

Spring 2024 Community 2000 Educational Project Grants

Congratulations to the following Chariho teachers, administrators, and staff, who have been awarded Community 2000 Innovative and Strategic Educational Project Grants for the summer of 2024 and the 2024-2025 school year:

Summer Stage Explorers

Dana Hall, Secondary Humanities Specialist
Kerry Pastore, District ELA Fellow
Grade Levels 3-12+
\$1500

Summer Stage Explorers is an inclusive Theater Arts summer camp designed to engage campers in literacy and the performing arts while providing high school performing arts students with mentorship and leadership opportunities. The camp offers a unique blend of theater education, performance opportunities, and literacy skill development, ensuring a holistic and enriching experience for all participants.

Outreach and Engagement in Theater for Students with Disabilities

Vincent Levcowich, English Teacher
Cheryl Lightfritz, Special Education Teacher
Grades 9-12 Adaptive Daily Living Program
\$1440

Community exposure is an integral part of adaptive daily living development. Students with moderate to severe disabilities will experience at least three visits to the Providence Performing Arts Center in addition to other local theaters. This allows students to engage in community events and explore potential career paths in hospitality/performing arts. Additionally, this program provides students with a city experience that will assist with developing mobility skills, social interactions, city safety skills, and navigating novel environments.

Student Government Experience

Gina Picard, Superintendent
Grades 11-12
\$5406

This two-day student government experience provides the opportunity for Chariho juniors and seniors to gain first-hand experience of the roles and responsibilities of American government, specifically at the local and state levels. Students, civic leaders, and mentors collaboratively investigate real-world issues, allowing for students to hone the critical thinking, decision-making, and communication skills that are central to effective civic leadership.

High-Powered PC Laptops

Matthew Clarke, CTC Instructor

Grade Levels 9-12

\$8,502

CTC Architecture and Engineering students use high-powered portable laptops in order to compete in a variety of design and advanced manufacturing competitions held off campus. CTC students have had regular success in these competitions, and the trend continued in 2024, with Gold Medals earned in both SkillsUSA competitions entered. The new devices increase the number of students who can compete and succeed at off-campus competitions.