



Flanagan's Award Used To Buy LEGOs For class



Earlier this year, Newark High School senior and fourth year BioMedical Sciences student Sydney Salone, created two oversized cards and wrote an essay about why her BioMedical Sciences teacher, Shawn Flanagan, was worth “A Million Thanks”.

It was in response to a contest by DonorsChoose.org and 3M that partnered to offer students and their teachers a portion of a \$50,000 grant to purchase for materials and supplies.

Because of Salone's essay, Flanagan and the BioMedical Sciences Program at NHS was awarded \$500 for use towards a new project or the development of a current aspect of teaching. DonorsChoose.org allowed Flanagan to choose from a variety of vendors to supply the lab with materials.

After polling the students and talking with Salone, Flanagan made a decision about the use of the funds.

“The BioMedical Sciences Program encourages students to build models of anatomical structures, physiological processes, and even their innovative ideas for the future of medicine and research,” Flanagan told DonorsChoose.org.

“We have used traditional arts and crafts supplies, clay, K'NEX, and paper products but over the past year, we have started to use the materials that galvanized many of our imaginations when we were little – LEGOs.”

Flanagan used the award to purchase a new supply of LEGOs to augment his own contributions, as well as supplies already in the BioMedical lab. Students in the 9th grade class, “Principles of the Biomedical Sciences,” are already using the LEGOs for their final modeling project of the year _ building on an educational model for heart attack interventions (clot-busters, angioplasty with stent placement and cardiac bypass).

