

VSF fundraisers for body, brain and appetite

A big thank you to Sue Fahrenkrug of Binghamton Zumba for getting our blood pumping during a September 29 fundraiser for the Foundation. Turnout was light due to scheduling conflicts, but those who attended had a fantastic time and suggested that we run the event again.



Next up is our annual Team Trivia Night on Friday, January 27, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the VMS cafeteria. Teams of up to 10 people (\$350 per team) will compete in an exciting video trivia battle! The evening also features raffles and free food. If you'd like to form a team or donate raffle items or food, contact Barb Fox Carosella at offrecord@aol.com or 607.786.3828.

We hope you will come to the Vestal Public Library parking lot on Monday, March 12, 2012 to enjoy a delicious meal by Doug's Fish Fry. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Vestal School Foundation.

Vestal School Foundation's annual
teamtrivia
NIGHT

Friday, January 27, 2012
6:30 p.m.
VMS Cafeteria

To participate, contact
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DOUG'S

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Monday, March 12, 2012
Vestal Public Library

The VSF donated \$1,000 for school supplies

The Vestal School Foundation commends the Vestal Teachers Association and the Association of Vestal Paraprofessionals for organizing food relief for our community!

We were pleased to be able to help fund replacement school supplies.



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Fourteen grants totaling \$16,119 awarded in 2011

Since its inception in 1994, Vestal School Foundation has awarded over 300 grants, totaling approximately \$300,000, to Vestal teachers, staff, students and town residents for projects designed to benefit students in the Vestal Central School District. Following are the grants funded in 2011:

Clayton Avenue Elementary Pavilion
Dave & Betty Engle / Clayton Avenue Elementary

Nook Reading in Our Youth
Tammy Wanck / Glenwood Elementary

Strive for Seven: Walkin' the Talk of the Seven Habits
Robyn Adams, Steve Crowle, Sandra Dunham, Eva Michitti, Charlotte Moran & Dallas Saunders / Vestal Hills Elementary

Autodesk Inventor Training
David Osinski / Vestal Middle

Hooked on Ponics: Hydroponic Gardening in IB Environmental Systems & Societies
Dave Porigow / Vestal High

Replace Weather Station at High School
Dave Porigow, Chris Livingstone, Andrea Smith & Pat Gray / Vestal High

Fantastical Fantasia, a Visual Rhapsody
Melissa Restuccia / Vestal High

Binghamton University Nature Preserve Field Trip
Danette Berry / Vestal High

Shake, Rattle & Roll
Dave Porigow, Chris Livingstone, Andrea Smith & Pat Gray / Vestal High

Melt Stations: Data-Collecting Technology by Vernier
Tracy Suggs, Jim Cerra, Chris Livingstone & Jim Markstein / Vestal High

Science Olympiad: Tools & Supplies to Support Present Levels of Competition
Chris Livingstone & Dave Porigow / Vestal High

The Central Dogma of Molecular Biology
Danette Berry / Vestal High

The Wanda K. Infantolino Chemistry Magic Show
Tracy Suggs, Rosanne VanWie, Charlie Arbuiso & Stephanie Lewis / Vestal High

Saving the Team
Tracy Ferris / Vestal High

Grant recipients
Dave Porigow,
Tammy
Wanck, Chris
Livingstone,
Melinda Lewis,
Tracy Suggs,
Betty Engle,
Dave Engle,
Tracy Ferris
and Bradley
Bruce at the
June 14 award
reception



From the Vestal School Foundation board

When the Vestal School Foundation was formed in 1994, the school district's financial situation was in decline. Cuts in state funding and a shrinking local tax base necessitated staffing and program reductions and threatened the quality of Vestal students' education. Recognizing that educational opportunity is essential for the longterm success of our children *and* for the improvement of our regional economy, the Foundation began raising funds for programs and equipment that would not otherwise be available to our students.

Flash forward to the present. The economic scenario is still tenuous and carrying out the VSF's mission remains essential.

Our mission

To enrich and enhance education in the Vestal public schools by providing private funding and stimulating community support for innovative and challenging programs

Funds raised by the VSF are distributed through an annual grant process. All district students, teachers, staff and residents are eligible to apply. See "Tips" on the next page for details.

The VSF board was energized by an anonymous \$10,000 donation received early in 2011. Our 2011 Team Trivia Night netted \$8,481. The fall 2010 *LEAVES* newsletter/fundraiser also brought in significant income. We were pleased to be able to fund fourteen grant requests in the spring. Now, the 2011-2012 board is enthusiastic about raising money for the 2012 grant cycle. Please note our upcoming fundraisers and see how you can support our

students. We hope you will also consider making a monetary donation to this very important cause (donor form below).

Respectfully,

Beth Taylor, *President*
Marisa Butler, *Treasurer*

Barb Fox Carosella, *Vice President*
Lisa Hoffman, *Secretary*

Matching grant!

A trustee of the Harvey and Elizabeth Prior Shriber Charitable Trust has once again offered the VSF a \$2,000 matching grant. The trust is in memory of two teachers and longtime residents of the Binghamton School District.

The first collective \$2,000 in community donations will be matched!

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2011 Team Trivia Night contributors are wonderful!

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Tips on completing a VSF grant application

The Vestal School Foundation grants program is open to all community members. Grant applications are distributed to Vestal schools in January. They are also available at www.vestalschoolfoundation.com. A panel of ten VSF board members reviews the applications individually and then collectively makes a recommendation to the entire board for full approval.

Following are a few questions to guide you in the application process. For further information, please visit www.vestalschoolfoundation.com.

1 How many students does this serve? While the Vestal School Foundation has funded many grants that serve a small number of students, your chance of receiving funding is better if you can make the case that many will be served.

2 Is the budget complete and justified? We receive many excellent proposals, but often the request for funds is not properly justified.

3 Does the budget request include items that will be useful for several years? The VSF often receives grant applications requesting disposables such as crayons, paper, etc. If the innovative component of the application rates highly, then the board might approve it. But if the budget is exclusively for purchase of disposables, approval is less likely.

4 Does the proposal integrate or enhance a larger program? This is not a prerequisite for funding, but many grant applications receive high marks if they are part of a community outreach

program or an active school program that has a larger scope. Applications, however, that request supplemental funds are encouraged to add a new, creative and innovative component to the larger program.

5 Is the proposal interdisciplinary? While this is not absolutely critical, any application that can bridge such seemingly diverse areas as art and science is most often scored highly.



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Thank you!