses.

Trustee Feature

Roach wraps up term as president

Alice Roach is wrapping up her term as president of the Harrisonville Public School Foundation in June. She's served a two-year term as president and has been a Foundation trustee since 2012.

Roach graduated from HHS in 2004 and currently works as a senior research associate in the Division of Applied Social Sciences at the University of Missouri; the division is part of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

"I personally experienced the Foundation's generosity when I was a student, and serving as a Foundation trustee has enabled me to contribute to the education of current students. I've enjoyed the opportunity to make a difference in my

hometown."

She said that she is most proud of the breadth of the Foundation's work.

"The Foundation supports programs that benefit educators, alumni and students of all ages," said Roach. "With our support, we hope to enable students and educators to gain new experiences and learn or teach in new ways"

Roach hopes everyone understands that the Foundation cannot be successful without contributions from all.

"As a board, we appreciate the support of our donors who provide financial assistance to our projects and programs. We appreciate the educators who



think creatively about how to allow the Foundation to be a partner in their work, and we have great students who motivate us to do the most we can to help them excel in academics and life."

Roach will continue to serve on the board. Her current term expires in June, but she has accepted another three-year term.

Foundation Facebook page spotlights funding beneficiaries for #FeatureFriday

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation's Facebook page recently started a new feature to highlight teachers and student in the district who've received a grant, advanced degree reimbursement or scholarship monies. The #FridayFeature gives fans of the page a look at the impact of Foundation funding.

A recent post spotlighted a HOBY scholarship recipient from 2016. (See this year's recipients on page 3).

#FeatureFriday (from March 23, 2018)

Today's feature is another student attendee of the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Academy (H O B Y) - Harrisonville

High School Senior Cody Jones. Cody attended the academy in the 2015-2016 school year as a sophomore.

He said, "My experi-



ence from the HOBY leadership conference was a very memorable one that made me new friends and helped me continue to learn

new things about how different people work. Some of the different things I learned were how to work as a team and lead a team from behind rather than being

a power-hungry human."

Cody's favorite part of the conference was, "the food and hanging out with my good friends Audrey and Lanie." He gained, "some new friends and some amazing memories that I will never forget."

Visit the Foundation's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HarrisonvillePublicSchoolFoundation to read more about how our programs are making a difference for students and teachers.

Foundation seeks donors for Excellence in Academics

For more than 30 years, the Harrisonville Public School Foundation has sponsored the annual Excellence in Academics program honoring Harrisonville High School students who complete the year in the top 15 percent of their class. Seniors are recognized on their final day of class at the Senior Excellence in Academics Celebration, and recognition of underclassmen takes place at the Excellence in Academics Assembly in August. Both events are held during the school day in front of the entire student body.

The Senior Excellence in Academics Celebration includes not only the Excellence in Academics recognitions and presentation of the \$500 scholarships to four-year recipients but also presentation of all senior scholarships. It is attended by parents and community members, who along with

the HHS students and staff, have the opportunity to recognize the senior class for all their accomplishments.

The Excellence in Academics Assembly in August includes the recognition of letterwinners, ACT Hall of Fame honorees, and other academic honor recipients, along with the Excellence in Academics recipients.

The Excellence in Academics program would not be possible without the support of our community. We appreciate our community's support of the Excellence in Academics program, and we hope you will consider becoming an Excellence in Academics subscriber. There are varying levels of support available including the following:

- \$100 Subscriber – Recognized in program, at ceremonies, and in newspaper; Invitation to both events.
- \$500 Scholarship Subscriber – Same as Sub-

scriber and in addition, the opportunity to personally congratulate senior Excellence in Academics recipients.

- \$1,000 Corporate Subscriber – Same as Subscriber and in addition, on-stage recognition at May event.

To become a subscriber, complete and return the form below by April 27. You can also make your donations online at <https://tinyurl.com/ybd29ko8>. If you have any questions, then please contact Foundation Executive Director Jill Filer at 380-2727, ext. 1224 or jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org.

Learn More

This newsletter is one of several ways the Foundation seeks to communicate about its programs and opportunities to support its work.

The Foundation's website is www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation. Read about all of our programs, make online donations, nominate for awards, etc.

The Foundation also uses a Facebook page to celebrate successes and spotlight beneficiaries. Search Harrisonville Public School Foundation on Facebook.

We also manage a page for alumni on Facebook. Search Harrisonville High School Alumni.

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For more information or questions on the Foundation, please contact our Executive Director Jill Filer at (816) 380-2727, ext. 1224 or jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org.

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 \$500 Scholarship Subscriber
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Congratulations to 2016 Harrisonville High School graduate and Foundation scholarship recipient Tania Chavez who was recently named as one of 25 recipients of a scholarship from The Builders' Association / Kansas City Chapter, AGC. She was honored at the association's banquet in February with the Kenneth O. von Achen Memorial Scholarship. According to the association, a record 130 applications were received.

Tania is currently a sophomore at UMKC studying architecture, but she will transfer to K-State in the fall.

Tania was the recipient of the John and Wanda Foster Construction Trades Scholarship and an Excellence in Academics scholarship as a senior at HHS.

While in high school, Chavez was a member of National Honor Society, Freshman Mentoring, SADD, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the soccer team. She was the secretary of Science Club and the treasurer for Key Club. She is the daughter of Roberto Chavez and Eugenia Chavez.

Giving to the Foundation

In numerous ways, you can contribute to the Foundation and support the students in the Harrisonville School District.

- Annual Giving - Cash Donations
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Restricted Gifts

Donors may specify how they wish their gifts to be used.

- a gift in support of a specific service or program
- creation of a scholarship program

All gifts received will be managed by the Foundation to support Harrisonville Schools programs. The Foundation manages contributions using board-approved investment and spending policies.

To donate, please mail checks to the Harrisonville Public School Foundation, PO Box 1000, Harrisonville, MO 64701, or use our online giving portal here - <https://tinyurl.com/y9v2b9pw>.

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