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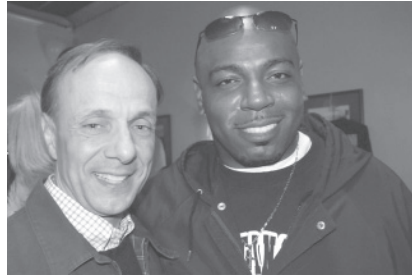
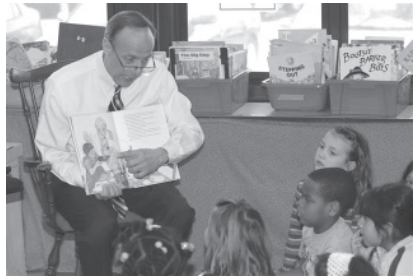
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Thank you for your years of dedication
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Dear Jay,
Thank you for your unwavering
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Joan Fretz and the Music and Art Faculty

Congratulations on receiving the
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dedication to all Huntington students.
Flower Hill School Staff

Dedicated; Talented; Hard working;
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THANK YOU!
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Dear Friend of the Huntington Foundation:

Thank you so much for attending the 17th annual **Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education's "Reach for the Stars"** gala.

The **Foundation** is proud to honor this year's "**Spirit Award**" recipient, **John J. Finello**. We gather this evening at the elegant Woodlands to applaud Mr. Finello's dedication to Huntington's schools. Please read the summary of Mr. Finello's commitment to the Huntington School District in this evening's Journal. Thank you, Mr. Finello, for accepting this well-deserved recognition!

The **Foundation** has had another fulfilling year. Through the collaboration of the Huntington schools' educators and the generosity of parents, government officials, and the business community, the **Foundation** funded a multitude of grants. These grants enhance our students' educational experience from K-12. Please note the establishment and individuals who contribute to the Foundation's efforts and reciprocate by doing business with them. There is no better way to say "Thank You" and show your appreciation.

Since its inception, the **Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education** has successfully funded over \$750,000 in grants. The Journal highlights some of the grants that enrich the lives of our district's students. Among the numerous educational enhancements for the 2009-2010 school year, the **Foundation** funded the creation of an Apple Video Lab at Huntington High School, raised beds for an outdoor garden and science exploration center at Jefferson Primary School, and a social studies program, "Finding My Way," by Cornell Cooperative Extension for second graders at Southdown Primary School.

Past grants from the **Foundation** have included monies toward a new weight room at Huntington High School, incubators at Flower Hill for an "Egg to Chick" science program for third graders, a Robotics program that promotes problem-solving skills for Woodhull's students, and an Engineering program at Jack Abrams that fosters technological literacy to name just a few.

The **Foundation** congratulates Nicole Caputo for the selection of her artwork for the Journal's cover. Thank you to the runner ups, Chloe Blog and Brittney Robinson-Smikle, as well as all of the talented art students in Ms. Kristen Singer's Drawing & Painting Class for their participation in the Journal Cover Contest.

Have a wonderful time this evening as you continue your support of the **Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education**.

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Dear Huntington Foundation:

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to express our appreciation for the hard work and dedication that has been put forth by the Foundation to support our school district. This evening's event will raise a substantial amount of money to fund innovative and creative programs and equipment, and bring us together as a community united by and for our children.

I would like to thank our local businesses that have donated so many of the items given away tonight. I would also like to thank the individual members of the Foundation Board for their selfless dedication to making this event a night to remember from both an entertainment and fundraising perspective. I have first-hand knowledge of the time and effort members put in to this event, and I'd like to say that we are truly fortunate to have such a large group of motivated individuals.

Tonight's Spirit Award recipient, Jay Finello is a model for motivation and commitment to the District. Jay is a local guy, having grown up in town and graduated from Huntington High School in 1968. He joined the district faculty as a teacher in 1972 and has dedicated himself to the education of our children ever since. He has held a variety of positions throughout his tenure including teacher, coordinator, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and currently superintendent. In all of these positions he has demonstrated a passion for helping both faculty and students. In addition to his focus on improving education he has always been a strong supporter of activities that enrich the students outside the classroom, and can regularly be found at athletic events, concerts, plays, presentations and parades like a proud father enjoying the accomplishments of his children. On behalf of the Board of Education, I'd like to congratulate Jay on receiving this deserved recognition and thank him for his many years of service to our school district and community.

