



# THE BRONXVILLE SCHOOL FOUNDATION



## Enhancing Excellence

**Annual Report**  
June 2018

## Our Mission

The mission of the Bronxville School Foundation is to enhance the quality of public education in our community by engaging the support and energies of educators, citizens, parents, students and alumni. The Foundation awards grants for projects that do the following:

- Strengthen the curriculum by serving as a catalyst for the development and promotion of innovative programs.
- Support additional training for faculty members and enhance educational resources available to them.
- Provide financial assistance for special school facilities and equipment.
- Increase awareness and support for the school.

**We are fortunate in the Bronxville School community to have a strong tradition of excellence upon which to build. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the ingenuity of grant-writers, the Foundation is able to further empower our school's faculty and administration to provide the best possible learning environment for our students. As partners, we are able to *Enhance Excellence* throughout our school.**



Enhancing Excellence Throughout our School

## From our Chair



Dear Friends,

We are proud to present the 45 grants totaling \$660,000 approved by the Bronxville School Foundation for the 2017-2018 school year. Many of these grants were already in place as the students returned to school this September, providing immediate benefit to Bronxville students in all three schools.

Since our formation 27 years ago, the Foundation's mission has been to enhance the quality of public education in our community by engaging the support and energies of educators, citizens, parents, students, and alumni. Thanks to the consistent and very generous support of our donors, this mission has become a reality as more than 720 grants totaling more than \$9.6 million have been funded by the Foundation. The support of the Foundation has become even more critical to the district's ability to "enhance excellence," as the school budget continues to tighten, restricting funding for new and innovative programming.

You will see numerous examples of the community's generous support when you visit almost any part of the Bronxville school campus — be it a classroom, athletic field/gym or arts facility. As highlighted in this report, the 2018 grants include several that are helping to create the "classroom of tomorrow," allowing for new ways of teaching and engaging our students. And there is much more, so please feel free to contact me or any of our board members or visit our website ([www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org](http://www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org)).

We hope we can count on your generous support of the Foundation again this year!

Best,

Romy Coquillette  
Chairman

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# 2018 Grant Awards

## Enhancing Excellence

### Program & Curriculum Development

- Duo Jalal Musicians for HS Orchestra
- Guidance Survey of HS Graduates
- HS Model UN Club Delegate Training
- ES Awareness Book-of-the-Month Club
- Mandarin Class for HS
- Dance Workshops for MS/HS
- NY Historical Society Educator for MS
- "How to Unmake a Bully" PSA Videos for ES
- ES Mindfulness Program
- Performance Coach for HS Social Studies
- HS Student Help Desk presentation at NY State Curriculum for Advanced Technological Education Conference
- HS Global Student Leadership Institute

### Model UN



HS Model UN Club Delegate Training

### Dance Workshop



MS/HS Dance Workshops

David Fenner

### Band Rooms



MS/HS Band & Practice Rooms Renovation

### Facilities

- TV Studio
- Indoor Climbing Wall for ES
- Band Room Renovation
- Innovative Designs in Education: Classroom Redesign K-12
- Adaptive Seating for Third Grade
- Up Stage Traveler Curtain for the Auditorium
- Flexible Furniture for MS/HS Resource Rooms

### Microscopes



ES Science Enhanced Magnification Microscopes

### Equipment & Materials

- Math Craft iPads for MS
- TI-Nspire Calculators for MS
- Guided Reading Sets for 1st and 2nd Grades
- Science Microscopes ES
- Science Vernier, Arduino and Conductivity Probes for HS
- Virtual Reality Headsets for HS
- Materials for HS "Intro to Physical Computing"
- Drones for Programming Club for HS
- Digital Library for MS/HS Special Education
- MVP Remote Control Tackle Dummies for Football Program

### Drones



Drones for HS Programming Club

**45 Grants  
Totaling \$660,000**

### Challenge Success

### Professional Development

- College Admission Counseling Conference
- ES Scratch Conference at MIT
- Conferences to support K-12 Technology initiatives
- HS National Social Studies Conference
- Student Wellness Curriculum for MS/HS
- South by Southwest Education Conference K-12
- Design Thinking Workshop focused on Grading Policies MS/HS
- INFOSYS Pathfinders Summer Institute
- "Big Nerd Ranch" Conference to support HS AP Application Design class
- "Next Practices" for Policy Board K-12



MS/HS Student Wellness Curriculum

## From our Superintendent



As a premier academic institution, the **Bronxville School** holds its students to a high standard when it comes to their education built around the four dispositions of the *Bronxville Promise*. As our commitment to excellence expands, we value the involvement and support we receive from our community. A key element of our success is our partnership with the Bronxville School Foundation. Through this valuable relationship, the district received over \$660,000 of grants in the last year! And through the generosity of our community who support the Foundation, our students and staff have access to many cutting-edge programs and resources. The opportunity to develop and cultivate creative ideas is one of the things that makes Bronxville such a special place.

In addition to providing our staff access to some of the top consultants and professional development in the country, the Foundation has supported grants that touch all areas of our educational program. Some of the 2018 grants include significant investments in a state-of-the-art TV studio, a performance coach for our National History Day participants, who, by the way, won first place in the National competition, an online Mandarin class, VR headsets for the HS Guidance program so students can take “virtual” college tours, and flexible furniture to support our emphasis on developing learner-centered classrooms. Many other grants have allowed the district to explore various pathways to innovation ensuring our students are receiving an education built to last a lifetime. I encourage you to take a look at how the Bronxville School and, most importantly, our students benefit from the work of the Foundation.

