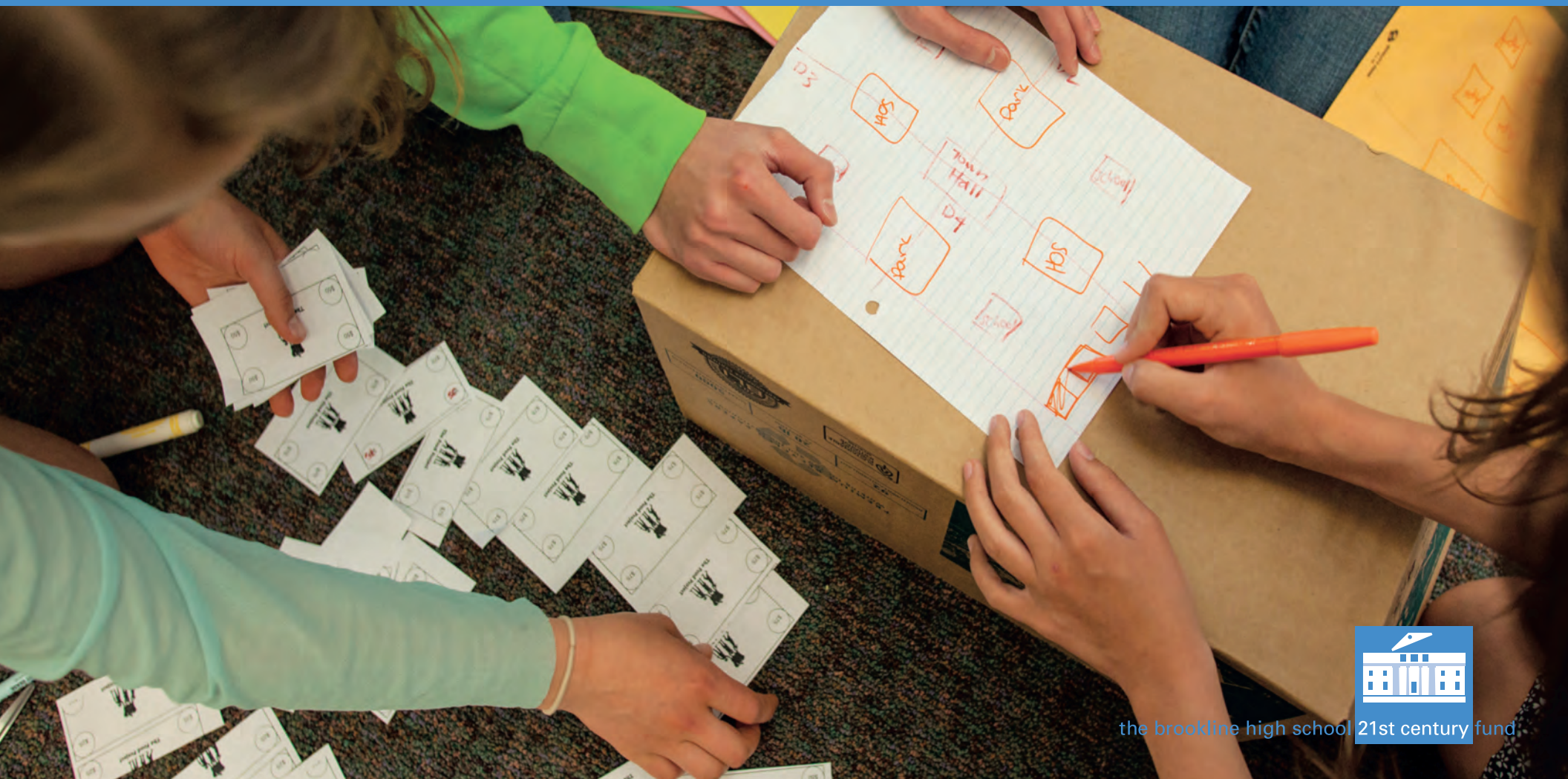


brookline high school 21st century fund

2013 Report on Philanthropy



the brookline high school 21st century fund

We strive to **CATALYZE INNOVATION** at Brookline High School by supporting faculty-led initiatives that foster academic success for all students .