Most sincerely,

Bill Dwyer
President, Board of Education

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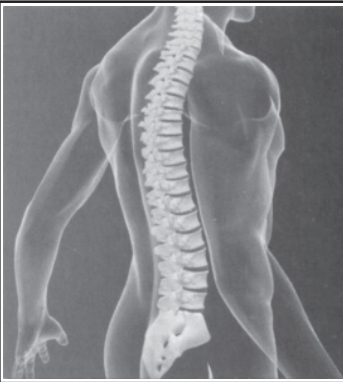
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Enhancing Our Schools in Education, the Arts and Athletics for students in the Huntington Union Free School District





What is the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education?

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The Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of education in the Huntington Union Free School District. A copy of the Foundation's annual report may be obtained upon request from Huntington Foundation, or the office of the Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, NY, NY 10271.

Why Was Huntington Foundation Created?

It was formed 17 years ago to create opportunities for our children that the school budget could not provide. At that time, the district, like many others, struggled with failed budgets and disgruntled taxpayers. The parents who started the Foundation believed that they could match the resources of the greater community with the creativity of the district teaching staff with some wonderful results. Over the years, the Foundation has received public recognition for its accomplishments from Suffolk County Legislator Jon Cooper as well as Assemblyman James Conte.

How Does All This Work?

The Huntington Foundation has awarded more than \$750,000 since its inception in 1993 through two grant channels, both invitations for teachers and administrators to apply. The Foundation also supports Greenkill and Field Trip Funds, and, in 1999, a Millennium Fund, which was established for financial growth.

Mini-Grants provide special-projects money for classroom activities that go beyond the core curriculum, such as unique computer software, a wildlife garden, or a disability awareness workshop. These financial requests are as high as \$1,000.

Reach for the Stars Grants fund grade and school-wide initiatives that have a broad impact or grand vision of education. These grants have provided seed money for the development of a Huntington Heritage Museum, computers for an entirely new course in visual arts, and a one-year pilot program in partnership with the Queens College Center for Environmental Teaching and Research at Caumsett State Park that is now a permanent part of the primary-school curriculum. Reach for the Stars Grants usually exceed \$1,000 and have been as high as \$11,000.

The **Field Trip Fund**, established in 1999, is designed to assure that no student misses an educationally enriching trip due to financial need.

The **Greenkill Fund** was established in 1996 to provide scholarships for students who cannot afford the full cost of participating in our top-ranked environmental program, the culminating activity to the sixth-grade science curriculum. The three-day program, presented at the Greenkill YMCA Camp in the Catskill Mountains, provides environmental workshops and activities that give students hands-on knowledge as well as experience in responsibility and independence.

The **Millennium Fund**, underwritten by a \$10,000 anonymous donation received at the end of 1999, is intended to provide the Foundation with "an on-going source of funding." The donor has instructed board members to invest the money in securities or other financial instruments so the fund will grow over time, and, when it reaches a target level, be used to contribute a significant amount of support to activities. According to the plan, 50% of the annual profit of the fund will be used to sponsor Foundation programs and 50% will be reinvested.

How Does the Huntington Foundation Raise Money?

Huntington Foundation currently holds one fundraiser each year and accepts donations at anytime:

Reach for the Stars Auction: A district-wide grand evening event with wonderful auction offerings from our parents and the larger community. An opportunity to celebrate what we all want, excellence in education, the event often features the presentation of the Huntington Foundation Spirit Award or Volunteer of the Year as well as showcasing music and art from Huntington High School.

Donations: Donations can be sent directly to the Huntington Foundation, P.O. Box 552, Huntington, NY 11743, at anytime. Individuals who give to the United Way through payroll deductions can also direct a portion of their gift to the Foundation via our Greenkill and/or Field Trip Funds, agency code 026811. Companies that provide charitable matching programs may also be able to contribute since the Foundation is a non-profit organization. Please inquire — we can easily help you set it up. Questions? Call any of our officers.

Why Get Involved with the Huntington Foundation?

