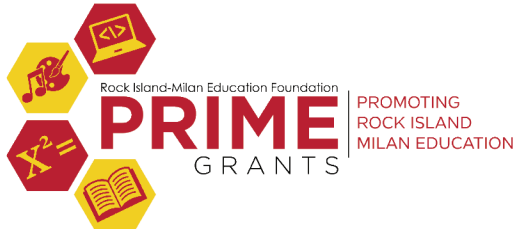


RIMEF Awards \$115,324 in PRIME Grants



Students in the Rock Island-Milan School District will benefit from 52 PRIME (Promoting Rock Island Milan Education) Grants awarded on July 31 at the RIHS Auditorium. The \$115,324 from the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation will fund projects throughout the district in classrooms from Horace Mann Early Learning Center to Rock Island High School. 28 Teacher, 20 Departmental/School, and 4 Multi-School grants were funded and these will provide programs, materials, and technologies for 2019-2020 school year.

This year, 3rd Graders from Ms. Arkebauer's class at Eugene Field will explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) experiences. Ms. Stribling's Basic Nursing students at Rocky will be better prepared for working with elderly patients with the help of a Geriatric Sensory Impairment kit. Washington Junior High students will develop positive mindsets and problem-solving skills this year thanks to a PRIME Grant secured by Ms. Tingley. 49 other creative projects taught by 60 other dedicated, inspired teachers will help our students grow and attain their academic goals.

PRIME Grants provide financial resources for materials, technologies, and innovative programs that would otherwise go unfunded. Teachers submit applications in June stating overviews, costs and a summary of how the programs or requested materials will enhance, expand, and/or improve the academic environment. Teachers may apply for grants up to \$1,500, Departmental/School grants are available for up to \$3,000, and Multi-school grants can be as high as \$5,000.

The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation's PRIME Grant program can only continue through the generosity of donors, and our business /community partners. Additional funds are provided by Junior Board of the Quad Cities, the Doris and Victor Day Foundation, and the Rauch Family Foundation. Our Major Saver fundraiser is a large resource for our PRIME funding as well as providing direct funds to our schools. For the 2nd year, Edwards Creative in Milan donated the award plaques for all our teachers to proudly display in their classrooms. We thank all those who support this vital program.

Our great teachers continue finding new ways to enhance learning in their classrooms and we want to fund every worthy project. Please consider a donation to the Foundation to support PRIME Grants for our students, teachers, & schools.



Supporting Major Saver Supports PRIME Grants!

Since 2012, the Education Foundation has raised over \$218,000 through our Major Saver fundraiser. A portion of the Major Saver proceeds help support the PRIME Grant program and the balance is given directly back to our eleven participating schools.

The 2019 Major Saver campaign in the schools runs from 9/12 - 9/25. You may purchase the \$15 card from a student or by purchasing online any time at www.majorsaver.com. If you live outside the Quad Cities, there may be a card available for your area which you can purchase and credit back to the RIMSD school of your choice! You save while supporting RIMSD students & schools!



2019-2020 PRIME Grant Awards



Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation

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Teacher Grants:

