

**TOGETHER, WE ARE  
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North Penn Educational Foundation 2019-2020 Annual Report

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Letter from the President &  
Executive Director

**DEAR FOUNDATION SUPPORTER,**

To say the 2019-2020 school year was different is an understatement. The Foundation began its year focused on drafting a new strategic plan and strengthening our board of trustees and committee structure. We were well on our way to our goals of igniting student success, when the pandemic changed everything.

As a community we witnessed illness, livelihoods shaken and schools closed. This was enough to make anyone's head spin. However, together as a community, North Penn showed strength, resilience and leadership when faced with these challenges.

NPSD schools were forced to close on March 12, 2020 due to COVID-19, sending thousands of students home to continue learning remotely. The district requested assistance from the Foundation to ensure families had access to the internet to uphold the integrity of equity in education.

What came next is what makes us so proud to be members of the North Penn Community and leaders within the NPSD Educational Foundation. In true North Penn spirit, everyone came together to demonstrate what perseverance and strength look like in our community and our school district, and among our students and our families. We could not be more proud to be a part of an amazing organization that spearheads growth, ignites student success and promotes equality, not just during a pandemic, but every day.

While only 32 grants were funded during the school year due to the closure in the spring (our mid-year grants weren't issued), an astounding \$41,308 was raised through the NP Strong apparel campaign. Funds from this campaign paid for internet access and equipment to students in need, which rose during the Pandemic, to continue their education. Not to mention another \$13,000 was raised and thousands of items donated to the annual Build-A-Bag Community Backpack Drive which provides school supplies and backpacks to students in need.

The NPSD Educational Foundation Board of Trustees is committed to adjusting the mission and vision of this great organization, as the needs of those we serve change. We hope that you join us in our continued efforts to ignite student success.

