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SUMMER 2017



HFEE GALA 2017 IS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

Dedicated Economics Teacher and Generous Alumnus Honored

On Thursday March 2nd 2017 at the renowned Oheka Castle, the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education hosted yet another unforgettable evening in support of our great school district. With the success of our annual Reach for the Stars Gala, we raised over \$70,000 thanks to hundreds of supporters who turned out from all over this incredible community.

At this wonderful event, we celebrated and honored two very important people in our district and community. This year's District Honoree was Mr. James Graber, a beloved Social Studies teacher at the High School, who also serves as the Associated Teachers of Huntington President. Our Community Honoree was Mr. Michael Brown, an Alumnus of Huntington and the Partner/Owner of Atlantic Auto Giant, which boasts 22 car dealerships in New York and New Jersey. Michael is a most generous supporter of HFEE and the students in our district.

The HFEE Gala was an unforgettable evening with incredible and exclusive raffle prizes, brilliant diamond earrings from Libutti Diamond Jewelers, silent and live auctions and HFEE's Grand Prize Raffle of a brand new 2017 Lexus IS 300 (24 month lease or \$5,000 cash out option) courtesy of Atlantic Lexus of 110/Atlantic Auto Giant. The evening was filled with exceptional music, amazing food, unparalleled ambiance, and of course countless memories! We are always so grateful to the many sponsors and benefactors who make the evening possible and who continue to support us year after year!



Written by Youth Board Alumna Lena Scarpula



Kimberley Steinberg Gala Chariperson



State Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci,
Honoree James Graber, HFEE President
Alice Marie Rorke, Honoree Michael
Brown, Superintendent Jim Polansky



The Huntington community having a great
time at the 2017 Gala.

RECIPIENTS OF 2017 STAR GRANTS

MINI-GRANTS

1. Woodhull Intermediate School
Belkin Rockstar headphones: \$299.80
2. Southdown Primary School
Guided reading materials: \$597.11
3. Huntington High School Portable
Mega Vox system: \$840.00

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Sue Graber (volunteer)
8. Cynthia Vitulli (volunteer)

TOTAL: \$50,260.17

1. Finley Middle School Ukulele Enrichment Club:
Portable PA system, microphones and new ukuleles to continue and expand into the HS. \$2,561.53
2. HHS Sound Equipment for Performing Arts and events in
the HHS auditorium: Replacement of the soundboard and microphones to improve the quality of sound for all events in HHS auditorium. \$16,718.95
3. Woodhull Reading Center for New System 44:
Individualized reading activities as well as a "nook" for students. \$1,149.33
4. HHS Stereoscopes for 3D Investigations in Science:
Microscopes using 3D magnification technology to support inquiry based learning in all science classes. \$8,173.20
5. HHS AP Capstone Class Technology: Camcorder and related
supplies to film student presentations submitted to College Board. \$1,009.35
6. HHS New Choir Robes:
115 New Robes to have our Choir looking as good as they sound! \$2,116.08
7. Jefferson Outdoor Classroom: A reading bench, picnic table,
yoga mats and a new outdoor speaker system to support the sciences and a stress reducing environment for student learning and relaxation. \$9,404.60
8. Finley Middle School Sound Equipment for Performing
Arts and Events in Lgl Auditorium: Replacement of the outdated
soundboard, speakers and microphones. \$9,127.13

TOTAL: \$4,116.27

5. Jefferson Primary School
Leadership program: \$462.80
6. Jefferson Primary School
Booklet and games for speech
services: \$976.99

YOUTH BOARD: Joe Mangano (intern), Kayla Ryan, Charlie Ehrman (video), Nick Lanzisero, Lindsey Saginaw, Alexa Cassar, Katy Dara, Levi Leach, Matt Gianno, Katarina Obermaier, Rachel Moss, Casey Moskovitz, Lindsey Saginaw, Alexa Cassar, Katy Dara, Jocelyn Gray, Eve Combs

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2017 Gala Scroll of Honor

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A Note of Thanks...

It is with great pride and gratitude that I write this letter to all of you. It has been a remarkable year for our Foundation thanks to you, the Huntington Community and our many sponsors and benefactors. The Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education is a 501 (c)(3) organization that works with the Huntington School District to raise funds for the purpose of awarding grants to teachers in the district to further grow their programs and enrich the education of every child in the district.

Since its inception in 1993, over \$1.1 million dollars has been funded through HFEE, and our foundation has made remarkable strides in the introduction of many programs that otherwise would never have been implemented by the district budget alone.

