

2015-2016 Innovation Grants

BLDG	TITLE OF PROJECT	SPONSORS	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	AMT.
PHS	Palatine's PROMISE Lunchapalooza	Sue Althoff	As part of the Palatine's Promise social/emotional intervention program, Lunchapalooza is a three-day celebration of PHS's student diversity, while raising money for a charitable cause.	\$1,000
PHS	PHS Summer Reading Program	Amanda Lipnisky & Christy Victor	To increase summer reading, this grant will fund incentives, prizes, and and a pizza social for those who participate.	\$550
PHS	"DNA" Hip Hop Dance Crew & Latin Dance Crew	Liza Sullivan	Many students in this diverse performing group are low income; the cost of costumes and shoes would prohibit many from being part of this club, that also teaches teamwork, respect, and achievement.	\$500
PHS	Aquarium Club	Luke Skony	This club will maintain aquariums on the third floor at PHS, as well as updating and improving the lighting, filtration, and décor with student-designed plans.	\$1,000
PHS	Commit to the PIRATE Acknowledgements	Karisa Adrianopoulos, Michael Prentice, & Mauricio Orozco	This is the fifth year of this positive behavior intervention program that acknowledges students for positive behavior – with proven effectiveness.	\$500
PHS	Cultural Awareness Club	Brenda Moreno	To promote an empathetic cohesion of race and culture through education, the club will host presentations/guest speakers, hold forums on cultural topics, purchase foreign films, and plan diverse field trips.	\$500
PHS	Title I Family Conference Interpreters	Lauren Burke	Forty-five percent of the student population at PHS speak a language other than English at home. There are two summits planned for parents covering topics aimed toward enabling parents to support their students in becoming more involved in the school community.	\$1,000
PHS	Project Excel at PHS	Alonso Ramirez	This program began eight years ago with 18 students; this year over 160 are involved in Project Excel. Freshman students plan a trip to Chicago,	\$1,000

and sophomores, juniors, and seniors take college visits, while all benefit from the planning, camaraderie, and the trips.

PHS	Digital Art Display for New Media Center	Liz Broemmelsiek, Bob Schuetz, & Russ Horvath	Motivated by student response to art displayed in the current library, this grant will fund the hardware to create an area displaying student digital artwork in the new media center in addition to the current displays.	\$1,000
HEHS	Holocaust Museum Visit	Deborah Miller & Luke Yanule	While learning about World War II in U.S. Histor class, students are taken to the Holocaust Museum in Skokie. This grant will pay for the entrance fee; many students would not otherwise be able to attend.	\$200
HEHS	HEHS Book Club	Jessica Schafer	With a goal of literacy outside of school, this club will meet monthly. Students will vote on a teacher-approved list, and copies will be purchased for each member; the following month, the book will be discussed.	\$1,000
HEHS	Freshman Foundations	Barbara Nocula & Kim Ryon	Ninety-five percent of incoming freshmen are involved in Freshman Foundations, which mentors, educates, and informs students by helping them set goals and realize their potential.	\$1,000
HEHS	Sunrise Outdoor Education Center	Deborah Miller	As part of an outdoor field trip that encourages teambuilding, communication skills, and problem solving, students cook their own lunch over an open fire – a first for many. This grant covers the cost of lunch.	\$300
HEHS	FreshMentor Program	Maureen Mann	This program provides freshman students with continual support and structure throughout their first school year – by selected and trained junior and senior students – benefitting both groups.	\$1,000
HEHS	Latino Connections IV	Angelica Cordova-Rajoo & Terri Berkowitz	This will be the fifth year of the Latino Parent Program. Topics this year include educational presentations, community resources, adolescent social-emotional well-being, and others.	\$850
HEHS	HEHS Leadership Conference	Renée Johansson	Eighty student leaders will be chosen by coaches and activity directors to attend a day-long conference of activities that challenges students to reach their full leadership potential.	\$1,000

