



Hendrick Hudson Community Educational Foundation Awards its Largest Grant

April 2009 – The HHCEF, a community-based non-profit organization, awarded its largest round of grants on April 22nd to the Hendrick Hudson High School. The grants, which totaled \$20,219, included \$19,219 in **Innovation in Education Grants**, a program established to help fund leading edge initiatives that demonstrate a commitment to raising the bar in education in the Hendrick Hudson district community.

Several Board members of the HHCEF were present as Dr. Daniel McCann, Superintendent of Schools, accepted the check on behalf of the Montrose-based high school. “We sincerely express our appreciation for all the efforts and the many generous opportunities that the HHCEF has provided the District,” said Dr. McCann.

Established this year, the **Innovation in Education Grants** program was created by the Foundation to fund projects and programs which incorporate new technology, new and challenging content or implement current best practices in education. The HHCEF will award grants once annually ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The most significant portion of these funds will be used to incorporate new and interactive technologies benefitting all students and classrooms, which includes an Apple iMac computer lab and Adobe software package site licenses. These technologies are aimed at enhancing studies in the areas of digital editing/film production, graphic design, engineering, computer science, business and music education. In preparation of the high school’s upcoming Film Festival, Michael DeFlippis, a student representative on the Board of Education said, “The significance of the grant has already been realized by many students in our arts and film programs. It’s a tremendous addition to our school.” A SMART™ interactive whiteboard, Senteo response system and Airliner wireless slate will also be added to the high school’s language arts department.

“One of our goals is to enhance the excellence of the Hendrick Hudson School District and we’re excited to issue the first cycle of grants for these major projects. We’re confident that it will provide our students with a great advantage in their educational experience,” said Marie Green, President of the HHCEF.

The Hendrick Hudson Community Educational Foundation, Inc. is a community-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, existing for the purposes of raising and granting funds in support of educational activities to benefit the citizens residing within the boundaries of the Hendrick Hudson School District. Since its founding in 1995, HHCEF has awarded nearly \$150,000 in grants and scholarships. Hendrick Hudson schools, the Hendrick Hudson Free Library and other nonprofit organizations, including senior citizens' centers and arts organizations, in the community have benefitted from HHCEF grants. To make a donation or learn more about the HHCEF visit www.HHCEF.org or call Marie Green at 914-736-2078.



The HHCEF presents a symbolic check for \$20,219 to the Hendrick Hudson School District. (l-r) Hen Hud Director of Technology Mathew Swerdloff, HHCEF member Beth Gruber, High School Principal James Mackin, HHCEF Board Members Joan Thompson, Marie Green, Virginia Rederer and Christine Knowlton, Board of Education Vice President Marion Walsh and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel McCann.