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These 19 Darien Teachers Awarded Total of \$14.9K in Professional Development Grants

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Darien Advocates for the Education of the Gifted (DAEG) has announced the award of 19 grants to Darien teachers totaling \$14,879 for advanced studies, workshops, conferences and curriculum development.

Thanks to the generosity of DAEG members and the Darien community, we are pleased to provide funding to enthusiastic teachers whose applications fit our criteria of further development of their teaching skills and bringing that knowledge back to the classroom, ultimately benefiting Darien students.

— This is a memorandum from Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Susie Da Silva to Superintendent Dan Brenner, dated June 1. The grants are an item on the agenda of the June 6 Board of Education meeting.

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The applications for this year reflect both independent study and collaborative efforts of Darien faculty as they pursue their interests and identify areas where they would like to gain more knowledge.

Grants have been awarded this year to five high school teachers, two middle school teachers, and 12 elementary teachers. Details about each of the grants can be found below.

The Barbara Harrington Fund was established in 1984 by DAEG in honor of Barbara Harrington, founder of Darien's IDEA Program for gifted students.

Open to all teachers in the Darien Public Schools, the Barbara Harrington Fund offers teachers the opportunity to take courses that enrich their ability to deliver their curriculum.

The grants are funded by contributions of members of the Darien Advocates for Education of the Gifted and other donors.

Grant applications are processed by a committee of DAEG members along with central office and school administrators from all levels.

