

## 2023 North Quadrant Classroom Enrichment Grants Awarded



Six of the seven 2023 North High grant recipients from (L– R) Isaac Honsantner, Michelle Spain, Hannah Parlman, Adrianna Buduski, Maura Doyle and Richard Howarth

UMass Chan’s North Quadrant Support Services (NQSS) Advisory Committee recently awarded more than \$34,000 to fund 29 initiatives submitted by teachers and staff at schools in the North Quadrant. The classroom enrichment mini-grants are available to teachers and staff at any of the North Quadrant schools as part of the NQSS initiative. The classroom enrichment mini-grants are available to teachers and staff at any of the North Quadrant schools. In all, 52 proposals

were submitted in 2023 for projects for which city or school funding is not available.

Maura Doyle, a special education teacher at North High, received a grant to help fund the school’s Life Skills Fitness for All program, which will provide swimming and fitness programs for students in the school’s Life Skills program at the YMCA in Worcester.

Doyle and an instructional assistant will accompany two to four students once a week to use the YMCA’s therapeutic pool, fitness equipment and various low impact fitness classes. The grant will provide funding for monthly fees for students and teachers to attend these sessions.

## UMass Chan Partners With Stop & Shop to Establish East Middle School Food Bank

UMass Chan Medical School and Stop & Shop recently partnered to help open and stock food pantries at three Worcester schools to address student hunger. A ribbon-cutting ceremony at City View Discovery elementary school on Thursday, April 13, celebrated the opening of “The Eagle’s Nest,” a new food pantry accessible to the school’s 430 students. One hundred percent of the City View student population is eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.



School wraparound coordinator Sheila Bonilla cuts the ribbon at “The Eagle’s Nest,” a new food pantry at City View Discover school

Through the UMass Chan Cares program, UMass Chan student and staff volunteers cleared out space for the pantry at City View in February.



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# Back to School with UMass Chan Backpacks and School Supplies



“We try to have as much equity in the school as we can. Having backpacks and supplies for every student doesn’t single out students who don’t have access to what they need.”

*Susan Donahue,  
Principal  
Rice Square School*

On the second day of the 2023-24 school year, nearly 700 backpacks were distributed to first- through third-grade students at Belmont Street, Rice Square, and Roosevelt elementary schools thanks to UMass Chan’s North Quadrant Support Services partnership with the Worcester Public Schools.

The backpacks and school supplies were funded by students, faculty and staff who directed their UMass Chan Cares charitable campaign donations to the NQSS initiative.

“Volunteering at backpack distribution day was an incredibly rewarding experience. The students and teachers were so appreciative to receive the backpacks and the administration was effusive in expressing their gratitude to UMass Chan. I am not sure whether it was the volunteers or the students who had the biggest smiles.” said Amy Forman of the Office of Management who helped distribute backpacks.

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