

**PTO Faculty/Staff Special Project Awards given in the 2023-2024 school year included the following:**

- Scott Kreher and CTE/Video Production and Photojournalism used their award for the purchase of a high-quality video camera for photojournalism students to use, as well as a new photo camera and equipment for journalism students to use while covering stories without a photographer on assignment. The video camera will help students film sports at high enough quality to produce video packages for CHS's new scoreboards and increase Clayton pride.
- Steve Beauchamp and the Global STEM Squad received funding for their project to improve health and sanitation for a small community in Honduras through the design and implementation of three Eco-Stoves and a hygiene station. The PTO award was used to purchase supplies and materials, while the students fundraised to cover travel costs to Honduras.
- Katie Storms and the English Department received an award to empower students and modernize the curriculum by providing students access to emerging platforms to publish digital essays. The English Department also received a grant to enhance poetry month by inviting visiting poets to share their poetry with CHS students and displaying poetry in the halls to spread poetry during Poetry Month to inspire students, create a sense of belonging, and cultivate creativity.
- Nathan Fouquet and World Languages received an award to launch a Spanish-speaking program for CHS pre-AP Honors Advanced Spanish II students with the purchase of student accounts on Boomalang. This site gives students the opportunity to connect with Spanish teachers in Spanish-speaking countries for carefully crafted and intentional (although spontaneous) speaking lessons where the students can build confidence in their speaking skills as well as collaborate and think creatively with a native speaker, cultivate empathy, and learn cultural awareness. This pilot project is to be expanded to other languages if successful.
- Justin Hildebrand and the Catalyst program received a grant to modernize the meeting room reservation system in their shared workspace to reflect the standard of professionalism the program aspires to achieve.

These PTO Faculty/Staff Special Projects reach students across the entire CHS community and help further the academic mission of CHS.