



October 2023

Mount Olive Academic Foundation

P.O. Box 159, Mt. Olive, IL 62069

The Mount Olive Academic Foundation has awarded 31 mini-grants totaling \$12,712.46 (\$3,822.02 for the high school and \$8,890.44 for the grade school/junior high) for Academic year 2023 – 2024.

Judge William Johnson Award

Jenny Niehaus – English – To take students to see the play on Edgar Allan Poe's works (\$700)

Mini-Grants – High School

Amanda Osmoe – Physical Education – PE Supplies (\$300)

Heather Spudich – Biology – Dissection supplies and incubator (\$670.44)

Dan Lesko – Writing/Arts/Literature – Computer and speaker system (\$700)

Casey Davis – Math – Calculators, caddies, algebra software (\$491.58)

Nick Simmons – History – Field trip to Holocaust and Abraham Lincoln Museums (\$400)

Tracy Holliday – Special ED -Book Series (\$260)

Rebecca Wallner – Math – Calculators (\$300)

Mini-Grants – Grade School

Kim Greenwood – SMASE ECE Stage play materials (\$350)

Elizabeth Childers – Kindergarten-Dramatic play (\$300)

Breanna Seely – Kindergarten – Materials and Scholastic News (\$467.87)

Kelly Titsworth – Title 1 – Materials for Title 1 reading (\$411.59)

Leah Pastrovich – First Grade – Field Trip (\$443)

Theresa Komor – First Grade – Stem extensions and Scholastic News (\$183.78)

Lumanda Reese – Second Grade - Books and classroom materials (\$325)

Julie Cox – Second Grade – Educational books (\$450)

Nikki Garrels – Third Grade – White board (\$400)

Julie Wargo – Third Grade – Trip to Science Center and Scholastic News (\$550)

Connie Colley – Fourth Grade – Trip to Lincoln Museum and Scholastic News (\$342.29)

Danielle Elliott – Fourth Grade – Trip to St. Louis City Museum (\$420)

Rachel Hutchins – Fifth Grade – Scholastic News (\$100)

Amy Moulton – Junior High Math – Math resources (\$300)

Jennifer Moultrie – Junior High Math – Math puzzles and calculators (\$428)

Julie Heyen – Junior High Science – Digital camera and Scholastic News (\$668.84)

Jenny Binney – Junior High Language Arts/Social Studies – Books and supplemental materials (\$601.02)



Teacher Julie Wargo with her Third Grade Class receiving a Mini-Grant from Jane Becker, Foundation member, for a trip to the Science Center and subscriptions to Scholastic News.

Karen Gall – Junior High Language Arts/Social Studies – Books and materials (\$275)

Adam Schulte – Art – Art materials (\$500)

Nikki Katich – Special Education – Cards and books (\$325)

Jennifer Stockstill – Speech Therapist – Lesson plans (\$106.34)

Sam Whitmore – JH PE/Health -PE Equipment (\$250)

Josh Martin – Student Services Coordinator – Materials and equipment for new job (\$692.71)

Dr. D.Ross and Rosemary Billiter Grant



Presenting the Award to Mr. Winsel is Foundation President Roger Kratochvil

The Mount Olive Academic Foundation awarded the annual Dr. D. Ross and Rosemary Billiter Grant for academic year 2023 – 2024 to teacher Mike Winsel and the Vocational Ed Department. The amount of \$1,649.99 will be used to purchase a Dell Latitude 5440 Core i5 1345U vPro Enterprise Computer otherwise known as a CNC machining/computer aided for drafting. This laptop has enough power to run programs used in his class.

Providing Educational Support

- 27 years of service to young lives
- Educational Event Grant-\$1,200
- After Prom Activities-\$1,000
- Elementary Event Grant "Stop Bullying"- \$1,295
- Guest Speaker – Holocaust Survivor-\$1,300
- Guitar and piano for band program-\$1,049
- Fairy Tale Garden-\$350
- National Honor Society plaques and pins and SAT incentives-\$1,089.32
- JH and HS Educational Event Grant for 23-24-\$3,895
- Playground equipment-slide, swings, bench, picnic table, mulch-\$50,200 from the Pearl Randle Account
- Security updates
- Clay for Art Department-\$400
- Student Improvement-\$1,000
- Dr. Billiter Grant of \$400 to each teacher and administrator for out-of-pocket expenses
- Pete Brown Memorial Art Grants-\$600
- Earl Hagerman Memorial for Shop-\$1,000
- Joyce and Arlin Duelm-Music Dept.-\$1,000 and Math Dept.-\$1,000
- Mini Grants for 23-24-\$12,712.46

Over \$1,000,000 given to Mt. Olive Schools from donors through our alumni, individuals, business donations, memorials, and special grants.



One of the Fairy Tale Gardens which are planted by students each year

From The President . . .

Every year, at this time since 1996, I take time to extend our appreciation to you. We know that if it were not for our wonderful alumni and businesses, all of this would not be possible. So, as usual, I direct this thank you to you. This brochure highlights what we do with your contributions; we award grants that benefit all of the students as opposed to awarding scholarships that only benefit a few. We have stayed with that plan since the foundation's inception and, as your president, have insisted that we are accountable to invest in the education of all of our children. We are all Wildcats and Bombers; we are dedicated to providing our children the funding necessary to offer an equal playing field for them when they leave high school. Again, you are all very much appreciated, and we all sincerely thank you.

Roger Kratochvil, President

Dear Academic Foundation,

Thank you for the amazing support that you have given the Mt. Olive School District. Thirty years ago, in 1993, when I was hired, I started out with a half-dozen left-handed scissors, orange and yellow construction paper, a globe, and a faded solar system bulletin board set. Thinking back of how "it was" really makes me appreciate everything that I have been granted for my wishes for several years. I have received manipulatives, loads of books, reading incentives, computers, Hovercams, field trips, Promethean boards, updated technology through the years, other wishes granted for the school such as our library update, computer labs as well as software, assemblies, etc. The Academic Foundation has made the education environment in our district so beneficial and rewarding to teachers and students. I will always be grateful for the support that I have been given and will always be a proud Bomber/Wildcat. Thank you so much!

Julie Wargo, Grade Three



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