

## CCSF Awards Media Grant

Circleville City School Foundation is pleased to announce that Monica Lombardo, Circleville High School Marketing teacher and Yearbook Advisor, has been awarded a \$7,600 two year step down grant for the development of a series of media classes to be offered to CHS students beginning this fall. Tiger Media Arts is a collection of project-based classes aimed at producing creative graphics and video to promote CHS and the community.

**Media Arts 101** will be a prerequisite for all other classes in the Tiger Media Arts program. Students will learn the basics of how to create graphics and edit video. The skills learned in this class will be applied as the students will assist in operating the digital scoreboard at all major sporting events, the CHS website, the online apparel store, Tiger Television video announcements and Yearbook activities.

**Tiger Graphic Design** will appeal to aspiring artists, photographers and creative students. Students will design graphics and edit pictures for most of the above mentioned projects, as well as the outdoor digital sign.

**Tiger Television** will give students the opportunity to be a local celebrity. Weekly video announcements will be created and viewed by all of CHS. A team of anchors, reporters, photographers, video editors, producers, graphic artists, writers and sound technicians will coordinate with CHS clubs and outside community clients to create videos.

**Yearbook** participation will give students the opportunity to document their high school experience. Students will be eligible for this class based on teacher recommendation, English abilities, work ethic and creativity.



**Tiger Media Arts Capstone** is a course designed specifically for seniors who have taken multiple media arts classes. Based on various aspects of their skills, ambitions and participation in extracurricular school activities the students will be assigned graphic and video projects. Budgeting time wisely, working independently to meet deadlines and maintaining a working relationship with community leaders will be imperative for the students to be successful with their project.

Students in all of the media classes will have the opportunity to participate in BPA, Business Professionals of America. Any CHS student interested in a future career in business, communications, marketing, video production, journalism, sound production or graphic design will certainly want to schedule Tiger Media Arts classes. CCSF continues to provide funding for innovative programs for Circleville City School students.

## Robotics Program is "Aiming High"

"In some ways, we can reach for the stars," Josh Thomas claimed last year as students in his Robotics courses at Circleville High School began building drones. Now, just one year later, his plans are even more far out. As part of their new "Space Program," students will be "planning, constructing, and launching a high altitude balloon that will travel over 100,000 feet into space and will be recording video, taking photographs, and performing science experiments while in the stratosphere." The flight will take approximately four hours to complete from launch to landing and could travel up to a distance of 150 miles.



Students in the robotics classes have seen many unforgettable opportunities. Last April, they received one 1st place finish, a 5th place finish and an 8th place finish at a robotics competition in Marion, Ohio alongside students from many different states. Robotics II students arrived at school by 6:15 every

morning in preparation of the event where they competed with a Heavyweight Sumo Robot, a Lightweight Sumo Robot, an Autonomous Vehicle, and a Rescue Robot. Two students also competed in a programming challenge where they excelled so far above the competition that it had to be verified that they were not college students!

Thomas and his students always look for new ways to test their abilities. When they discovered that college football teams were using robotic tackling dummies, they decided to make one themselves! The tackling dummy was not able to be completed by last year's class before the school year ended, but the new round of students will be up to the task of finishing the work very soon. This tackling dummy will be used during football

practice in place of another player, greatly reducing players' chance of receiving concussions.

Honda Marysville welcomed Circleville robotics students in a tour of their plant last year. "With a growing need for fast and efficient machines, the Honda Marysville field trip was an eye opener as a possible career for future engineers," explained CHS student Meghan Brooks. "The factory complexity intrigued many students and sparked many questions." Brandon Throckmorton added that the trip "showed a practical use for robotics in the real world."



The first year of the robotics program at Circleville saw 17 students with a passion for technology. Now in its third year, the Robotics program consists of Robotics I, II and III at Circleville High School as well as a middle school introductory engineering course called Stem-Robotics. CCSF is providing funding for additional Lego Mindstorm Education EV3 sets that Stem-Robotics students will utilize. The goal of this class is to develop creative problem solving skills and enable students to think creatively, as well as fostering team work, collaboration, and organization skills that will prepare them for future classes.

Robotics classes at Circleville were initially funded just over two years ago solely from a three-year step down grant of \$9,000 given by CCSF. Since that seed money was given, many other investors have come forward to see that these classes are able to reach far beyond the original plans. The "Space Program" is taking launch thanks to an additional \$2,500 grant from the Circleville branch of the US Bank. The Circleville robotics program is now truly reaching for the stars!