The Fund's projects **INSPIRE STUDENTS** to dream, to think, to explore, and to create a better 21st century.

We support the **EXCELLENCE** of BHS by providing its faculty with opportunities for leadership and making Brookline High School a laboratory for new and creative approaches in public school education.



INNOVATION. INSPIRATION. EXCELLENCE.

Dear Friends,

Every year is about change, and 2013 has been no different. The Fund has worked hard this year, supporting curriculum innovation, reaching out to our community, and strengthening our partnerships within the school administration and with other organizations whose goals we share.

Change can be unsettling and complicated, but it can also be what inspires us to reach for new heights. For the 21st Century Fund, it has led to hard work, self reflection, and exciting opportunities. We now find ourselves well established in a new school year, with a variety of groundbreaking academic programs, looking forward to several events that will spread the word about our work, and having welcomed a new Executive Director after a months-long search. All of these efforts have been supported by you, our philanthropic community of parents, alumni, and friends. We deeply appreciate your support. It means everything!

This year's Report on Philanthropy has much to share about our mission, our current programs, and our growing community of supporters. It is because of you that we have had such a successful year. And it is because of you that BHS continues to develop game-changing programs that support our high school's excellent curriculum, dedicated professionals, and eager students. Thank you for your generous support and your unflagging enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH ZACHOS
Chair, Board of Directors

Friends,

Education is a dynamic process in the life of a school. Within these walls it is no longer enough to merely keep up with society's rapid pace of change that challenges our teachers and students. To go beyond meeting their needs is to lead on their needs. This is the underlying principle of the Brookline High School 21st Century Fund.

During the 2013-2014 academic school-year the Fund will continue to support the Global Leadership Academy; Medical Interpretation and Translation; Content Reading Initiative; A Human Math Experience; Drawing for the Understanding of Field Science; and, support for The Headmaster Action Plan. These programs collectively touch every student and teacher at Brookline High School.

The Fund will continue to inspire BHS to dream and think differently. Our achievements over the past fifteen years chronicle your passion, aspiration, and investment in our children. We can't thank you enough for your past support and ask you to stand with us once again within the walls of excellence at Brookline High School.

