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Bernards High School



Mary Help of Christians Academy

## **Foundation for Health Advancement Awards Two Grants To Advance STEM education at New Jersey High Schools**

**New Brunswick, NJ**—Thanks to the generosity of donors and matching funds from New Jersey Health Foundation, the Foundation for Health Advancement (FHA) has awarded grants to support STEM education programs at Bernards High School in Bernardsville and at Mary Help of Christians Academy in North Haledon, announced FHA President James M. Golubieski.

The Bernards High School STEM Expansion Project will expand student resources in the existing engineering and technology classroom, allowing students to design, engineer and construct prototypes to address project creation and design challenges.

“We plan to use the funding from the Foundation for Health Advancement to purchase new equipment to help engage students in richer learning experiences centered on problem solving and the engineering design loop,” explained Grant Kolmer, K-12 STEM supervisor. “We

believe engaging students in the practice of problem-solving/engineering thinking is a skill they can take with them no matter what field they choose in the future.”

The grant awarded to Mary Help of Christians Academy will furnish and support the creation and utilization of a Makerspace to develop and enhance student critical skills in STEM areas.

“Our STEM programs are rapidly expanding, growing and evolving,” explained Sr. Marisa DeRose, principal. “Due to increased interest in STEM subjects, we have realized our need for new learning opportunities and a designated learning space for our students. We are grateful that this grant from the Foundation for Health Advancement will help us to meet this goal.”

New Jersey Health Foundation has once again committed a total of up to \$5,000 to match gifts donated to fund the next grant program for the 2018/2019 school year. For more information about making a tax-deductible gift to the program to advance STEM education or to learn how your school can apply for a grant visit [www.foundationforhealthadvancement.org](http://www.foundationforhealthadvancement.org).

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### **About the Foundation for Health Advancement**

[The Foundation for Health Advancement](http://www.foundationforhealthadvancement.org), an independent, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) was formed to promote the advancement of health-related research and education programs in New Jersey in concert with its supporting organization, [New Jersey Health Foundation](http://www.newjerseyhealthfoundation.org), by soliciting private sector support to enhance programs in New Jersey.