EVERYONE WINS! The Foundation raises funds that increase educational opportunities for students and supports staff development for teachers.

How Can You Reach Us?

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John J. Finello

Huntington Coach Corp. wishes to congratulate you for your many years of dedicated service in the Huntington School District. Your commitment to the students is to be commended.



Congratulations to

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for the many years of service

to the school district

and the community.

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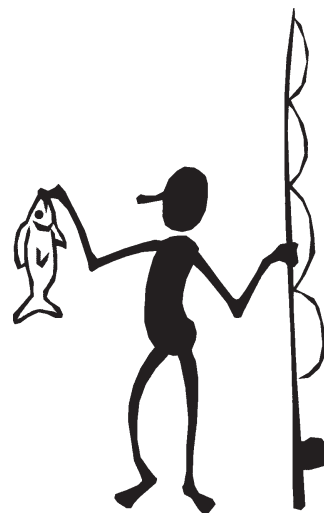
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2009-2010 Mini-Grants Funding **(Grants less than \$1,000)**

OUTDOOR GARDEN AND SCIENCE EXPLORATION CENTER

This project offers an innovative way for second graders at Jefferson Primary School to learn about the weather and other science-related concepts by creating raised garden beds. Second grade students would plant vegetables and herbs, observe, and care for them. These beds and assorted garden items, such as a rain gauge, would promote discussion about the seasons, allow students to measure rainfall and outdoor temperature, as well as see the effects of wind. The learning environment will extend beyond the classroom walls.

FINDING MY WAY: A FIELD TRIP ALTERNATIVE

Southdown's second grade teachers sought a way to deliver an enriching educational experience to students without the financial obstacles presented by a field trip. This grant funds a program by Cornell Cooperative Extension that brings a one-hour environmental science program, "Finding My Way," to all of the second graders at Southdown Primary School in the spring. The program aligns with Huntington's second grade social studies curriculum, which prominently features maps skills, including the study of how climate and geography affect the ways that people live. Students will get hands-on experience in reading maps and understanding how geography influences people, places and environments.

Superintendent John J. Finello

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2008-2009 Star Grants Funding **(Grants exceeding \$1,000)**

APPLE LAB

A \$10,000 grant from HFEE to the video arts program at Huntington High School helped fund the acquisition of cutting-edge equipment, including 20 new iMacs with Final Cut Studio 2 for video editing and digital effects, Adobe Suite CS 4 for graphic design, and a new XServe to manage student accounts and software. The district worked with BOCES to make the new lab a reality. Students can now work with industry standard software and hardware, enabling them to improve the quality of their projects and prepare for careers in television and film. The new lab puts Huntington at the forefront among Long Island high school video arts programs.



LOCAL HISTORY DIGITAL PRESERVATION

Technology consisting of an iMac, mini camcorder, and video editing software was funded by HFEE to support the preservation of local history by high school students in accordance with social studies standards. By creating a digital record of first hand experiences in the form of interviews and mini documentaries, history can be preserved almost infinitely. US History students at Huntington High School would improve their critical thinking and analysis skills through this integration of technology to capture and save rich historical content for future generations.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT COMPUTER

The guidance department at Huntington High School received a grant to purchase its own portable wireless laptop computer and accessories to support parents and students in appropriate post high school planning. Guidance counselors will use this equipment to inform parents and students via classroom and evening workshops utilizing web-based programs, including Naviance, a broad set of applications that uses a systematic approach to college and career planning as well as the College Board and ACT websites.

***Our congratulations to Jay Finello
on this much deserved honor,
from your friends at the
Huntington Village Lacrosse Club***



**Congratulations to
Jay Finello
for his dedicated efforts
on behalf of students in the
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2008-2009 Star Grants Funding **(Grants exceeding \$1,000)**

WEIGHT ROOM RENOVATION

Huntington High School's athletic department was awarded a grant to help in its ongoing effort to update the weight room facilities. In the weight room, ninth grade students learn Personal Fitness, adapted physical education students improve their fine and/or gross motor skills, and varsity and JV athletes work out; they will all benefit from the refurbishing of the facilities. New weight room equipment will improve the room aesthetically and enable the physical education teachers to teach more innovative techniques.