Sincerely,

ANDREW WISE
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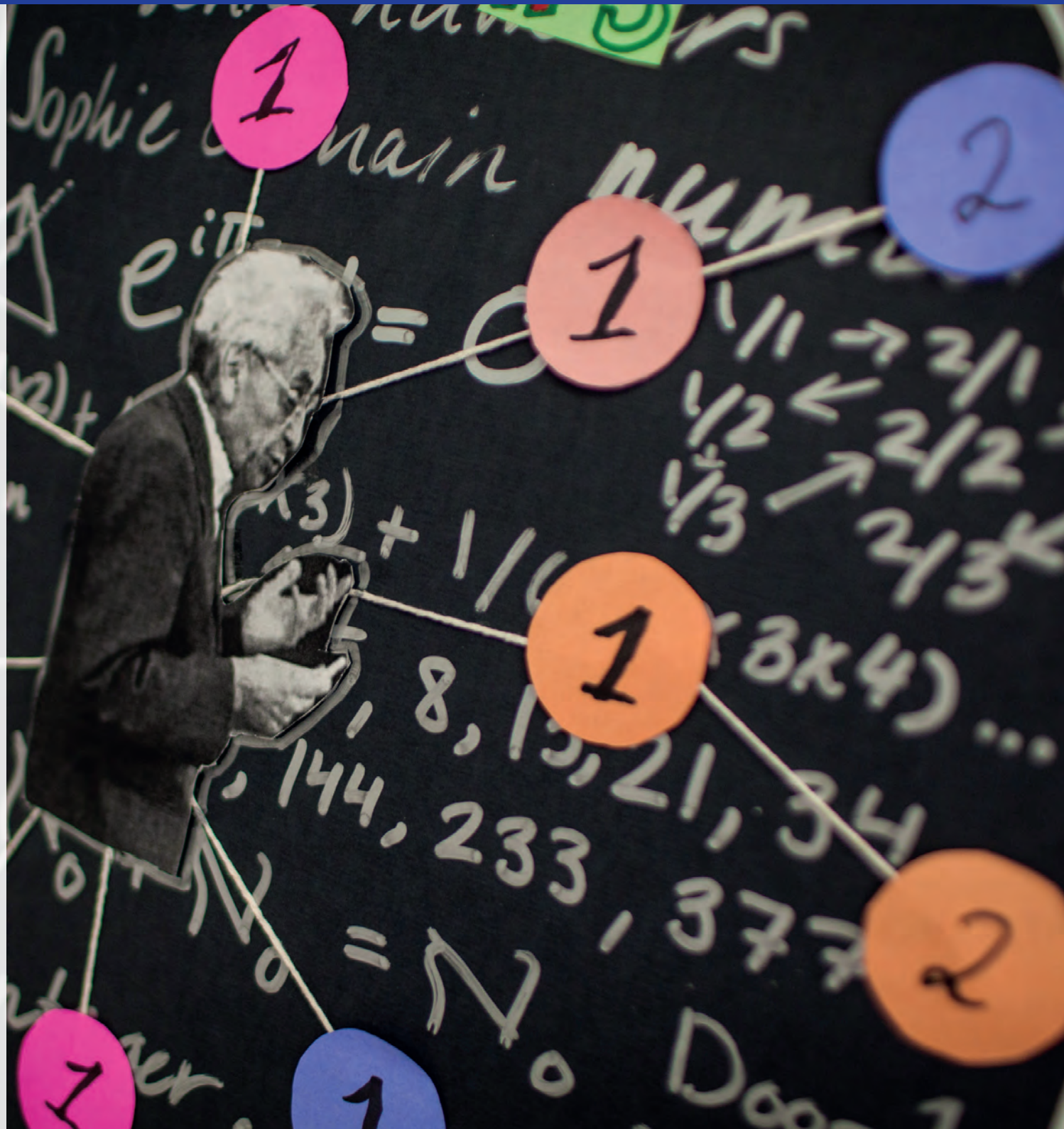
MAKING AN IMPACT

Since our inception, the BHS 21st Century Fund has raised \$9 million to launch and sustain 19 programs. **In an era when limited funding undercuts great ideas The Fund is a resource to think BIG.** Ten of our programs (below) have been fully incorporated into the Town of Brookline budget.

- Teachers Mentoring Teachers - 2000
- Good Citizen in a Good Society - 2001
- BHS Tutorial - 2002
- African American Scholars Program - 2003
- Engineering by Design - 2006
- Social Justice Leadership Program - 2007
- Arts Infusion Lab - 2008
- The Ithaka Advisory Program - 2008
- BHS Writes - 2010
- Medical Interpretation and Translation - 2012

"The true business of people should be to go back to school and think about whatever it was they were thinking about before somebody came along and told them they had to earn a living."

— Buckminster Fuller



CATALYZE INNOVATION FOR EVERY STUDENT



The mission of the 21st Century Fund is to catalyze innovation at Brookline High School by supporting faculty-led initiatives that foster academic success for all students. The Fund energizes BHS faculty with opportunities for leadership and inventive thinking, making Brookline High School a laboratory for new and creative approaches in public school education. Most importantly, the Fund's projects inspire students to dream, to think, to explore, and to create a better 21st century.

The word **education** is derived from the Latin *educatio*, meaning a bringing up and is related to *educo*, which means I lead forth. To educate is literally to lead and raise up.

The challenge of the 21st Century Fund is to advance the **raising up** of learning. The Fund empowers teachers to creatively and collaboratively rethink what is possible and propels students to embrace new levels of curiosity about their world.

INNOVATING PARTNERSHIP

“Brookline High is working closely with the 21st Century Fund to craft an exciting Fund-school partnership that will be critical to our ongoing innovative thinking. This year at the high school, we launched our BHS 2020 vision and work. The Fund is playing a key role in supporting the BHS 2020 work and providing all students with the skills they need to succeed in our complex and changing world.”

