



North Fort Myers Red Knight Foundation, Inc.

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Friday, March 10, 2016..... The North Fort Myers Red Knight Foundation, Inc is proud to announce the awarding of 20 grants to North Fort Myers High School Teachers for over \$3,200 to “enhance the educational experience” of students. These grants were made available thanks to a fall fundraiser supported by local businesses, community partners, and parents.

President Andrew Lampkins noted, “We are very fortunate in our community to have North Fort Myers High School and these passionate teachers looking to take the classroom experience to the next level. It is the vision of the Foundation to support those efforts by ensuring that every student and teacher can succeed. This passion inspired the Foundation to the plan of supporting those efforts through classroom grants.”

This year there were twenty grant applications demonstrating the level of desire by our teachers to provide students with experiences beyond the traditional classroom. The Allocation Committee comprised of students, parents, community leaders, and other educators reviewed each grant based upon a rubric to originally distribute \$2,000 in grant funding. The results of the grant review made it very clear that each grant application had great merit. **That said, the Allocation Committee asked the Foundation Board for additional funds allowing the Committee to fund a total of \$3,213 in classroom grants!**

“North Fort Myers High School is very fortunate to have a group of community supporters and local businesses who want to ensure our school has the resources to provide the highest level of education,” noted Matt Mederios, Principal. “The Foundation has exceeded expectations this first year, already by directly impacting what our teachers are doing in the classroom. With such a quick start, it is exciting to think about the future and the opportunities both students and teachers will have here at North thanks to the support of the Red Knight Foundation.”

The grant money was distributed to over 20 teachers allowing them to purchase or supplement the cost of supplies for their classroom. For example, new sheet music for the school’s orchestra was purchased with the funds something that will impact students for multiple years. Another exciting grant included the purchase of 3D writing pens and tablets for the classroom ensuring students are using the latest technology.

The Red Knight Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that meets every fourth Tuesday at 7:15 at North High School. Parents, Alumni, and Business Partners are welcome to attend. You can follow the Red Knight Foundation on Face Book at North Fort Myers Red Knight Foundation page, contact them at redknightfoundation@gmail.com or learn more about the organization at <http://www.redknightfoundation.org/>

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