HEHS	Southside Operation Snowball Conference	Angelica Cardova-Rajoo	Operation Snowball is a student-led program aimed at the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. This day-long program of presentations, workshops, activities, and discussions is for HEHS, CHS, and SHS students. This grant assures that students unable to afford the \$25 fee can attend.	\$1,000
HEHS	GANAS (Guiding & Nurturing Academic Success IV)	Angelica Cardova-Rajoo	In the first three years of this successful program, over 80 Latino freshman students were provided the opportunity to learn about the benefits and importance of a college education.	\$600
HEHS	Literacy Connections III	Terri Berkowitz	In order to encourage and promote reading literacy, any student who reads a book from one of the library's reading/genre list and submits a review is eligible to win a bi-weekly prize.	\$400
HEHS	Summer Reading Choices II	Terri Berkowitz	The "Read to Lead" summer reading program is voluntary, but highly encouraged and promoted. To ensure access to books for all students, this grant will defray most of the expense, and the books will be available for a nominal charge. This is the third year of this program.	\$1,000
HEHS	I-Compete for HEHS	John Ulrich	In cooperation with local community resources, HEHS coaches and student-athletes will provide mentoring and activities to develop educational, social, emotional, athletic, and recreational skills for at-risk elementary students who will attend HEHS.	\$1,000
HEHS	Restorative Justice / Peer Circles	Brigid Tileston, Andres Acosta, Kelly Hernandez, Maureen Mann, Bina Rubinson	Building on the success of the school's SOAR program, this is a student-led intervention for hard-to-reach students, implementing restorative justice principles within "peer circles," establishing realistic goals through accountability, community safety, and competency development.	\$1,000
HEHS	Project Excel - Freshman Level	Mark Ahn	To encourage and nurture community-building and leadership skills in often marginalized students, chosen incoming freshmen are paired with a younger student. Freshman then interview and work with the younger student and create a biography for the child to keep.	\$500
HEHS	Hawks Engineering Team	Wayne Oras	Upon learning that the Hawks Engineering Team had won first place with a Foundation-sponsored underwater remotely operated vehicle at a	\$1,000

competition at the Shedd Aquarium, trustees awarded an unsolicited grant to help with transportation to the international competition in Canada.

A-S	After School Club	Kali Zanona & Derek Schmidt	As the only extra-curricular activity available for Academy-South students, this club will offer an opportunity for students on the autism spectrum, as well as other students (serving as positive role models) to enjoy games, arts and craft, and outings.	\$500
A-S	Service Learning Club	Colleen Lundell, Anthony Mure, Derek Schmidt, Kali Zanona, Brian Lazzaro, Amy Friel	To support the Positive Peer Culture model in the Academy-South program, students are given the opportunity to show care and concern by working as volunteers at various facilities, transferring their learning to the real world environment.	\$500
A-S	Adventure Learning Club	Brian Lazzaro, Derek Schmidt, & Kali Zanona	Building on the success from previous trips, students, most with severe emotional disabilities, experience a campfire, set up a tent, and learn about geology and animal life – often for the first time. This fosters resiliency, helps to build self-esteem, and begins the process of independence.	\$500
A-N	Youth Leaders	Francesca Anderson	This program teaches conflict resolution through "peer-conferencing," a student-driven alternative to suspension, that helps to improve attendance, academic achievement, and behavior.	\$500
A-N	Celebrations and Town Hall Meetings	Francesca Anderson	To help teach pro-social behaviors and enhance positive school experiences, school-wide celebrations, such as monthly breakfasts and quarterly incentive parties, will be held for students accomplishing academic and behavioral goals.	\$500
A-N	After School Activities	Francesca Anderson	Students at Academy-North often lack positive social after-school options; this club will offer a variety of activities such as running, basketball, chess, bowling, yearbook, and others to help students develop a sense of belonging, mastery, and independence.	\$500
FHS	Fremd Wellness Week	Allison Micucci & Jason Hogrefe	Students and staff will enjoy guest speakers, dance and yoga, fitness olympics, and a blood drive, as well as participation by over 20 local businesses, all with the goal of supporting healthy living.	\$500

FHS	Oculus VR Development Kit & Leap Motion	Michael Crosse	This is a virtual reality headset that immerses the wearer in a user-designed environment, giving students the opportunity to develop applications in this new technology.	\$1,000
FHS	Virtuix Omni Platform for Realistic Control of Simulations	Michael Karasch	Instead of the keyboard and mouse interface, this is a platform that allows students to use their entire body as a controller for a virtual simulation – which has a multitude of uses throughout various classes and clubs.	\$1,000
CHS	Who I Am Makes a Difference	Paula Hill	To promote awareness of positive mental health and provide resources for self-care and helping others, information will be available during National Mental Health Awareness Day, as well as "care packages" being available to those in need of comfort and support.	\$1,000
CHS	Operation Snowball	Richard Bauer	Operation Snowball is a student-led program aimed at the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. This day-long program of presentations, workshops, activities and discussions is for HEHS, CHS, and SHS students.	
SHS	Saxon Pride	Erika Werlein	In its sixth year, Saxon Pride is an effective program that rewards positive behavior and has assisted in decreasing discipline referrals and contributed to an increasingly positive school culture.	\$500
SHS	Astronomy S334 Field Trip	Tim Heisler	Eighty-four Astronomy S334 junior and senior students will be funded to attend 2 shows at the Adler Planetarium - the Grainger Sky Theater and the Definiti Space Theater.	\$1,000
ALL	National Hispanic Institute Summit	Jerry Trevino	To test and improve their communication skills, twenty-eight highly qualified students (representing all five high schools) took part in a national program (Great Debate) - this grant funded the transportation to Augustana College in Rock Island.	\$1,000