— Deborah Holman
Headmaster





SCALING PROGRESS

TEACHER BY TEACHER AND STUDENT BY STUDENT,
IMPACT BECOMES A PARADIGM SHIFT.

THE REAL REVOLUTION IS IN INFORMATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

“Who owns the learning? Are the right people getting the right information at the right time? Then, after I figure out the information question, I would ask if we have the right relationships? Collegially, teachers working with teachers, parents working with teachers and students, and students working with students and parents.”

— Alan November

Renowned Leader on Innovative Learning

“BHS’ Content Reading Initiative is leading the way – on a national level – in the effort to address secondary-level literacy issues. Teachers involved in CRI are diving deep into their own practice. They are experimenting, reflecting, collecting data, and writing about what they are learning. “I’m not just teaching social studies,” one teacher remarked, “I’m teaching literacy, which is making my students more astute learners of history.”

— Jenee Ramos,

Teacher

I INVEST IN THE 21ST CENTURY FUND BECAUSE...



“Brookline High School has what other public schools can only dream about: a 21st Century Fund supporting teacher-led innovation that makes a real difference for our kids. I can’t think of a better use of my time and resources than to support the Fund; it’s rewarding to hear my son, now a college sophomore, still enthusiastically describing his experiences in Fund-supported BHS classes and programs. What’s not to love?”

— Susan Silberberg,
BHS Alumni Parent

“Supporting Brookline High School is a critical investment in our community. Supporting the 21st Century Fund is the best way we know to ensure that our community continues to offer a superb public school education to Brookline’s high school students.”

— Lisa Nurme,
BHS Alumni Parent



Dream

“I enrolled in the Social Justice Leadership program because I wanted to...learn how I could help save the world.”

— Aaron Sege '14

“A Human Math Experience has helped me learn to be open minded about where math exists and how it applies in theory and in reality. The curriculum has allowed me to play with and consider math beyond paper. This course has stirred my imagination and my curiosity.

— Ian Quillen '14

Think

“I became a better writer from Global Leadership and, certainly, I became better at reflecting on what’s going on in the world.”

— Sophia Vos '15

“I’ve been interviewing at colleges this fall and the interviewers keep asking about three specific things on my transcripts: Global Leadership Academy, Human Math Experience, and BHS Writes. It’s fun to talk about how these relate my learning to the rest of my life.”

— Nina Goodheart '14

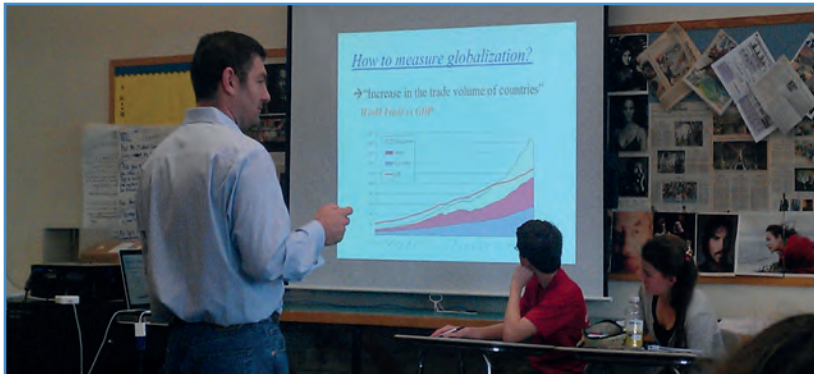
Explore

“I was always fascinated by nature and science.... But in school, they never really had connections between art and science; it was either or. So when I found out there was a class that connects both of them, I was so happy! And I was really curious how they would run a class like that, and they started the class with Leonardo DaVinci, the man of science and art and so much more! I really love this class.”

— Katharina Schenhagen '14

IMAGINING BHS IN JUNE 2016:

MID-POINT OF A FIVE YEAR-PLAN



In 2011 The Fund undertook the challenging process to plan ahead for the next five years of growth and create a comprehensive vision for the future. The document envisions BHS in June 2016....