2008-2009 Mini-Grants Funding **(Grants less than \$1,000)**

ROBOTICS IN THE CLASSROOM

This project offers to teach all students at Woodhull Intermediate various scientific, mathematical and design concepts through the designing, building and programming of robots. Students will creatively explore computer programming, mechanical design, physics, mathematics, motion, environmental factors and problem solving in a collaborative group setting.

TRIATHLON CLUB

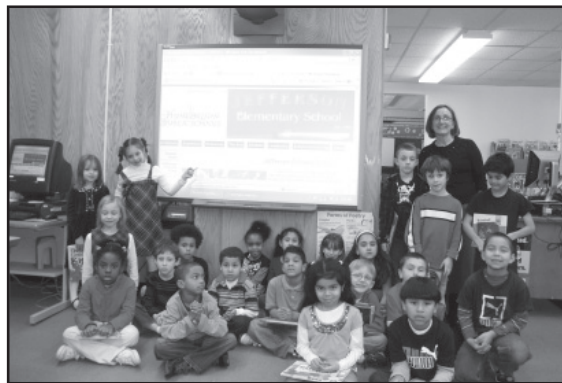
This club offers students at Huntington High School the ability to learn and appreciate what an active and healthy body can do for them as well as the benefits of positive emotional and social experiences. The grant money will enable the team to move forward with fundraising with the hope of raising enough money for team uniforms and race registration fees that would help reduce individual costs for members.

ENGINEERING IS ELEMENTARY

American students are failing behind other countries in math and science, especially in the area of engineering. This grant will provide a curriculum that is full of problem-solving and design challenges that deal with the real world rather than theory. The students at Jack Abrams Intermediate will be challenged with a series of activities related to the field of bioengineering and acoustical engineering.

LCD PROJECTOR FOR USE WITH SMART BOARD

The projector will allow the teacher daily use of the SMART Board that was previously awarded by HFEE. The LCD projector ensures sharp and vivid images. The students will be more engaged during lessons because the projector will enable them to see better, manipulate objects, view short video clips and view their math textbooks.



Accomplishments

The Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education celebrates 17 years of funding innovative grants that enrich our students' curriculum from kindergarten through senior year. Here is just a sampling of over \$750,000 in worthwhile grants the Foundation has been able to support with generous donations from you, the Huntington community.

Technology Upgrades

- SMART boards, interactive, "kid-friendly" whiteboards that connect a computer to a digital projector, enable the teacher to use the internet to share lessons with the entire class. Lesson activities are exported to a website where students, who are absent or having difficulty, can review lessons on a computer at home. The Foundation has funded boards for the High School Math Department, High School Biology Department, Intermediate Schools' library/computer labs, the 6th grade at Jack Abrams Intermediate, the ESL classes and a 2nd grade class at Jefferson Primary School, and the Special Education classes at Huntington High School.
- The Advanced Computer Graphics Classroom received equipment that enables students to develop professional quality portfolios.
- A Dell Projector provided to every school now enables them to project PowerPoint presentations, video clips, online video streaming and SMART Board activities, onto a surface large enough for entire classes and/or parents to see, learn, and share information.
- Digital Cameras and Equipment expanded the High School Photography Program.
- Technology in the Science Classroom enables the seventh grade science team to apply multimedia instruction.
- Document Camera that scans and projects flat or three-dimensional, still or moving objects on a screen.

Science Enhancements

- "Crime Zone" Software, Digital Cameras, and Scanners were granted for Forensic Science curriculum, allowing our students to compete in New York State competitions.
- Addition of a Science Department Lab program enables students to study and dissect DNA.
- High School Science Department received a presentation cart.
- Gas Chromatograph Machine, a powerful analytical instrument used to determine trace components of compounds in mixtures and complex matrices, was approved for the High School.
- New York Hall of Science/NASA Program for all grade two and three students district-wide, and videoconferencing workshops for all fourth grade students.
- Starlab (portable planetarium) update offers an exciting hands-on Astronomy experience to every 3rd and 5th grader in the district.



