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## Indiana Musicians Abroad Scholarship Announcement



ZEF is honored to announce \$38,500 in scholarships for ZCS students to attend the Indiana Musicians Abroad experience in June 2023. These scholarships were made possible by the incredible generosity of an Anonymous donor.

Eight ZCS students were awarded full or partial scholarships. Please join us in congratulating our \$5,500 scholarship recipients, Theron Stockwell, Robert Bell, Lola Miles, Hannah McKenna, Aiden Cruz, and Nate Cook and our \$2,750 scholarship recipients, Cailyn Murphy and Arushi Singal.

The Indiana Musicians Abroad trip will take high school band, choir, and orchestra musicians from across the state on an international tour of eight European

countries where they will perform in state-of-the-art venues. Prior to departure, the students will spend time individually and as a group learning and perfecting new music.

As ZMS Band Teacher and Musicians Abroad Chaperone Chris Murray shared, "Attending international performance tours is a wondrous way to open ourselves to a much wider perspective, as well as to introduce ourselves to a wealth of first-hand experience with new cultures,"

ZEF is grateful to the Anonymous donor whose generosity makes this incredible experience possible for current ZCHS students.

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## Gearing Up for a Great Fall

We love fall at ZEF! It is always a fun time to be involved and to help make a positive impact in our schools. Check out the events below and plan to join us by adding the dates to your calendar. We look forward to seeing you!



## Back to School Days Tuesday - Thursday, July 26-28

Look for the ZEF table at both middle schools and the high school during Back-to-School Days. Join the ZEF Fund and help us provide grants to teachers and schools across the district. Receive an exclusive ZEF hat with your Back to School donation of \$50 or more.



## Zionsville Farmer's Market Saturday, August 6

ZEF will be at the Zionsville Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 6. Spin the ZEF wheel for your chance to win a back-to-school prize!



## Fall Classroom Grant Deadline Tuesday, September 12

ZCS teachers, administrators, and staff are invited to submit applications for our 2022 Fall Classroom Grants by Tuesday, September 12 at 4:00pm. Grant guidelines and application can be found on our website.



## ZEF Polo at Sunset Friday, September 23

This event is the perfect opportunity to gather your family and friends for a fun night out! Pack a picnic and your favorite beverages for a relaxed evening in support two great Boone County nonprofits: ZEF and the Isenhower Family Education Fund.



## State of the Schools Tuesday, September 27

We are excited to partner with the Zionsville Chamber for the 6th annual State of the Schools. Zionsville Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Scott Robison and Successor Superintendent Rebecca Coffman will provide an update on ZCS.



## ZEF Bash Saturday, November 5

ZEF's largest annual fundraiser is an event you won't want to miss! Funds raised help bring teachers' innovative ideas to life across the district. Whether it's a fun date night or evening out with friends, you and your guests can enjoy dinner, drinks, a silent auction, gift card pull, and dancing to Dave & Rae. Show your school pride by wearing your favorite Eagle or other team tailgate gear.

### Sponsorship Opportunities

Show the community your company's support for ZCS teachers and schools by becoming a Polo or ZEF Bash sponsor. Click [here](#) for sponsorship info and contact Julie Bradley, ZEF Development and Events Manager at 317.873.8052 or [jbradley@zcs.k12.in.us](mailto:jbradley@zcs.k12.in.us) to learn more!

## Eagles Robotics Update



ZEF Student Enrichment Grants supported eleven ZCS teams as they competed in the VEX World Robotics Championships this spring. Robotics teams at PVE, ZMS, and ZCHS qualified for Worlds at local and statewide competitions. The teams at each school then researched costs and wrote ZEF Student Enrichment Grants applications to help fund their trips to Dallas, TX.

The ZCS students had great success as they competed against teams from across the world. The ZCHS 7701V team ranked #1 (out of 80) in their division making them the #1 seed in the division tournament, losing in a single elimination quarterfinal match. The 7701K team performed well but faced some challenges due to team member illness and two students splitting their time at the BPA convention in Dallas at the same time (ZCS students truly are multi-talented!)

At the elementary and middle levels, two teams received the Judges Award which is presented to a team deserving of special recognition with criteria including exemplary effort and perseverance at the event, team accomplishments, and/or endeavors throughout the season. Team 7707P finished 21st in their division and Team 7707c finished 23rd.



ZEF is proud to be part of the robotics story at ZCS. Robotics Coach Molly Seward summed up the experience by saying, "It has been such an honor to accompany these rising engineers to Dallas and watch them excel. They represented Zionsville and Indiana well. Closing ceremonies wrapped up the entire week with the new game reveal and walking back to the hotel young minds were spinning and planning for the next season."

Go, Eagles! We can't wait to see what you accomplish next year!



## Thank you, Duke Energy!

ZEF is honored to receive a \$7,500 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation for our 2022 Student Enrichment Grant program. These funds encourage students to aim higher and go beyond the classroom in their learning.

Thank you, Duke Energy, for supporting ZEF!



## ZEF Grants In Action

The ZEF Board welcomed Zionsville West Middle School Wellness Teacher Trisha Smart to a recent meeting to learn more about the impact her ZEF Classroom Grants have had on students.

Ms. Smart and the ZWMS Wellness Team received three Classroom Grants over the past few years for Pickle Ball, strength-training, and fitness equipment. These grants touched every student at ZWMS and will continue to provide resources for traditional, adaptive, and intense intervention classes for years to come.

One grant provided Pickle Ball sets giving teachers an activity that not only provided social distancing opportunities, but offers a whole-class activity that can be played indoors or outdoors and provides early success to new learners. Additional strength-training equipment expanded the possibilities for whole-class participation, and Drumfit materials are a great activity for early middle school classes.

We are grateful to Ms. Smart for her taking the time to talk with our Board, but even more, we appreciate the work by the entire Wellness team in providing these creative physical opportunities for their students.



# Congratulations, Class of 2022!

Congratulations to the ZCHS Class of 2022! Your accomplishments are remarkable, and it has been an honor to watch you grow at ZCS. We hope the ZEF grants you encountered along the way gave you unique learning experiences and enhanced your education. We look forward to learning about your next adventures in a new career, the military, or continuing education.

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