

## **30TH ANNIVERSARY**



## **RISING TO THE CHALLENGE**

Annual Report June 2021

## **OUR MISSION**

The Bronxville School Foundation was incorporated in 1991 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.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the ingenuity of grant writers, the Foundation helped the Bronxville School provide a safe and flexible learning environment for our students in this highly challenging year. We are so grateful to the administration, faculty, and staff for their incredible work in these unprecedented times.



# FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

"It takes a village."

When I first moved to town, I heard this phrase used often and never truly understood what it meant. As time wore on, I came to appreciate the notion that our small community always rises to the challenge and provides support to other members of the community during their



time of greatest need. As you read this annual report, you will see the many examples of how your donations helped our children and the Bronxville School faculty and staff maintain our standard of academic excellence during a trying year. With variants creating continued uncertainty as to how the next school year will unfold, we ask you to support the BSF, either for the first time or once again, as we aim to continue our mission to provide an excellent educational experience for our students. Every gift makes a difference as we fund projects as small as \$150 to as large as the television studio.

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the BSF, we ask that you help us achieve our goal of 100% participation from our school families because after all it takes a village.

With deep appreciation,

Rob Crystal Chairperson

High School Musical - Outdoor Sound Equipment & Consultant Grant

## 2021 GRANT AWARDS



STEM Equipment



Portable Podcast Studio



#### **EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS**

- Bronx River Research II
  Equipment
- Middle School Science Microscopes
- Portable Podcast Studio
- Elementary School Audio Systems
- Bronxville UFSD Cable Channel
  - High School Musical Outdoor Production Assistance
  - Video Camera for Bronco TV
  - Chambers Field Sound System Updates
  - Expansion of First Grade Book Libraries
- Keiser Trainers for Fitness Center
- Football GoRout Technology

#### FACILITIES

- PUREZONE Application by GUARDXPRO
- Zoom Classrooms & Teacher Home Use Equipment
- IDE Budgets for Classroom Redesign & Technology
- Interactive Thermoplastic Surface for Elementary School Playground

#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

- "Design Thinking" Debrief Sessions
  What We Learned from Covid
- Staff Appreciation Bronxville
  Adult School Education Classes

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Leading Adult Learners Support for Teacher Leaders
- High School "Design Thinking" Strategy Projects - Phase 2

#### PROGRAM & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- Delivering a Dynamic & Compelling Talk
- Elementary School Math Curriculum Enhancements
- Winning Mindset Training for Athletes
- Printmaking for Visual Arts
- World Languages Symposium
- Open Your Mind to Language
  Events
- Food Scrap Recycling Program
- Heimlich Heroes Program
- Lincoln Center Chamber Music Program



Athletic Equipment Upgrades



Performing Arts



**ELA Book Libraries** 

## TOTAL: 34 GRANTS

## AMOUNT: \$567,000

Math Curriculum Enhancements

#### LIGHTHOUSE AWARD



#### **Bethany Lee & Lucy Clark** 2021 Lighthouse Award Recipients

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 member(s) of the junior class who exemplify 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 their classmates and faculty, Lucy Clark and Bethany Lee are the 2021 Lighthouse Award Recipients. They possess the qualities of mind, spirit, and service that the Foundation supports.

#### THE ANNUAL KATIE WELLING RUN & WALK November 15-30, 2021



The Katie Welling Memorial Run & Walk is a wonderful community event and Thanksgiving tradition to honor the memory of 2002 BHS Graduate, Katie Welling. We hope to have a live event this year on Saturday, November 27, if our circumstances with Covid permit. For maximum flexibility, we also will have a virtual component to the event that will run from November 15-30.

#### FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

As we prepare for yet another exciting school year, we appreciate the partnership and support of the Bronxville School Foundation. Indeed, this year's theme of "Rising to the Challenge" could not be more appropriate. While we all held out hope that the pandemic would be behind us, the new Delta variant has not made that possible. Thanks to our dedicated staff and our community partnerships, we will reach our goal to create an exciting and safe learning environment.



