

EAST ROCHESTER ALUMNI FOUNDATION, INC.

The East Rochester Alumni Foundation, Inc. was founded in 2005. In March 2007 the ERAF was designated a 501 (c) (3) Public Charity by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Foundation's primary focus is to be the organization through which alumni and other friends of the East Rochester School District collectively encourage and support programs which promote excellence in education and encourage motivated students to discover and pursue their full potential.

Using funds received from individual donations as well as from our various fundraising activities, the Foundation provides "Excellence in Education" grants for the benefit of all students. Several members of the Foundation review grant applications and recommend the acceptance or rejection of each grant to the Foundation's Board of Directors. Foundation operating expenses are covered solely by donations from our Board of Directors

Since 2007, "Excellence in Education" Grants awarded by the Alumni Foundation total over \$23,000. During 2008 / 2009, grants were made in support of the following initiatives:

SAT Prep Courses (2008 & 2009 - Sponsor: William Kelleher, High School Guidance)
Provided partial underwriting of tuition for students needing financial assistance. This course has enabled over twenty students to improve their SAT College Entrance Exam scores and thus increase their college options.

Artist In Residence, Earl Dionne (2008 / 2009 - Sponsor: Beth Vercolen, High School Art)
Provided funding for one week in-house instruction as well as supplies and limited equipment. Based on student and teacher response to the 2008 project the 2009 program has been expanded to include junior high students.

"Worthy Feet" (2009 – Sponsor: Laurie Worthington, 6th grade Teacher)
The Foundation provided funding for pedometers and T-shirts for this new 6th grade, after school, walking club. The club promotes exercise and healthy habits. Club participants earn their T-shirts and pedometers upon reaching established distance goals.

DARE T-Shirts (Sponsor: Cynthia Johnston, 5th grade Teacher)
Provided funds to purchase DARE T-shirts for all current 5th graders. T-Shirts are given out at DARE graduation in April. Shirts acknowledge the satisfactory completion of the DARE program which addresses the dangers of drugs and teaches the skills needed to recognize and resist situations where poor choices can lead to serious personal consequences.

U.S. Navy Carrier Excursion (Sponsor: Linda Michele, Physical Education Teacher)
This trip, arranged by Adm. Don Quinn, provided 5 Teachers with an opportunity to view at-sea operations aboard the USS Eisenhower. Participants gained a basic understanding of the duties and responsibilities of Navy crew members and witnessed the emphasis placed on responsibility and self discipline as well as the satisfaction derived from a job well done. The Foundation subsidized a portion of the costs associated with this trip.

Stage Lighting Panels (Sponsor: Brian Regan, High School Media Director and Librarian)
Funded the purchase of 12 LED light panels for use primarily by the “Coffeehouse Club”,
Lights were used at the annual Electric Coffeehouse musical in February 2009 and are also
being made available for a variety of in-school entertainment applications within the district.

8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. (Sponsor: John Reitz, Guidance Counselor grades 5-8)
When the class’s traditional means of funding this trip was disallowed in late 2008, the
Foundation agreed to a one time subsidy for this trip. 8th graders visited the National
Aquarium in Baltimore, Arlington National Cemetery and numerous other points of interest in
our nation’s capitol.

Junior High Science Olympiad (Sponsor: Henry Podosek, Jr. High Teacher)
Science Olympiad competitions occur at a regional, state and national level. The Foundation
assisted with the purchase of materials used by Junior High Students in the construction of
projects which were entered in the 2009 competition. This competition teaches problem
solving skills and encourages interest in science and math.

High School Science Olympiad (Sponsor: Lawrence Hohl, High School Science Teacher)
East Rochester High School has competed in the regional Science Olympiad Competition for
over ten years. Science Olympiad allows students to apply science and technology concepts
in a competitive environment. Teams of 15 students compete in over 20 events. Students
construct such things as robots, vehicles and bridges. Some of these events require
substantial investments of student time and talent as well as the purchase of materials and
components. The Alumni Foundation funded the acquisition of items needed to permit
ERHS students to participate in several new competition events in 2009.

NetSmartz Internet Safety Workshops (Sponsors: ERAF & Cathy Terrell, Curriculum Co-ord.)
NetSmartz provides educational safety resources to children, parents, and educators which
teaches them how to stay safer on the internet. They also provide online and offline learning
activities for parents to facilitate discussions with their children and teens about Internet
safety. The Foundation stimulated interest in this program and arranged its school-wide
presentation through Cathy Terrell. The program was very well received by students and
staff.

Environmental Club Outdoors (Sponsors: Mark Gowman & Rosemary Pleninger)
“ECO” is an extracurricular program of the East Rochester School District which is committed
to providing students with opportunities to experience nature, participate in outdoor activities,
encourage environmental sustainability, promote environmental awareness and encourage
an appreciation of the natural environment. The Alumni Foundation provided funding to the
ECO Club which was used to purchase a wide variety of camping, hiking and safety
equipment.

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