

Grants: Spring–Fall 2019

Science Olympiad Building and Studying Training and Supplies

Science Olympiad is a competition in which teams of 15 students compete in 23 different academic and engineering events. New Trier typically sends two full teams to at least eight competitions each year. In order to prepare for the events, student team members need textbooks, lab supplies, building materials and specialty parts – to name a few. The grant provides \$5,000 funding support for these materials and a clinic in the fall for coaches to be brought up to speed on the various events.

Volta Science Olympiad

This will be the 8th year New Trier has sponsored a Science Olympiad team within the Chicago Public School system and the 6th year working with Volta Elementary. This year, the Volta team will be competing again at an invitational and a regional tournament. New Trier students working with Volta students builds inquiry skills and compassion, and is a great embodiment of all three facets of our school motto—to commit minds to inquiry, hearts to compassion, and lives to the service of humanity. The grant provides \$2,500 funding support to cover some of the costs for science equipment, building materials, supplies and bus transportation for Volta students to visit New Trier.

The Royal Shakespeare Company Comes to New Trier

The New Trier at Oxford program, now in its 12th year, has enriched the lives of hundreds of participants as well as several instructors fortunate enough to attend. Unfortunately, not all students are able to make the trip. In an effort to bring the Royal Shakespeare Company to our students, RSC voice coach Michael Corbidge is willing to come to New Trier and conduct ten master class workshops with over 300 students, as well as lead the entire English department in a workshop. The grant provides \$4,000 funding support to cover Mr. Corbidge's professional fee, travel expenses and lodging.

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) for the Classroom

AAC includes any tool that helps someone to communicate and can be used within the classroom to provide all students with equal opportunity to participate. New Trier has supported the use of AAC tools for students, as well as AAC coaching to the ELS and Transition programs. The grant provides \$4,988 funding support to purchase the tools and equipment for the Special Education department to assemble AAC "tech boxes" to be used for training staff and for implementing with students.

New Trier Swing Choir at New York City Jazz Festival

The Swing Choir was invited to participate in the NYC Jazz Festival on April 2019. The festival will include a daytime performance at Manhattan's acclaimed Symphony Space and recorded comments from an outstanding panel of nationally recognized jazz experts. Swing Choir will receive a private clinic with one of the panel members, and an opportunity to attend a concert at New York Jazz Club and a Broadway show. The grant provides \$1,500 funding support to cover some of the festival and travel expenses as additional funding was obtained from other sources.

Craft Supplies for Finding Purple Club

Finding Purple is a club that gives students with special needs the opportunity to spend time with their peers and create seasonal crafts after school once a week. It provides a safe, fun and creative environment for students to interact. The grant provides \$1,000 funding support to purchase supplies for the weekly craft project.

ELS Project

Prompted by an accident on campus, a group of four engineering students had requested \$500 funding support to develop a device, under the direction of an Applied Arts teacher, that attaches to a student's wheelchair in order to prevent accidents on stairwells. The request was funded in whole by two Foundation Directors who are members of the Grant Committee.