On behalf of our staff, students, and community, we thank you for your support and generosity and we look forward to another exciting year at the Bronxville School!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Roy R. Montesano".

Roy R. Montesano, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



## 2018 Lighthouse Award

### 2018 Lighthouse Award Recipient **Bridget Sands, class of 2019**



The Bronxville School was founded in 1922 as a Lighthouse School, dedicated to the ideal that children are unique individuals with a right to an education that helps them achieve their highest potential at every stage of their development. In 1999, the Foundation established the Lighthouse Award.

Each year, the award goes to a member of the junior class who exemplifies the school's educational ideals of enthusiasm for learning, pride of accomplishment, self-discipline, self-esteem and consideration for the ideas and values of others. Voted on by her classmates and faculty, Bridget Sands is the 2018 Lighthouse Award Recipient. She possesses the qualities of mind, spirit and service that the Foundation supports.

## The Annual Katie Welling Memorial Run & Walk

A wonderful community event and a Thanksgiving tradition, hundreds of runners and supporters participate to honor the memory of 2002 BHS Graduate, Katie Welling.



Join us for the 11th Annual Katie Welling Memorial Run & Walk on Nov. 24, 2018

# The Classroom of Tomorrow

The Bronxville School Foundation is committed to investing in the cutting edge curriculum, equipment and tools that create a 21st century classroom.



## Television Studio

Studio B has been transformed into a state-of-the-art TV studio that provides exciting media opportunities for our middle and high school students. Filming and production of Bronco TV now takes place in a space that mimics a professional newsroom. Students have the opportunity to learn all aspects of the production process in this exciting new space.



## College Tours Via Virtual Reality Headsets

There are a number of limitations that prevent high school students from visiting colleges – time being one of the biggest hurdles for many students. These virtual tours are another useful tool for students to make more informed decisions in a less stressful environment.

## Innovative Furniture

Classrooms equipped with innovative furniture provide our students with a flexible learning environment that promotes collaboration, problem solving and independence. These responsive, dynamic environments reflect life outside the traditional classroom setting.



Through the use of this furniture, students adapt the classroom to best fit their needs and create the most optimal space for achieving their goals.



## Mandarin Language Class via Remote Teacher

The High School Introductory Mandarin Chinese I course is an online synchronous learning program that provides high quality language instruction through a technology-rich video conferencing model. Bronxville

students are located onsite and are instructed by a highly trained teacher of the Orange-Ulster BOCES Mandarin Chinese Department. This opportunity not only provides high quality instruction in Mandarin, but also introduces an alternative method of instruction that has the potential to shift the paradigm in terms of what is possible in a small high school.

# How the Foundation Helps Enhance Excellence

## Why We Exist

The Foundation exists to fund important and innovative projects the District budget cannot cover. These enhancements are vital to creating an excellent overall educational experience for our children and keeping our school competitive.

## Our Future

The Foundation's work is more critical than ever given the constraint of the NY state tax cap on District revenues. It is only through the ongoing and generous support of the community that we will keep our school and village strong.

## What Differentiates Us

The Foundation and the PTA play different, but complementary, roles at Bronxville School. The Foundation funds grant requests, primarily from teachers and administrators, for faculty training, curriculum enhancements, and upgrades to equipment and facilities. The PTA serves as a vital link between the school and parents to support communication, after-school enrichment programs, and athletic and community traditions.



Foundation projects touch every student, elevating their educational experience in academics, the arts, athletics and student support services.

The Foundation enhance excellence at our school by helping maintain the competitive advantages that help keep our community strong and support fulfillment of the Bronxville Promise.

## School & Community Impact

The Foundation positively impacts all three schools by supporting academics, arts, athletics, student support services, and faculty. By maintaining vital connections with alumni and the broader Bronxville community, the Foundation provides a means for all constituents to partner for Bronxville School's progress.

## What We Do

The Foundation's 30-member volunteer board works with teachers, the administration, students and parents to identify innovative ideas that will have the greatest impact on the most students. The Foundation board performs extensive due diligence on grant proposals. To fund those ideas, the Foundation raises money each year from school families, alumni and community members.

## What's Compelling

Foundation funds have direct and immediate impact by making many cutting-edge curricular and technology improvements possible. The grants are fast and flexible — many projects funded in May are up and running in classrooms in time for the new school year.

Donor List includes  
Katie Welling  
Run/Walk  
participants &  
donors

## Ways to Give

Most donors give during our annual fund drive in the fall when Foundation board members send letters out to the community, but gifts are made throughout the year. We also sponsor the **Katie Welling Memorial Run**, a great community event on the Saturday of the Thanksgiving holiday. Alumni support the Foundation through the **Alumni Fund-Raising Drive** and the **Alumni Brick Walk** in which alumni (or their families) purchase inscribed pavers for the brick walk in front of the school. Gifts can be in the form of cash, securities, or life insurance. Some donors give "In Memory Of," "In Recognition Of," "In Honor Of," or as planned Gifts/Bequests.

**Thanks to the generosity of our community,  
total contributions for 2018 were \$530,346.**

### Designated Foundation Gift Funds: Endowment Fund:

You may choose to donate to the Foundation's Endowment Fund to provide a reserve of support for the Foundation's work. Appreciation and interest earned by Endowment Fund investments currently cover all Foundation overhead so that every dollar donated goes directly to funding grants.

### Other Designated Foundation Gift Funds:

Fund for Science Education  
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