Circleville City School Foundation invites you to the  
4<sup>th</sup> annual "Raise Your Paw" Auction on Saturday,  
February 25, 2017 at AMVETS on Tarlton Road





### 2016 Make a Difference Scholarship

The Circleville City School Foundation awarded three “Make A Difference” Scholarships at Circleville High School’s Night of Distinction in May, with each recipient receiving \$2,000 for the 2016-17 school year. **Hannah Johnson** (CHS ’15) is pursuing a degree in radiology technology at Shawnee State University. **Katherine Derexson** (CHS ’14) is a junior at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. **Hannah Baker** (CHS ’15) is studying communications/pre-dental at The Ohio State University. The “Make A Difference” Scholarship was established to encourage the pursuit of a post-secondary degree, certification, or licensure for a Circleville High School graduate from a previous school year or earlier.

### CHS Well Represented at Buckeye Girls State

Circleville City School Foundation provided the funding for two participants at Buckeye Girls State held June 12-18, 2016 at the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio. Nine Circleville High School juniors were among the 880 attendees at the event. Avery and Bryce DeLong, sponsored by CCSF, were both elected commissioners of their mock counties. According to the DeLongs, this experience taught them about caucuses and campaigning, as well as improved their public speaking skills.



Buckeye Girls State is a week-long program designed to educate Ohio’s young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. The American Legion Auxiliary of Ohio has sponsored this program since 1947.

### Learning Practical Skills at Life Town

In March 2016 Circleville Elementary School Special Needs teachers, Julie Scherer and Rachel Taylor, and several aides traveled to New Albany, Ohio with their students to experience Life Town, a program sponsored by Columbus City Schools. Life Town is a realistic indoor “city” that provides special needs students with role playing activities that allow them to practice real life skills. Each student was given money to spend at different stations that included housing, restaurant and retail establishments. This experience gave CES students the opportunity to exchange money for goods and services, practice social skills and learn the importance of time management and communication skills. Circleville City School Foundation



provided funding for sixteen students to attend this practical and enriching activity.

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### CMA Field Trip a Success!

In the fall of 2015, Columbus Museum of Art (CMA) docents welcomed a total of 171 Circleville Elementary School (CES) first graders to the newly expanded museum. For the ninth year in a row Circleville City School Foundation (CCSF), specifically the Gasper Learning Fund, sponsored this field trip for Circleville City School students.

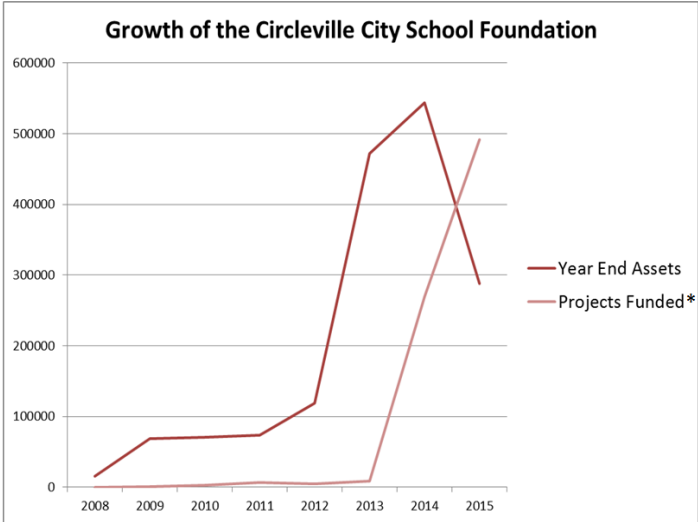
The museum adventure consisted of three phases: 1) docent led exploration of some of the artwork in the facility; 2) a hands on activity created by the students in the studio; and 3) a lunch break followed by self-exploration time in the Wonder Room, where the students could draw, touch, build, dress up, or just be creative in their own way. Andi Hoskins, CES art specialist and CMA field trip coordinator, divided the students into small groups that were led by a docent and accompanied by a chaperone from either Circleville City Schools, Circleville High School, or the Foundation.



During the museum tour students were encouraged to observe how different artists used line in their work. The tour exposed the children to a multitude of different art mediums from guesswork to sculpture to paintings and even recycled materials.

All students spent an hour in the studio creating their own masterpieces using a variety of materials such as colored tape, paper funnels, and bottle caps around the theme of haunted houses and ghosts.

Circleville City School Foundation is proud to sponsor this art experience for these impressionable youngsters. It is our sincere hope that the students have been inspired to celebrate their own love of art and creativity.



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