

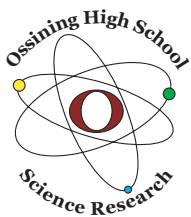


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Dear Science Research Alumni and Families,

Greetings from Ossining MATTERS, our district's education foundation, and the Science Research office – "home away from home" for so many of you during your years at OHS.

This past May, the Science Research Program held its tenth annual symposium, with more than 500 people in attendance. In the last ten short years, the program has grown from 7 students to 70. It has nurtured 23 Intel Semifinalists; 26 Intel International Science Fair Finalists, with 17 Grand Prize Winners; over 50 NY State and 11 National JSHS Finalists; and 8 Young Epidemiology Semifinalists, including 1 National First-Place winner. Together, you and your peers have earned more than \$300,000 – well over a quarter of a million dollars - in cash and scholarships.

You've gone on to study at elite colleges and major research universities. Some of you have continued your science research trajectories, plunging into undergraduate research and on to graduate and post-graduate studies. Others have carried what you learned here into different fields, with equal enthusiasm and drive. Your teachers are proud of each and every one of you.

In honor of the program's tenth anniversary and your many successes, Mr. Piccirillo and Ms. Holmes have planned an appropriately wild celebration: They're hoping to purchase a large format media printer – the kind that can produce professional-quality presentation boards for our current and future students.

Other school research programs own printers like this and can produce these boards at school, but our program has had to take students' work to a print shop at a minimum cost of \$200 per project. Being able to print these posters at OHS would bring about significant long-term financial savings. More importantly, it would save time – and reduce the student anxiety and risk that go with sending work representing years of commitment to an offsite location.

We anticipate that the printer itself will cost approximately \$6300, with ongoing expenses for the first three years in the neighborhood of \$2000, which would include paper and ink cartridges plus a three-year extended care package providing next-day, on-site service, a training session, and installation.

On behalf of the Science Research Program, Ossining MATTERS is asking for your support of this purchase, as a way of adding a tangible marker to the legacy of growth, learning, and achievement you've already given to the students following you in the Science Research Program.

Your contribution – and any amount is welcome – will go directly toward the purchase of this printer. We hope in your reply, you'll also take the time to share some information about what you're up to now, which we'll pass along to Ms. Holmes and Mr. Piccirillo.

With our thanks and very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ginny Loughlin".

Ginny Loughlin
For the Board of Ossining MATTERS