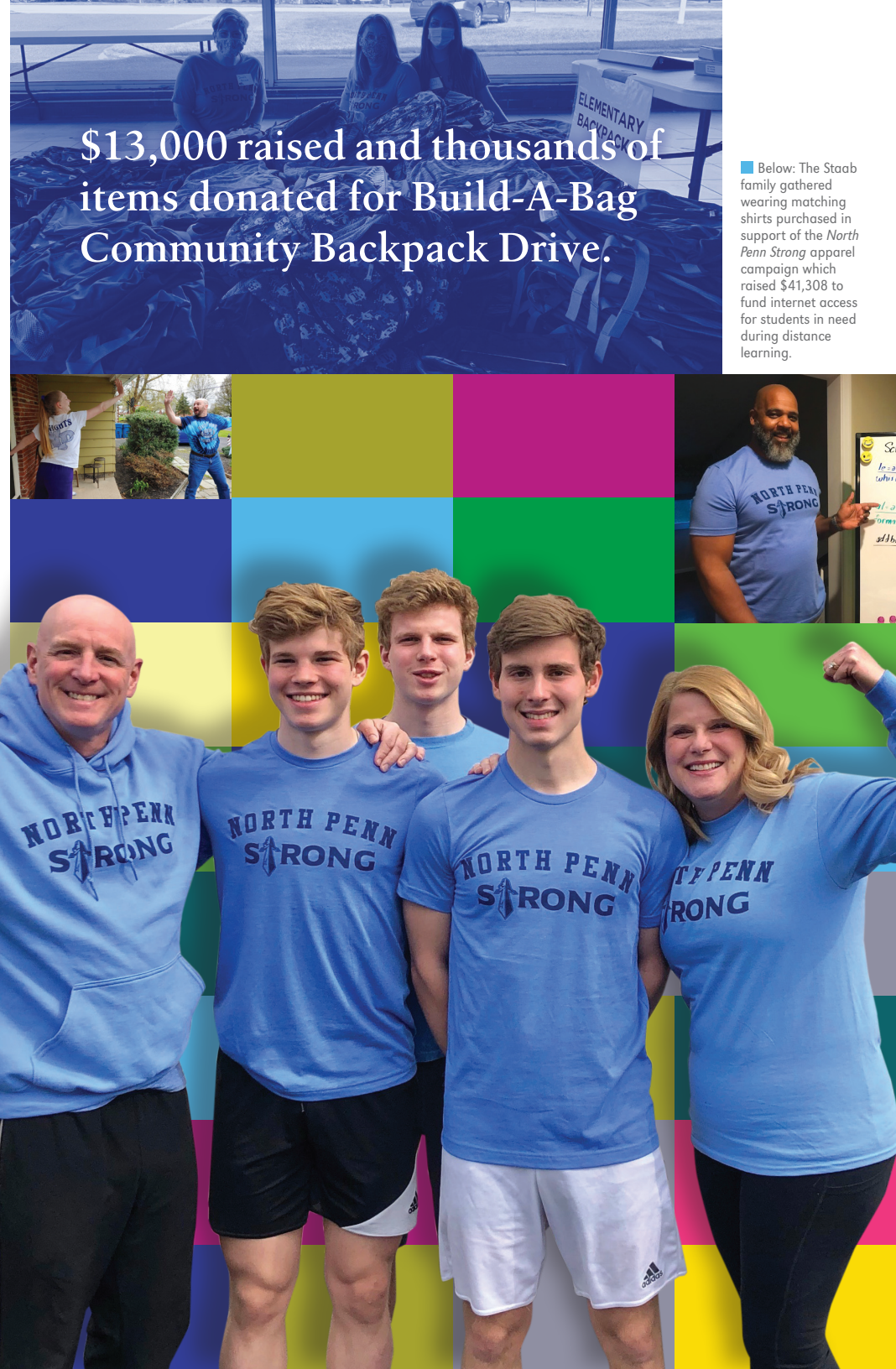
Sincerely,

**DAVID KRATZ**  
President

**CHRISTINE LIBERASKI**  
Executive Director  
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Below: The Staab family gathered wearing matching shirts purchased in support of the North Penn Strong apparel campaign which raised \$41,308 to fund internet access for students in need during distance learning.



# What is the North Penn School District EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION?

The NPSD Foundation raises essential funds through fundraisers and donations to support the premier education already provided by the North Penn School District. A 501(c)(3) corporation, the Foundation is a collaborative effort among individuals committed to providing financial support for NPSD schools. The Foundation and NPSD are separate entities but work as partners in support of the children being educated in the district's 18 schools.

## WHY SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION?

The students at NPSD have a hunger for cutting edge, creative innovation that is matched by the staff's desire to provide it for them. Grants funded by the NPSD Educational Foundation bring this innovation to life through classroom equipment, field trips, project materials, program software, guest speakers and so much more. Although the projects completed through these grants vary, one thing remains the same: everyone's enthusiasm and creativity for enriching students' lives.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to motivate and inspire students and staff in the NPSD through innovative projects and opportunities that enhance educational experiences and resources. We believe:

- Classroom innovation sparks creativity and academic excellence;
- Character building and experiential learning are vital to student development and academic achievement; and that
- Inspired and motivated students are an important part of strong and healthy families and communities.



Right: NPSD Superintendent Curt Dietrich and Juliane Ramić fill backpacks with school supplies for students in need, an effort made possible by the very successful Build-A-Bag Community Backpack Drive.

# Connection TO THE COMMUNITY

The Foundation's board consists of Trustees from a broad segment of the community who volunteer their time and expertise to raise the funds and awareness needed to support the Foundation's mission.

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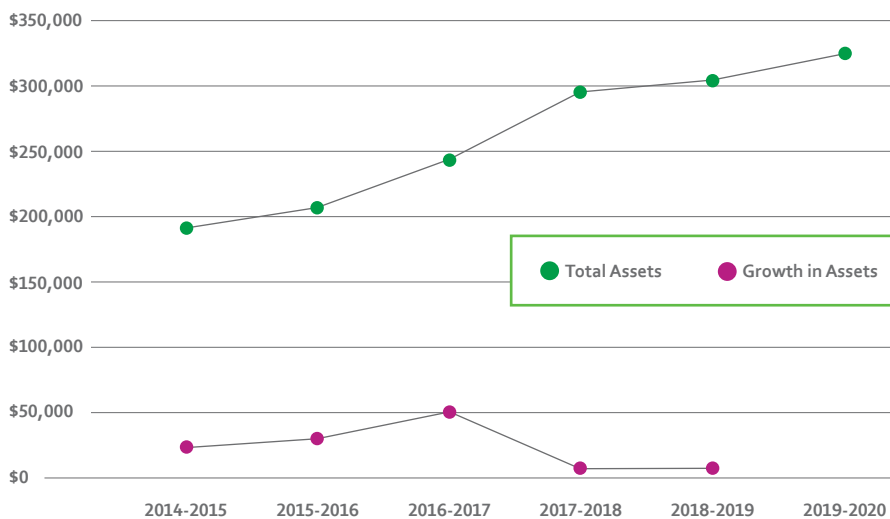


# Finances IN REVIEW 2019-2020

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	2020	2019 (COMPILED)
NET ASSETS	\$323,690	\$308,917
Unrestricted	\$239,261	\$214,609
Temporarily Restricted	\$84,429	\$94,308
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$323,690</b>	<b>\$308,917</b>



GROWTH IN ASSETS (2014-2020)



3D-printed mask straps produced by North Penn students help front-line healthcare workers.

