

2022 North Quadrant Classroom Enrichment Grants Awarded

UMass Chan's North Quadrant Support Services (NQSS) Advisory Committee recently awarded more than \$38,000 to fund 29 initiatives submitted by teachers and staff at schools in the North Quadrant. The classroom enrichment mini-grants are available to teachers and staff at any of the North Quadrant schools as part of the NQSS initiative. Sixty-five proposals were submitted for projects for which city or school funding is not available. Examples of funded projects are:

- ◆ transportation for elementary school field trips;
- ◆ graphic calculators to help students prepare for the AP calculus exam;
- ◆ egg incubator and equipment for elementary grade science class; and
- ◆ books that celebrate diversity.

UMass Chan Volunteers Help Beautify Belmont Street School

UMass Chan volunteers, joined by students from the College of the Holy Cross, participated in the 10th annual [Working for Worcester Build Day](#) at the Belmont Street School. Students and staff returned from April school vacation to find newly painted playground games and freshly landscaped school grounds.



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Back to School with UMass Chan Backpacks and School Supplies



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*Susan Donahue,
Principal
Rice Square School*

On the second day of the 2021-22 school year, more than 600 backpacks were distributed to first- through third-grade students at Rice Square, Grafton Street and Union Square elementary schools thanks to the UMass Chan’s North Quadrant Support Services partnership with the Worcester Public Schools.

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The backpacks and school supplies were funded by students, faculty and staff who directed their UMass Chan Cares charitable campaign donations to the NQSS initiative. Students from all three schools assisted members of the Office of Community and Government Relations in packing the backpacks for delivery to the schools.

“It’s important to me because I went to Worcester Public Schools and I tutor there,” said Burncoat High School graduate Cindy Le, SOM ’23, who was on hand to assemble backpacks. “You need the basics to get your education, so that’s why we’re doing this.”

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