Cindy Arkebauer, Eugene Field: **\$1,462.41 – Full STEAM Ahead**
Angela Benson, Longfellow: **\$1,500 – Social-Emotional Learning Through Art and Literature**
Jacquelyn Cobb, Earl Hanson: **\$1,500 – Learning with Technology**
Daniel J. Colbrese, Eugene Field: **\$1,500 – Read to Succeed**
Katie Dennis, RIHS: **\$1,280 – 3D Printing Our Future**
Joleen Dierickx, Thomas Jefferson: **\$1,389.90 – Classroom Chromebooks**
Kimberly Dillender, Earl Hanson: **\$1,452.30 – Advancement and Efficiency Through Technology**
Rita Entsminger, RICMS: **\$1,488.10 – Scholastic/Science Spin, Alternative Seating, plus Technology**
Laura Erickson, Longfellow: **\$1,500 – Social & Emotional Learning Through Art and Literature**
Mara Goodvin, Ridgewood: **\$510.13 – Flexible Tools to Enhance Instrumentation**
Melanie Graff, Eugene Field: **\$1,426 – STEAM in Our World**
Henry Hall, Earl Hanson: **\$1,452.30 – Chromebooks for Analyzing Text, Journaling/Peer Review**
Kris Hays, RICMS: **\$1,432.67 – Investigations & Explorations**
Andrea Jacobs, Earl Hanson: **\$1,432.30 – Differentiation Through Technology**
Mark Laingen, RIHS: **\$1,460.29 – Get it Together**
Christopher LaRoche, RIHS: **\$1,435 – Getting Probed: Force & Motion Interactions**
Angela Minas, Eugene Field: **\$1,500 – Reading A to STEAM**
Tara Niemeier, Longfellow: **\$1,500 – Brain Bins**
Stephanie Sanders, RI Academy: **\$1,420.60 – Flexible Classroom Seating**
Jennifer Schrempf, Earl Hanson: **\$1,500 – Teaching with Technology**
Shaya Smith, RICMS: **\$1,216.29 – Upgrade Me!**
Linnea Sparacello, RI Academy: **\$650 – Bring STEM into the Head Start Classroom**
Mandi Stout, Longfellow: **\$1,500 – Brain Bins**
Joann Stribling, RIHS: **\$996.45 – Geriatric Sensory Impairment**
Jennifer Trimble, RIHS: **\$1,313.70 – Let's Get Handsy with Genetics**
Laurie Vroman, RIHS: **\$1,224.10 – Going Green!**
Wade Weber, RIHS: **\$1,500 – Metal Mastery**
Chad Wickard, RICMS: **\$1,500 – For the Love of Learning**



Departmental/School Grants:

Nicole Berry, Horace Mann: **\$2,984.95 – Calming Room**
Karly Burns, Sean Turnipseed, Ebonie Wilmington, RI Academy: **\$3,000 – Flexible Seating for Success in a 21st Century Classroom**
Giovanna Davila, Thomas Jefferson: **\$2,600 – Thomas Jefferson's Fine Arts Day**
Kimberly DeCook, Ridgewood: **\$2,949.50 – Functional Life Skills Classroom and Community Outings/Experiences**
Pharaoh Gay, Ridgewood: **\$2,999 – Heart & Soul**
Julie Hudnall, RICMS: **\$2,599.38 – Stack it Up**
Stephanie Dieudonne, RIHS: **\$3,090 – Advanced Fabrication**
Jeff Martin, Denkmann: **\$2,957 – "All About That Bass"**
Jessica Matherly, RIHS: **\$3,000 – Rocky Resource Room**
Nikki Melody, Frances Willard: **\$3,000 – Increasing Engagement by Improving Recess**
Gretchen O'Brien, Denkmann: **\$2,857.36 – Got Yoga?**
Angie Paprocki, Toni Moore, Denkmann/Ridgewood: **\$3,000 – "That's Life"**
Andrea Parer, RIHS: **\$3,000 – Welcome to Intervention**
Beth Raygor, Maria Taber, Earl Hanson: **\$3,000 – Schoolwide Movement and Sensory Input for Success**
Amanda Schaubroeck, Amy Sadler, Bettina McWilliams, RI Academy: **\$1,700 – 2nd Grade Ready Readers**
Jeff Schmulbach, Kendrick Burrage, Washington Jr. High: **\$2,929.80 – Pickleball Unit**
Rebekah Stevenson, Kim Kettering, Longfellow: **\$2,850.48 – Mindful Movement for Math**
Dionne Tingley, Washington Jr. High: **\$3,000 – Let's Celebrate Growth and Success**
Dean Van Vooren, Thomas Jefferson: **\$2,989.65 – Bottle Filling Drinking Fountain**
Dennis Weiss, Eugene Field: **\$3,000 – Outdoor Learning Classroom**



Multi-School Grants:

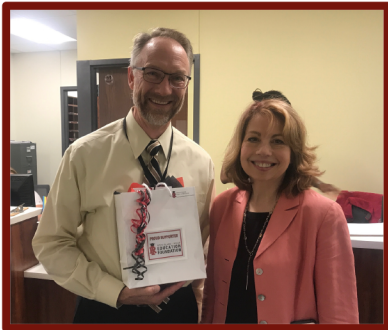
Cris Braddy, All Elementary & Jr. High Schools: **\$4,992.08 – Learning to Listen! Band Room Media Tech**
Ramona Dixon, District: **\$5,000 – School Supplies for the First Day!**
Matt Manweiler & Katie Benson, District: **\$4,892.60 – Learning About Latin American Culture and Music with Jesus Florido**
Scott Voigt, RIHS, Edison, & Washington: **\$4,979.94 – Perform, Listen, and Reflect - Music Tech**

Welcome to the District!