**FROM CLASSROOM TO REAL LIFE:**

Matthew and Russell Cole joined forces to produce and distribute mask straps to front-line healthcare workers using their 3D printer and enlisted the NPHS Technology & Engineering Department to also create straps.



## Educational Improvement TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC), provides companies with a 75% tax credit for donations to a non-profit scholarship or educational improvement organization. The tax credit increases to 90% if the company commits to making the same donations for two consecutive years. The NPSD Educational Foundation has a number of programs approved to receive EITC funding, including the projects below funded this past school year.

TOTAL EITC FUNDS AWARDED: **\$59,297.77**

TOTAL EITC FUNDS RECEIVED: **\$66,500.00**



### SPACIAL COMPUTING (VIRTUAL REALITY GOGGLES)

**NORTH PENN HIGH SCHOOL • TOTAL AWARDED: \$25,247.73**

Spatial Computing is an exciting new way to teach and learn in the modern world. Imagine being able to take apart a turbine engine, explore the human body or even the depths of the solar system all from the lab in our high school. Students will learn about how to import student design content using software that we employ in our existing engineering program making this a whole new level of design capabilities.



## NANOTECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING RESEARCH

**NORTH PENN HIGH SCHOOL • TOTAL AWARDED: \$2,000**

The Future is N.E.A.R. (Nanotechnology Education and Research) is a STEM education research program that parallels the senior capstone course, Engineering Design and Development (EDD), of the North Penn High School Engineering Academy. With generous support from the NPSD Educational Foundation, students worked in design teams, utilized a combination of creative problem solving and some of the latest published research available, to improve the human condition by researching and developing solutions to global energy, environment, and healthcare issues that capitalize from fundamentals of nanotechnology and cutting-edge engineering research.

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## FUNDRAISING

*The Foundation is committed to preparing and empowering every student at North Penn, every day. Fundraising is an essential aspect to provide funding for innovative experiences and to close the opportunity gap for students to ensure they have equal access to opportunities for success.*

NP STRONG  
APPAREL  
CAMPAIGN:

**\$41,308**

raised to support internet access for equity in education

BUILD-A-BAG COMMUNITY  
BACKPACK & SCHOOL  
SUPPLY DRIVE:

**350**

backpacks filled with school supplies, face mask and hand sanitizer

ANNUAL  
GOLF  
CLASSIC:

**\$12,500**

fundraised for innovative opportunities

U-KNIGHT TO  
INSPIRE (EMPLOYEE  
CONTRIBUTIONS):

**\$20,783**

contributed by NPSD employees to fund classroom grants

### FUND A NEED, BUILD A CONNECTION

*In addition to fundraising events, the Foundation benefited by the generosity of others through direct contributions.*

Corporate & Organizational Contributions	\$7,602.38
Individual Contributions, Memorial Gifts & Matching Funds	\$6,222.06
The Carolyn & Paul Murphy Memorial Fund	\$25
Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program	\$66,500
Staff Tribute Program	\$4,276.76
Donor Designated Funds	\$50,350.99
Other (includes U-Knight to Inspire)	\$34,922.05

## Staff TRIBUTE

**\$21,275.47** was donated by making a gift in the name of a special staff member.



# Foundation GRANT HIGHLIGHTS



The Foundation awarded 41 grants, totalling \$76,636.69 (including EITC). Some of these grants were implemented prior to March 2020 while others will be initiated once students return to school buildings.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT — IMAGI-NATION: REAL LIFE SKILLS & HANDS ON EXPERIENCE

**HATFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • TOTAL AWARDED: \$550**



Our English Language Development (ELD) students received instruction through the National Geographic REACH program, which guided learners to consider how their everyday actions enhance their community and the world around them. ELD students learned higher-order thinking skills as well as the concept of different roles and responsibilities required in everyday professions. The upper elementary ELD students had the opportunity to act as role models for the lower elementary ELD students. This allowed students across our grade levels to form bonds while completing highly engaging activities related to the workforce.

## HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION — ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB DISKS

**PENNBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL • TOTAL AWARDED: \$110**

The Foundation's grant to the Pennbrook Middle School's Ultimate Frisbee Club ensured students have enough high quality discs to learn and engage in this new and exciting game, with the hopes that they continue to play throughout their lives. The discs are durable and are the official size and weight of high school and college Ultimate discs. Ultimate is a fast paced, action filled game that helps kids stay active while having fun.

## SCIENCE — NOT FULL OF HOT AIR (AIR TABLE)

**NORTH PENN HIGH SCHOOL • TOTAL AWARDED: \$888.75**

The air table funded by the Foundation provided new opportunities for students to examine Newton's Laws and Momentum. They utilized the air table in hands-on labs to observe motion under frictionless conditions. This simplified most physics phenomena, making it much more accessible for students.



