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3M SUPPORTS SUN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

ASTON, PA: The 3M Corporation has awarded two grants to Sun Valley High School in an effort to support student science initiatives. 3M-Dyneon, LLC, located in Aston, has provided \$2,500 in seed funding to form a new robotics club in the high school and to help prepare students participating in the annual Science Olympiad academic competition.

Sun Valley science teacher Mr. Creighton Anderson received a \$1,500 grant to form a new robotics club in the high school. The robotics club supports the National Science Foundation's *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math* (STEM) initiative by exposing students to areas of study they typically do not pursue, and by laying the foundation for a successful college and professional career in STEM related fields. The grant will be used to purchase a VEX robot component kit, software, and a regulation tournament field for the club to operate their project on in preparation for the spring regional competition.

Mr. Chris Sikich was awarded a \$1,000 grant on behalf of the Sun Valley Science Department to help prepare students participating in the annual Science Olympiad academic competition. The Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 science education. Students compete against peers at the county, state, and national level in tournaments which provide rigorous, standards-based challenges to nearly 6,000 teams in all 50 states. The grant will be used to purchase text books and study guides for the Sun Valley team.

Funds provided by the 3M Foundation are being used to implement Project Lead the Way (PLTW) curriculum into its 3M communities nationwide. PLTW is a nonprofit organization that provides a rigorous STEM curriculum for middle school and high school students.

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