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Language Arts

- Reading Manipulatives transform reading instructions into reading construction as students make, build, and manipulate letters, words, and sentences.
- Tell Me A Tale workshops were funded for all 2nd graders in the district, offering them the opportunity to explore a story in multiple ways. Learning to bring stories to life through music, dance, and theater ignites students' creativity and sparks the imagination through experiential learning.
- Evidence-based diagnostic tools to identify children at risk will enable speech pathologists, psychologists, and special education and reading teachers to evaluate skills that students need to become proficient readers.

Special Education

- The Life Skills Program, serving the student population at Huntington High with severe special needs, got a grant to purchase a refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, microwave, sinks, and dishwasher. Understanding how to use these items promotes the necessary skills for these students to live independently and successfully as productive citizens.



The Arts Curriculum

- Printmaking program designed to give all students a complete foundation in the fundamental printmaking principles became part of the high school curriculum. Students gain a great start to a career in the graphic arts, fine arts, or the print industry by learning these current technologies.
- A permanently mounted TV monitor allows video arts students to test and view the daily production of the "Huntington High School Newscast" in a timely manner.
- The Foundation funded the integration of Medical Illustration and Anatomy Studies into the High School AP Studio Art and Drawing & Painting curriculum.



Music Education

- Jefferson Primary School obtained a "Noteworthy" carpet for the music room along with twenty teaching games for use in conjunction with the carpet to teach Music Theory.
- The provision of a vibraphone, marimba, and bass drum to Finley Middle School expands the percussion program and a world-music drumming curriculum that explores African and Latin American Music and instruments.
- The Foundation takes immense pride in its continuous support of the award-winning Huntington Blue Devils Marching Band through contributions of new percussion instruments, an equipment trailer, and uniforms.

Other Education Advancements

- A grant enabled teachers at Washington to present material across the entire curriculum in a “Jeopardy” game format, motivating students and making learning fun.
- The Huntington Heritage Museum is now housed in a beautiful facility in the High School for all our students to learn about the proud history of Huntington and its schools.



Annual Greenkill Environmental Camp

- Ongoing confidential financial support enables 6th graders in need to attend this exciting 3-day away program at Greenkill Camp in Huguenot, NY. Sixth graders consider this environmental trip a rite of passage where they acquire hands-on knowledge of the natural environment before heading to middle school.



***There are too many to list them all
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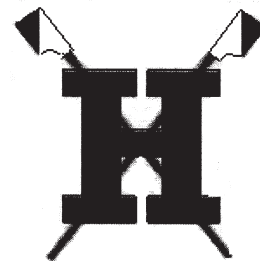
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Superintendent of Schools John J. Finello is Huntington through and through. He attended elementary and secondary school in the district, graduating from Huntington High School in 1968, and has worked his way up through the teaching and administrative ranks over the years.

Mr. Finello earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education at St. John's University in 1972 and went on to obtain a Master of Arts in education at Adelphi University in 1975. He received a Professional Diploma in educational administration at Long Island University – C.W. Post in 1985.

Following his college graduation, Mr. Finello joined Huntington's faculty in 1972 and was a classroom teacher at Huntington Elementary School through June 1986 when he was named the district's elementary science and computer coordinator. In 1988 he assumed new responsibilities as assistant principal of Huntington Elementary and remained in that position until 1991 when he became principal of Washington Elementary School.

While serving as Washington principal, Mr. Finello developed and implemented a variety of curriculum changes and innovations aimed at strengthening and enhancing instruction and learning in all academic areas. He also initiated and coordinated a student conduct committee, developed and directed the child study team and coordinated the shared decision making team.

In May 2000, Mr. Finello was elevated to assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. In the past he supervised district directors and chairpersons and their programs, directed staff development activities, coordinated curriculum alignment with state standards, assessments and planning mandates and monitored instruction in all buildings.


Mr. Finello assumed his current position in July 2001 and has worked to improve all facets of the district, including classroom instruction and academic offerings, facilities, and extracurricular activities. He has initiated long term budget priorities and planning along with the active pursuit of available financial grants.


Known for his constant presence in and around the school community, Mr. Finello enjoys attending events, including plays, concerts and games. A former Huntington High School baseball player, he is an avid sports fan and also enjoys the arts.

A member of local, state and national superintendent associations, Mr. Finello is on the executive board of Section XI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. During his free time he can be found engaged in carpentry, woodworking and spending time near the water.

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