## OTHER — CULINARY FIELD TRIP

**NORTHBRIDGE SCHOOL • TOTAL AWARDED: \$600**

Northbridge Family and Consumer Science students visited Montgomery County Community College's Culinary school where they were immersed in hands-on lessons with cooking in a more advanced industrial kitchen. They were able to speak with advisors to gain helpful insight into both the program and the industry itself.

## READING/WRITING/LANGUAGE — BOOKS AND BREAKFAST

YORK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • TOTAL AWARDED: **\$400**

The Books and Breakfast Club at York Elementary encouraged and promoted a love of reading as well as collaboration and interaction with students from across grade levels. Students were exposed to a variety of culturally diverse texts in which they were able to discuss. This club contributes to the reading culture at York Avenue.



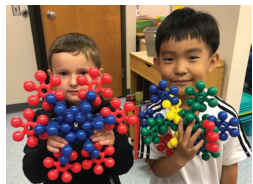
## SPECIAL EDUCATION — SENSORY WALK

HATFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • TOTAL AWARDED: **\$975**

A Sensory Walk was implemented, available for all students to use. Science has proven that sensory input and movement allows students to regulate their bodies and prepare their brains to better focus and learn within the classroom setting. Floor decals of flowers, ladybugs, and lily pads guide students to engage in various sensory movements, ultimately improving their success in the classroom.

## STEM — STEM FOR LITTLE HANDS

GWYNEDD SQUARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • TOTAL AWARDED: **\$268.50**



Hands-on learning gets students involved on many levels. Using manipulatives to help expose young learners to the different STEM components comes to life while building and creating with a variety of shapes and materials. The interactive math board helped students engage with daily activities.

# Largest Grant IN HISTORY

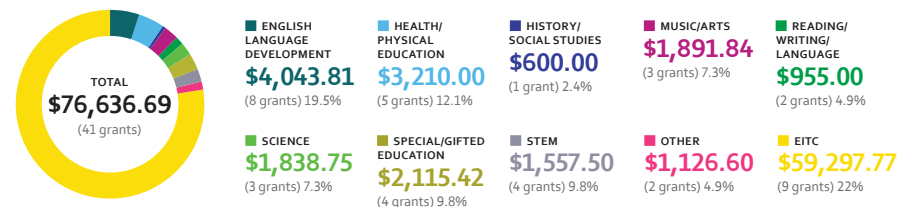


The NPHS Technology & Engineering Education Department was awarded the largest grant in the history of the NPSD Educational Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 for a Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) CNC Milling Machine.

The NPHS Technology and Engineering Education Department staff and students attended *Manufact*, a program put on by Montgomery County to promote manufacturing as a career last year. Students met with nearly 50 manufacturing companies within a 10-mile radius of NPHS. They were shown real life examples of concepts they are taught at North Penn and had opportunities explained to them about how manufacturing as a career is alive and well in our county. The equipment purchased will provide students a window into one of those career paths.

### 2019-2020 GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA

Each funded project not only enhances the curriculum but also provides a hands-on and innovative way for students to embrace and fully comprehend the lesson. When NPSD educators apply for these grants, some think of how this experience will affect the student in the future. Science and technology grants allow students to understand theories at the next level of thinking. Other grants allow teachers to think about how this experience will benefit students socially and vocationally.



### 2019-2020 GRANTS MADE POSSIBLE

The Foundation is dedicated to fund grants at all levels of schooling. It deeply believes that these innovative approaches to students' curriculum sparks a child's creativity and academic excellence - regardless of what grade.

	# of Grants	Amount of Funding
Elementary School (13 schools, Grades K-6)	21	\$10,802.27
Middle Schools (2 schools, Grades 7-9)	4	\$1,770.02
North Penn High School (1 school, Grades 10-12)	4	\$2,940.03
Northbridge School (1 school, Grades 7-12)	2	\$1,226.60
District (includes distance learning support for students)	1	\$600.00
EITC	9	\$59,297.77

## Alumni GIVE BACK

The NPSD Educational Foundation recently received donations as a result of their long standing support of the Technology and Engineering Education Department at NPHS. Two recent NPHS Engineering Academy alumni made individual donations of \$250 and \$1,000 to the Foundation to be used toward student needs in this curriculum area. Thank you to Kyle O'Connor ('19) and Nick Pleim ('15) for their generous commitment to their Alma Mater. This donation is a testament to the quality program provided at NPHS and the amazing teachers who inspire our students.



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## YES, I WANT TO IGNITE STUDENT SUCCESS!

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**Thanks for your generous support!**

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