

J-Term Exhibition

Annual Report 2020

Mission:

The MSSM Foundation helps to ensure the long-term success of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics by raising and distributing resources to enhance its educational offerings, maintain an outstanding faculty, and ensure access to all qualified students.



MSSM Foundation at Work

Student Activities

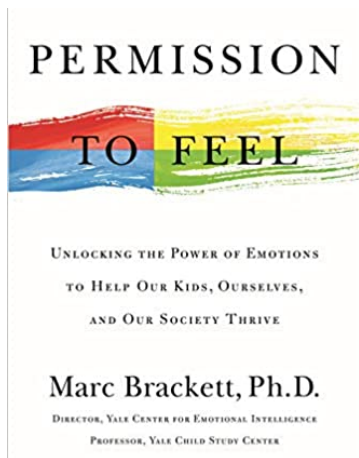
This year, MSSM Foundation funds helped support “Strangers in the Light” a collaboration with Phillips Andover Academy (PAA). Following last year’s visit to MSSM by a group of PAA students and faculty to take advantage of Limestone’s Dark Sky viewing, ten students, accompanied Larry Berz and Deb McGann, traveled to Andover, Massachusetts where they were hosted by Caroline Odden, PAA Physics Chair and Observatory Director and her students. During the three day trip they attended an Astronomy class and an all School Meeting in the historic Cochran Chapel, visited the Addison Gallery, and participated in observations from the Phillips Academy Observatory situated on the roof of the Gelb Science Center.



MSSM and PAA students relaxing together after classes and research

Professional Development

Three MSSM Faculty participated in Dr. Marc Brackett’s RULER Training as part of a schoolwide initiative focused on improving climate, culture, and student welfare. These three Yale trained faculty members served as the conduit to begin to imbed RULER methodology throughout the MSSM culture. In preparation, the Foundation supplied the faculty and staff with Dr. Brackett’s book: “Permission to Feel”.



Facilities and Equipment

The Foundation supported the creation of a second multi-function teaching and learning space with the purchase of an OWL Pro 360 Video Conference Camera. While the project was originally envisioned in large part to be able to provide remote outreach options to other students and schools within Maine, having the technology in place when the COVID-19 pandemic sent our students back to their respective home communities helped MSSM transition to distance learning. A second grant provided a new short throw projector for the auditorium’s audio video cart greatly enhancing the projection capabilities in the auditorium.

Student Assistance

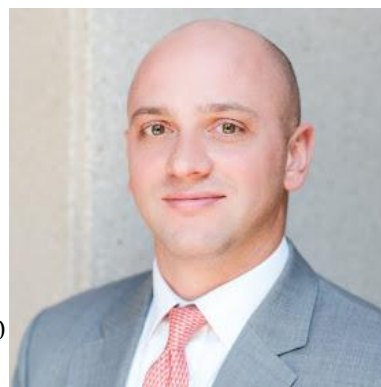
The MSSM Foundation is committed to making the MSSM’s programs accessible to all students, regardless of their financial need. Each year through the thoughtful generosity of individuals and businesses, room and board assistance is provided to MSSM students whose need is not fully met by traditional financial aid. Gifts to the MSSM Foundation also supported J-Term travel to The Jackson Laboratory and Bigelow Laboratories.

“I very strongly feel that all the good things I have going on right now can be directly attributed back to my time at MSSM and in particular, the financial aid that I received in order to attend, ...”

Message from the Chairman

Dear Friends and Supporters of MSSM,

It is trite, but not untrue, that 2020 was a strange and difficult year. Like all of us, the MSSM community had to weather Covid-19 and the impacts that the virus delivered. From challenging in-person learning, to shuttering the many regional competitions that the school so regularly dominates, to having yet another year of flat funding from the State while losing revenue from international students, 2020 was highly challenging.



While the financial needs of the school have not been greater in recent times, the spirit of the students and faculty remains unflappable. The positivity, desire to learn, and can-do attitude of the school is strong, even in these uncertain times. It is a testament to the dedication and skill of the educators that the school has done so well, and all of the students and families have been nothing short of incredible in being flexible and rising to the challenges of remote learning in this “new normal” landscape.

If you were able to give this year, we thank you ten times over, and if you are still considering whether to make a gift going forward, let me stress that the need is as great as it ever was. Your continued and renewed support is so appreciated in these difficult times as the Foundation continues to rise to meet the challenges faced by the MSSM.

In closing, we hope that a positive takeaway from this difficult year will be an appreciation of what we have as a community, and a renewed sense of gratitude for the incredible faculty and students we have in the north. Thank you so much for your dedication to this incredible school.

