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Technology grant allows for updates at Oshkosh North High School

Celebrate Education, an annual event that honors the educators, administrators and volunteers in our schools, is set for March 23.



The Edward and Belle Rudoy Endowment Fund was established in 2000 as a tribute to Edward Rudoy, grandfather to Mark, Jason and Bradford Rudoy and friend to many. Last year the Rudoy family presented a grant during Celebrate Education to the Oshkosh North High School TV 9 studio to update and add improvements to their technology.

“Introduction to Television, otherwise known as TV 9, allows students to play the role of each person behind or in front of the camera,” said Brad Weber, the instructor for Introduction to Television. “Each semester we have an average of 15

students who plan, create and execute projects such as the morning broadcasts to the high school students, highlight videos for athletes, informational videos for new incoming freshmen and much more.”

The TV 9 studio at Oshkosh North High School is one of only seven studios in the state of Wisconsin. TV 9 presents an opportunity for the students of Oshkosh North to have an outlet to promote their classmates, the school, the district and the community. This unique studio also allows students to improve their communication and problem-solving skills which are highly sought after employment skills.

“My grandfather, Edward Rudoy, was unable to continue his education past the eighth grade level,” said Jason Lasky. “He was a refugee from Russia, and when he arrived in America he needed to help support his family. Although he found great success in the scrap metal business, he was always haunted by his lack of formal education. Therefore, he wanted others to have the opportunities that he didn’t.”

Students of Oshkosh North are ecstatic to have an updated TV 9 studio where they can learn new ways of connecting with the world outside of their classroom. The tech grant paid for new equipment including a multicaster that allows the students to piece together their media videos in a seamless fashion.

“The Celebrate Education grant from the Rudoy family allowed us to really modernize the equipment in the TV 9 studio,” said Weber. “The students’ level of engagement has greatly improved and their creativity has intensified. This grant opened up technological avenues we didn’t have access to before.”

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You can view the Oshkosh North students in their new and improved TV 9 studio on their YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/CommunitiesONHS/videos> or visit their student generated website at <https://sites.google.com/a/oshkosh.k12.wi.us/tv9/>.

Celebrate Education is an annual event hosted by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation in partnership with the Oshkosh Area School District, Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club of Oshkosh, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce and Wisconsin Public Service Foundation. This year's Celebrate Education will begin at 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 23, at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

Register online at oshkoshareacf.org or call (920) 426-3993 by March 18. Join us in recognizing our exceptional educators, innovative administrators and dedicated volunteers who enrich the lives of students in our community.

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