

Press Release

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INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION FUND ANNOUNCES FALL 2009 GRANT AWARDEES; ACCEPTING SPRING 2010 APPLICATIONS NOW

ST. LOUIS, MO, DECEMBER 14, 2009: The Innovative Technology Education Fund, a private foundation dedicated to connecting educators to technological resources, is pleased to announce over \$125,000 in grants to area schools, bringing their 2009 grant total to over \$270,000. ITEF partnered with Savvis, Inc. for two of its grants. The Savvis Technology grant totaled \$20,000.

ITEF is now accepting applications for its next grant cycle with a spring deadline date of March 12, 2010. Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$15,000. Qualifying schools will present forward-looking ideas and models that enhance learning for students and classroom educators by focusing on:

- Student Achievement – Connecting students to the technological resources they need to reach high levels of educational success
- Extended Learning – Using technology to extend and enhance learning outside of the classroom
- Technology Skill Development and Transfer – Projects that support students and teachers in developing the skills and knowledge needed to function in and contribute to a technology-rich society

Interested educators may visit www.enhancinglearning.org to take the eligibility quiz and begin the application process.

The fall 2009 awardees are truly visionary in their application of technology to the classroom setting. Schools are using the funds to: improve student achievement;

upgrade SmartBoard equipment; and provide professional development for educators, among others. Savvis, Inc., contributed funding to Mehlville High School to enhance math achievement through technology, and to Hodgen Elementary to create a netbook lab where students will work on research, organization, curriculum reinforcement, media literacy, and many other learning opportunities.

A photo from the Hodgen Elementary College Bound Academy grant receipt ceremony is attached. Hodgen Elementary College Academy received over \$17,000 for their "Burning for Learning with Technology" Program.



Top Left to Right – Lisa Dinga (ITEF), Phyllis Craig, Vickie Declue-Crosby, Pam Weston (Savvis, Inc.) The Children from left to right are as follows: Cordell Turner, Vernon Taylor, Latrice Hayes, Skylahr Whitt, Javon Blalock, Daevon Evers, Arianna Tuttle, and Alexia Drummer.

The fall 2009 ITEF Grant Recipients are:

Brittany Woods Middle School \$3,810.00

Classroom Technology Upgrade: Providing a SmartBoard and document camera to an 8th grade math classroom. This technology will allow the students to be more hands on and visual, as well as allow the teacher to be more creative ultimately resulting in increased student achievement.

Hamilton eMints Academy \$14,900.00

Music Creation Lab: A laptop, 6 desktops, 1 printer and cartridges, and assorted supplies needed to create a recording studio. The students at Hamilton will use the

hardware, software and peripherals of the Music Creation Lab to create projects that will support their core curriculum content areas: communication arts, mathematics, social studies and science. Through the creation of songs through direct audio recording, virtual instruments and looping software, which is all mixed and edited, the students will combine unique expression through technological manipulation to create musical products in the form of CD's that contain academic content across all areas.

Hodgen Elementary College Bound Academy \$17,610.66

Burning for Learning with Technology – 25 Dell Latitude 2100 Netbooks, Dell Mobile Computing Station Cart, 2 External DVD Drives, and 84 - 4G Flash Drives. Through project based learning with the netbook lab, students will work on research, organization, curriculum reinforcement, media literacy, and many other learning opportunities. These computers will enhance productivity through greater student engagement, and allow teachers to create lessons that not only stimulate, but also encourage students to delve deeper into researching various topics. This netbook lab will help Hodgen students be better prepared for college, while also preparing them for the world of technology and computers in the workforce. This grant was jointly funded by the Innovative Technology Education Fund and Savvis, Inc.

McKinley Classical Leadership Academy \$15,089.70

Multimedia Mania with iMacs: 6 iMac 24 inch, 2.66 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo computers with protection plans and Parallels Desktop Switch, 5 Flip Mino HD Digital Camcorders with 2 year warranty, 1 printer, 2 Canon PowerShot SX110 IS 9MP Digital Camera Bundles, and 2 LCD Projectors for SmartBoards. This project will provide McKinley students access to Apple iMac equipment as well as digital video and still cameras to create, edit, and produce digital video projects, a school newspaper, and an interactive school website. The students will create multimedia visual presentations for their classmates, teachers, and parents, reinforcing required reading and writing skills and becoming adept at applying state-of-the-art technology. These projects will involve original writing, producing, editing, and broadcasting, and provide an excellent learning tool for students who have difficulty with the standard forms of learning.

Mehlville High School \$14,659.00

Enhancing Math Achievement through Technology: 35 Nspire Graphing Calculators, a Wireless Nspire Navigator, a Wireless eBeam Complete System, a SMART Response System, and a laptop. Through the use of wireless technology, the teacher will be able to quickly assess student understanding and mastery of concepts. This instant feedback will allow for self-assessment by the student while providing data to the teacher on the necessity to provide further instruction. This grant was jointly funded by the Innovative Technology Education Fund and Savvis, Inc.

North Jefferson Intermediate \$14,985.00

Improving Student Achievement: A Smart(Board) Road to Success – 3 Epson 83 Projectors, 3 Smartboards with Installation, and 1 Senteo Interactive Student Response System with 24 Handsets. North Jefferson Intermediate wants to expand their technology base and equip three of their classrooms with SMART Board technology to both increase student achievement and increase student engagement.

Sister Thea Bowman \$1,000.00

The Final Four – Grant to cover full day professional development / SmartBoard training for all instructors at Sister Thea Bowman.

St. Cletus School \$6,181.00

Smart Classrooms - A SmartBoard and accessories and a Senteo 32 pad Response System. With the addition of a SmartBoard and a Senteo Response System, teachers will be able to integrate technology into their daily classroom lessons. The SmartBoard will allow 5th and 6th graders to be more interactive within the daily learning environment. The Senteo Response System will allow teachers to actively engage their students throughout the lesson as well as have immediate feedback in regards to their students' understanding.

St. Elizabeth Academy \$15,000.00

St. Elizabeth Academy Bridge Program: 32 laptops and 1 laptop cart. The mission of St. Elizabeth Academy is to make academic success an attainable goal for an extremely diverse student body. In order to realize this mission, the Bridge Program was created to raise digital literacy, accelerate student performance and increase access to technological resources for an underserved population.

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf \$8,840.00

Innovative Te(a)chnology for Deaf Students: A Senteo Response System with 12 remotes, 2 SmartBoards, 2 AirLiner wireless slates, and a full day professional development training for their staff. St. Joseph Institute requested the Smart Response System, Smart Board Interactive Display and Airliner Slate System to increase their students' comfort level with this technology, help their teachers educate to their students strengths and identify their weaknesses, all while allowing parents increased access to classroom lessons. Smart technology gives St. Joseph Institute students another tool to maximize learning and their potential.

St. Patrick School \$14,590.22

The Book Bunch: 24 Inspiron 15 Intel Celeron 900 notebooks, 24 copies of Microsoft Windows XP Professional, Microsoft Office 2007, and Microsoft Server License, 24 Anti-Virus licenses, a wireless access point, and 1 Mobile Notebook Cart. With this new

equipment, teachers and students at St. Patrick School will use a program called ePals to improve reading comprehension and writing skills while participating in a project called "The Book Bunch". This project allows students to dialogue on-line via the literature circle forum with other e-pal students to refine conceptual reasoning skills, analyze literature, and form text to self, text to world connections. Students will experience their Communication Arts class in a very different way, as they demonstrate comprehension of text via email communication and reflect upon another student's point of view.

Spring 2009, 2008, and 2007 grant summaries are available on our website:

www.enhancinglearning.org

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