Best regards,

E. Clark Copelin, Class of 1998
Chair, Maine School of Science and Mathematics Foundation

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

Net Assets, June 30, 2019 **\$515,514.00**

Revenue

Unrestricted Gifts Revenue	\$26,880.63
Restricted Gift Revenue	\$110,535
Investment Income	\$2,894.13
Total Revenue	\$140,309.76

Distributions

Administration & Wages	\$34,778.95
Alumni Association Activities	\$0.00
Parents Association Activities	\$4,800.00
Program Enhancements	\$1,836.31
Professional Development	\$3,894.92
Summer Program Enhancements	\$800.00
Student Financial Aid & Assistance	\$20,000
Summer Camp Scholarships	\$0.00
Technology	\$2,315.91
Total Distributions	\$68,426.09

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Excess of Revenues over (under Expenditures)	\$71,883.67

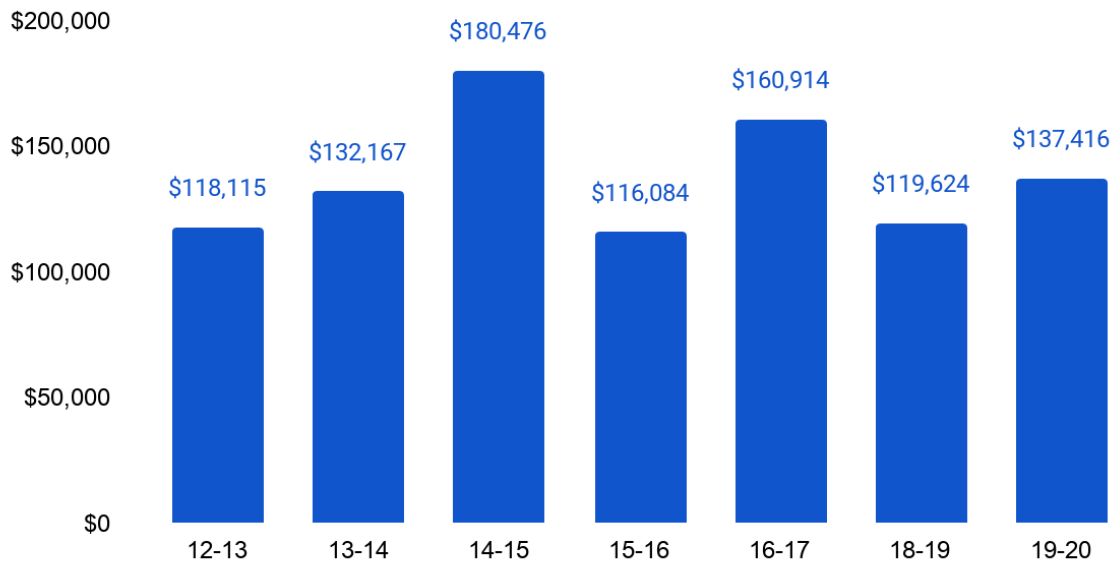
Investment Gain

Realized Gain on Investments	\$3,442.60
Unrealized Gain on Investment	\$3,588.79
Total Gain	\$7,031.39

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$78,915.06
Net Assets, June 30 2020	\$594,429.06

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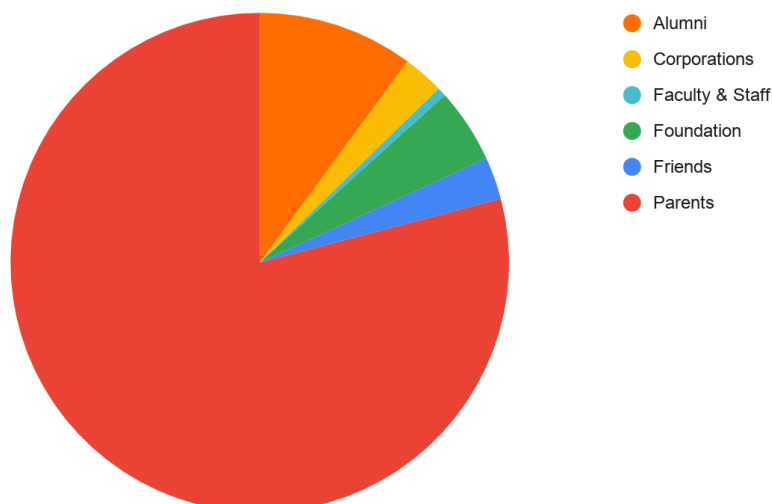
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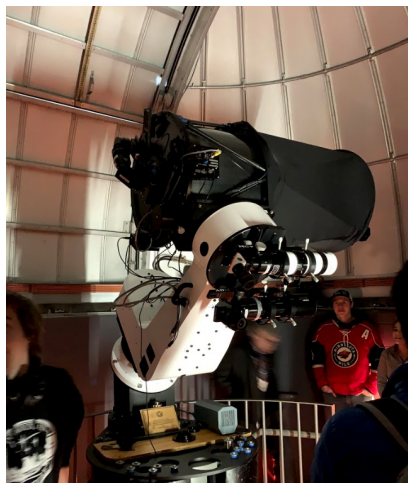
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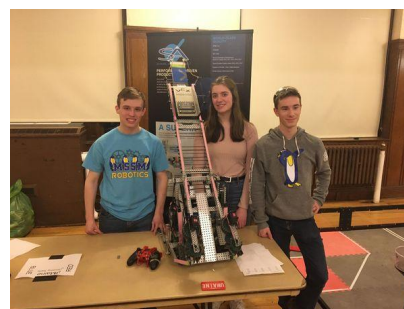
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