Our largest fundraiser is the Annual Reach for the Stars Gala. Mark your calendars for our 25th Anniversary Gala to be held on Thursday March 15th 2018 at Oheka Castle. Please refer to the listing of our sponsors for 2016-2017 in this newsletter and on our website www.huntingtonfoundation.org and remember to patronage their business to show your gratitude for their support of HFEE! With the increasing interest in STEM initiatives in education combined with the popularity and excellence of our fine arts program and the diversity of our district, we have won the attention of many benefactors who are very interested in what we do.

Thank you especially to Mr. Jim Polansky, the Huntington School Board, administration, teachers, aides and district employees as well.

We are a passionate and very committed group of volunteers who continue to strive to enhance the education of EVERY child in Huntington. I am forever grateful to the amazing HFEE team including all executive board and youth board members as well as volunteers. Your tireless commitment to our mission is to be commended!

I wish you all a successful school year and thank you for your support of the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education.

Alice Marie Rorke
HFEE President

Alice Marie Rorke

HFEE PROGRAMS FUNDED 2016/2017

Star Grant Program	\$50,260.17
CNC Milling Machine	\$16,947.00 (HS Engineering Room)
Greenkill	\$5,325.00
Mini-Grant Program	\$4,116.27
Scholarship Award	\$2,500.00
Field Trip Fund	\$250.00

**Total Contributions
\$79,398.44**



6th Graders at Greenkill



Robotics
students at
work on the
CNC Milling
Machine

TOWNWIDE FUND OF HUNTINGTON

GENEROUSLY SUPPORTS
OUR DISTRICT 6TH GRADERS

Every February the 6th grade students of Nathaniel Woodhull Intermediate School and Jack Abrams STEM School attend the Greenkill trip for a 3 night, 4 day adventure that not only impacts their knowledge and appreciation of the environment but fosters individual growth beyond the classroom.

Over the years The Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education has, through various fundraising efforts, been able to allocate monies to the Greenkill Fund to help offset expenses for students unable to pay the entire cost of the trip. The past two years The Townwide Fund of Huntington has fulfilled this grant to help with the funding. In particular, last year, The Townwide Fund fulfilled 100% of the expense and invested \$5,325 in the Greenkill Fund so that the school district could send all students!

Janice Shea, board member of The Townwide Fund of Huntington, states "The Townwide Fund of Huntington strives yearlong to raise charitable funds that stay right here in Huntington. The Fund is honored to have assisted HFEE's noble work to ensure that every Woodhull 6th grader participates in the Greenkill rite of passage and creates lifelong memories with his or her classmates."

The Board of Directors of HFEE, along with the HUFSD and the students of the Greenkill trip, extend a heartfelt thanks to the wonderful board and volunteers of The Townwide Fund of Huntington for their incredibly generous funding.

THE CLAIRE FRIEDLANDER FAMILY FOUNDATION

**GRANTS A CNC MILLING MACHINE FOR THE COMPUTER INTEGRATED
MANUFACTURING CLASS**

HFEE was fortunate enough to receive the support of the Claire Friedlander Family Foundation in the form of a grant with which we purchased a CNC Milling machine for the high school, which will now allow the high school to offer a new "robotics" course this coming school year! Mr. Reynolds will be teaching the class and both he and Principal Cusack are so pleased we can open a class like this to the student body.

"I am so very grateful for HFEE's help in acquiring a new CNC Milling Machine," states Brenden Cusack. "This machine is instrumental for our Robotics program and brand new Computer Integrated Manufacturing course. This costly piece of machinery is essential for the new course to run. With HFEE's help, we are able to run this exciting and innovative course of study, which will bring new STEM opportunities to a wide array of students from all walks of life. HFEE's leadership, partnership, dedication and generosity continue to benefit all of Huntington's students. For this I am truly thankful."

Brian Reynolds expressed, "I'm so excited that with the help of HFEE and The Claire Friedlander Family Foundation, the Technology Department will be bringing the first Project Lead the Way class to Huntington High School this fall! Huntington has partnered with Project Lead the Way (PLTW) to offer a robotics class titled, Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM). The impact that CIM will have on Huntington High School students is significant. This class helps students discover and explore manufacturing processes, product design, robotics, and automation, and then they apply what they have learned to design solutions for real-world manufacturing problems. PLTW offers curriculum that integrates equipment, technology, and supplies into the curriculum to give students hands-on experiences and opportunities to apply what they learn in other classes in a meaningful way. Thanks to HFEE, students have access to such high-tech equipment as a CNC (Computer Numerical Control) Router, CNC Laser Cutter and a CNC Milling Machine. They will be using machines and software employed by industry, so that they can see the real-world implications of what they learn."

