



2023-24 Gift of the Fine Arts Grant Recipients

Lights, Camera ACTION submitted by Lane Cannon-Gjerde from Dr. Williams Elementary in Urbana. Funds will be used to purchase stage lighting for in-class performances to create an actual production atmosphere for the students. In third grade, DPW students do a "behind the scenes" unit on theater jobs and watch videos of what lighting engineers and lighting designers do. These new lights will allow students to experience and learn about this career opportunity in a "new light."

Xylo-FUN submitted by Cara Maurizi from Leal Elementary. Funds will be used to purchase Orff instruments which are fundamental to early music learning in a general music class. These instruments allow students to hear and see how diatonic pitches are stacked to build a scale.

ACDA Choral Ensemble submitted by Becky Park from Urbana High School. Students from concert choir will participate in the ACDA (American Choral Director's Association) Fall Conference at the University of Illinois from 10/27/23-10/28/23. Students will work with director Fernando Malvar-Ruiz on exciting and diverse repertoire. The funds will cover students' registration fees (\$50 per student), sheet music costs (\$100 total) and dining. Students in grades 10-12 will be attending this conference and representing UHS.

Gift of the Fine Arts Grant

Gift of the Fine Arts grants are made possible a private donor to enhance fine arts education experiences in visual arts, music, dance, and drama for District 116 Kindergarten through 5th grade students.