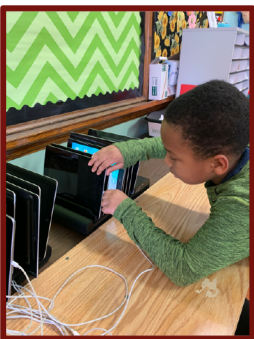
The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation had the pleasure of welcoming all the new teachers and administration to the District for the 2019-2020 school year. During the first week of school, 50 “Welcome Bags” were personally delivered to each of the new employees in their classrooms or offices. Bags for pre-school and elementary school teachers contained gift certificates to *Teacher’s Aide* in Moline to help with any out-of-pocket costs in setting up their classrooms. Bags for teachers at Washington and Edison Jr. Highs and

Rock Island High School along with all new principals, counselors, and social workers contained gift cards for Office Depot to assist with their classrooms or offices as well. In addition, every bag contained a welcome letter from the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation, copies of our newsletters, & brochures, and, as a special treat, gift cards courtesy of local favorites Cool Beanz and Whitey’s Ice Cream.



The welcome bags were made possible by generous donations made through our 2019 “Birdies for Charity” appeal – the John Deere Classic fundraiser. The RIMEF intends to make the gift bag an annual presentation to every new District teacher. The welcome and the assistance it brought was very much appreciated by the teachers, administration, and staff. It served as a great introduction to the RIMEF and ensures an understanding of how we assist our great schools, teachers, and students with overwhelming support provided by you.

2018-2019 PRIME Grants



Ms. VanOpDorp –
“Charge It Up!”

Ms. Weber – “Science &
Engineering Practices in Action”



Ms. Mohr – “Growing
Readers and Thinkers”



Ms. Gardner – “Sound & Color”



Ms. Pfaff – “SPARK Education”

You can make a lasting impact in the life of a child by investing in their education. When you donate to the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation, you are making an investment in the education of children throughout our district. Your dollars make a difference when purchasing resources to increase literacy, initiate a STEAM program, fund an innovative approach to learning, or provide the encouragement to extend education through a scholarship. Your investment helps us provide “enhanced academic opportunities” for the success of Rock Island-Milan District students now and in years to come.

The RIMEF has many options to support our students, teachers, and schools. You may donate to one of our established programs, general fund, or an endowment. A gift of any size makes a difference. If you’d like to include the RIMEF in your estate or long-range planning, please consult your tax, legal, or financial advisor to help determine what option would be best for you:

“There is no greater return than an investment in a child’s education”

The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation was formed in 1986 to solicit and receive funds to support academic programs in the Rock Island-Milan School District. A board of directors, comprised of volunteer professional, business, and community leaders, governs the operations of the foundation.

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Help Us Find Past Winners!

2020 will mark the 40th year of the Austin Academic Achievement Awards and the RIMEF plans to recognize our past winners at the upcoming *Austin Academic Achievement Awards & Scholarship Night* next May!

We are looking for all 39 years of past winners and need your help! If you know one of our past award recipients, please have them contact the Education Foundation. For the complete list of winners, please check the “AAAA” tab on our website: www.rimef.org.

Since 1981 when the Illinois Chamber of Commerce initiated the Academic Achievement Awards, 618 awards have been presented. The RIMEF would love to recognize these outstanding graduates during our special evening of awards. Please help us find our past winners and celebrate the tradition of academic excellence found in the Rock Island-Milan School District!



2020 RIHS DIRECTORY

The RIMEF will be sponsoring a new directory of Rock Island High School graduates. This will be the 5th directory the RIMEF has sponsored with PCI having previous issues in 1995, 2000, 2005, & 2010. Please let us know if you would be interested in obtaining a copy when it becomes available next summer.



Welcome Dr. Lawrence!

Along with the other teachers and staff new to the Rock Island-Milan School District, the RIMEF welcomed the new Superintendent, Dr. Reginald Lawrence, to the District and to our Board of Directors. We are thrilled to have Dr. Lawrence join our Board and look forward to his input and insight as he serves for many years to come!