The Bronxville community continues to show how resilient and strong we are. Between the pandemic and starting this year with Hurricane Ida, we all came together to ensure our children began the school year on time and ready to go. The Bronxville Promise: To Innovate, Lead, Think Critically, and Engage the World, our north star, is ever present in how we go about our daily work. The support of the Foundation and their willingness to provide seed money for new and innovative programs continues to create a long lasting impact. We were able to seamlessly switch to a hybrid environment last year, thanks to the assistance of the Foundation. In addition, the financing of our Innovation Center has allowed us to expand our STEM course offerings. I encourage everyone to look through this report and see and read about the many programs the Foundation has supported.

On behalf of the Bronxville School, we thank you for your support and generosity, and as we face future challenges, we will continue to Rise to the Challenge together as a community. We look forward to another exciting year at the Bronxville School!

Go Broncos!

Roy R. Montesano, Ed. D Superintendent of Schools



# Rising to the Challenge

Thirty Years of Consistent Donor Support Takes Bronxville School Experience to Next Level

Over the last three decades, the Foundation's generous donor base has elevated the Bronxville School experience to meet changing needs and new challenges. Since its inception, the Foundation has worked with educators, students, parents, and the community to build a solid infrastructure of innovative programming, equipment, and technology.

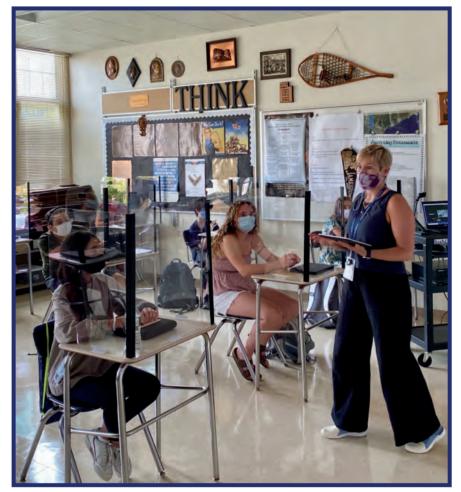
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**PRESENT** 

**FUTURE** 

With the significant challenges of the pandemic, the impact of the Foundation's work has never been more evident. An extensive technology network and related professional development previously funded by the Foundation enabled faculty and students to adapt quickly, and grants over the last year helped the school to reopen safely, technologically outfit classrooms for hybrid learning, and support continued innovation of academic and extra-curricular programming.

The pandemic forced innovation and change at a pace that was not previously thought possible. Many of the Foundation's most recently approved grants seek to capitalize on the learning of this past year and advance that learning to the next level. Our donors' continued support and investment in innovation uniquely positions the school to continue to adapt to meet future challenges.



Alyssa Dioguardi's Class - Fall 2020

To learn more about our approved grants, please visit www.BronxvilleSchoolFoundation.org.

## 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 constraints of these unprecedented times. 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 the 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 enhances excellence at our school by helping maintain the competitive advantages that keep our community strong and support fulfillment of the Bronxville Promise.

#### 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 submitted for these ideas and raises money each year from school families, alumni, and community members to fund approved grants.

## 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.

## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Foundation positively impacts all three schools by making facilities improvements and 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 the Bronxville School's progress.

## **30 YEARS OF GIVING**

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 & Walk, a great community tradition in November. 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. Some donors give "In Memory of," "In Recognition of," "In Honor of," or as planned Gifts/Bequests. Gifts may be in the form of cash, securities, or life insurance.

# Thanks to the generosity of our community, total contributions for 2021 were \$473,125.

#### **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 virtually every dollar donated goes directly to funding grants.

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The Foundation helps alumni stay connected to the Bronxville School. We appreciate their important support of our mission. Many thanks to the Alumni Classes who mark their reunions with donations.

## Alumni Walk



More than 2,300 bricks grace the entrance of the Bronxville School in a strong showing of support for the school by our alumni. Created in 1994, the Alumni Walk has grown through donations from graduates of all ages. Entire classes, as well as families and friends, purchase bricks to honor graduates and school staff. This year the following bricks were added to the walk:

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Senior Class Graduation on June 18, 2021



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