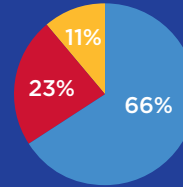
The Brookline High School 21st Century Fund is an integral partner to Brookline High School in its ongoing quest to provide a nationally renowned education to its students. Through private investment in cutting edge curricular innovation, the High School is successfully delivering on this promise, launching its students

into adult life with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in a diverse and evolving global society. By recognizing the expertise and encouraging the creativity of all BHS faculty:

- The 21st Century Fund has helped make Brookline High School a safe and exciting place for experimentation - resulting in an energized and inspired faculty;
- The Fund is recognized in Brookline and beyond as a catalyst and effective public/private partner that provides sustainable solutions to challenges in public education; and,
- Brookline High School is disseminating to other school districts as well as sharing best practices learned from 21st Century Fund pilot programs - allowing for the effective replication of 21st Century Fund investments.

A COMMUNITY CONNECTED

In FY 2013 The Fund raised more than \$500,000 mostly from unrestricted contributions from the families of BHS students.



Fiscal Year 2013: Revenue as Percentage

Annual Fund Contributions

Gala

Other

UPHOLDING AND ENHANCING A REPUTATION

Brookline High School is widely recognized as one of the best public high schools in Massachusetts. The Brookline High School 21st Century Fund is committed to partnering with administrators and faculty to uphold and enhance that reputation. In 2012 Brookline High School received the Gold Medal for Best High Schools from U.S. News & World Report.



INNOVATION, A STORY:

THE FUND, ITS SCHOOL, THE HEADMASTER, HER TEACHERS THEIR STUDENTS, ONE COMMUNITY.

INVESTMENTS FOR THE 2013-2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

MEDICAL INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION — This course trains students to become Spanish/English medical interpreters. It includes on-site internships in area hospitals, and is designed to be a direct career pathway for those with advanced language skills. **Beneficiaries: 22 Students; 1 Teacher; Investment in 2013-2014: \$3,780**

CONTENT READING INITIATIVE — It is widely recognized that students need to be more proficient readers, and the Content Reading Initiative equips teachers across disciplines to engage in common work on this difficult and urgent problem. The goal is for all students – proficient readers and those who struggle – to have greater success in content courses, which require both generic and specialized literacy skills. **Beneficiaries: 900 Students; 18 Teachers (Eventually every student and teacher will benefit.); Investment in 2013-2014: \$114,900**

A HUMAN MATH EXPERIENCE — It is easy to graduate high school thinking of math as merely a collection of formulas, procedures, and standardized questions with the goal of ‘getting the right answer.’ A Human Math Experience is a project-based, student-driven course that exposes students to math’s application in the real world. This course widens student awareness of the opportunities for using math after high school, both at the university level and in future career endeavors. **Beneficiaries: 20 Students; 1 Teacher; Investment in 2013-2014: \$27,947**

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY — 21st century leaders must possess the ability to resolve conflicts across cultures, use modern technology, work cooperatively and collaboratively within multi-national teams, and initiate creative change in a world full of blurred boundaries. The mission of the Global Leadership Academy is to endow students with the knowledge, the skills, the resourcefulness and the experience to become truly engaged and effective global agents of progress in our modern world. **Beneficiaries: 24 Students; 2 Teachers; Investment in 2013-2014: \$42,930**

DRAWING FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF FIELD SCIENCE — Dissolving the artificial boundary between arts and science (and between drawing and prose), this semester-long course redefines student observation skills and teaches the communication of scientific information through drawing. **Beneficiaries: 20 Students; 2 Teachers; Investment in 2013-2014: \$46,341**

HEADMASTER ACTION PLAN — Supporting the Headmaster’s new plan to spur BHS faculty inquiry and research into innovative educational practices and designs, taking BHS into the future. **Investment in 2013-2014: \$24,100**

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Please join the Brookline High School 21st Century Fund Board of Directors, Board of Overseers and staff as we recognize the generous contributions of our many donors and volunteers. We know that we could not invest in our critical mission without your support. The 2013 Report on Philanthropy acknowledges contributions received during the BHS 21st Century Fund's 2013 fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. We gratefully acknowledge all gifts, \$1 or more. **THANK YOU.**

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