DAVEY SUPPORTS HIGH SCHOOL ARBORICULTURE PROGRAM

High school students studying arboriculture are getting some brand-new, professional grade climbing equipment thanks to support from Davey.

Davey made a $10,000 donation to the arboriculture program at Theodore Roosevelt High School, located next to the corporate campus. The money, along with a $5,000 grant from the TREE Fund, will pay for the purchase of 15 new sets of climbing gear, which includes ropes, harnesses, lanyards and carabiners.

The program is part of a six-district compact which includes students from across Northeast Ohio. Students in the program have worked alongside Davey employees, including at The John Davey Arboretum, to learn proper pruning and other tree care methods.

Davey President and CEO Pat Covey presented the donation to Tom Franek, the program’s instructor, this summer.

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R/C WESTERN OPERATIONS UNITE SUMMER INTERNS

Davey’s Colorado Residential/Commercial (R/C) management team held a dinner for their five summer interns at the beginning of their internship to connect them with their other fellow interns and interact with the larger team in an informal setting.

“It also allows our teams to make our interns feel like they are part of a larger group, an organization, a team of people who work well together and take care of trees better than anyone else,” said Andy Ferguson, operations manager, South Central R/C Operating Group.

This year’s interns were Kameron Krause, Boulder office, Logan Henry, Fort Collins office, Logan Cinnamon, North Denver office, Wiley Schatz, South Denver office, and Ka Mele Sanchez, East Denver office. They received a comprehensive look at the R/C service line by working in each department for a few weeks and spending time with the sales, management and office support staff.

Schatz was hired on full-time at the South Denver R/C office. Henry, Cinnamon, Krause and Sanchez completed their internships and are back at school for the fall.

Pictured front row right to left: Logan Henry, Fort Collins intern; Logan Cinnamon, North Denver intern; Wiley Schatz, South Denver intern; Natalie McNiel, district manager, Fort Collins; Kameron Krause, Boulder intern; Vince Distrolo, district manager, South Denver; Andy Ferguson, operations manager, South Central Operating Group; and Dave Paricio, assistant district manager, East Denver. Back Row right to left: Kevin Marks, district manager, North Denver; John Bretsch, district manager, East Denver; Gabrielle Hamilton, recruiting hub coordinator; Jesse Tabb, assistant district manager, Boulder; Ka Mele Sanchez, East Denver intern; and Dave Kalan, district manager, Boulder.
Davey Tree donates to forestry program

Pat Covey, president and CEO of The Davey Tree Expert Co., presents a $10,000 check to Tom Franek, arboriculture instructor at Theodore Roosevelt High School, for climbing equipment. The program, part of the Six District Compact with students from Woodridge, Stow, Tallmadge, Hudson, Cuyahoga Falls and Kent, is a one-of-a-kind program in Ohio where students learn tree climbing for pruning purposes. The money, coupled with a $5,000 grant from the International Association of Arboriculture’s Tree Fund and shopping at Davey Tree’s corporate discount, afforded TRHS 15 new sets of climbing gear such as ropes, harnesses, and lanyards with giant carabiners. Franek and fellow instructor John Lang said safety is paramount and the commercial grade equipment has to support someone’s life. Students in the program have worked in some City of Kent parks as well as on the Hike and Bike Trails, according to Franek.
Davey Tree Expert Co. employees and students from Kent Roosevelt High School's arboriculture program planted a tree at The John Davey Arboretum recently, continuing a partnership dating to 1995.

Davey Tree, Kent Roosevelt students partner in planting

Davey Tree Expert Co. and Theodore Roosevelt High School in Kent firmly rooted their partnership in arboriculture training with a symbolic tree planting this fall.

Employees at Davey and students of the school's forestry and landscape management program planted an ivory silk tree lilac, Syringa reticulata, at The John Davey Arboretum. The teams planted the tree in celebration of their long-lasting relationship caring for the park space and collaborating to support the students' tree care education.

The maintenance agreement for the tree incorporates tree care lessons for the students and provides real-world experience as they tend to the arboretum's landscape.

Davey's relationship with Roosevelt's arboriculture program began in 1995 when the company helped launch the program. More recently, Davey donated $10,000 to buy new climbing and safety equipment for the students.

Also planted during the fall event was a Cornelian cherry tree, Cornus mas, the first tree in a series of memorial trees established to honor Davey employees or groups who had exceptional careers or great accomplishments. The cherry tree was planted in honor of Dr. Bal Rao, who retired as the manager of research and technical development in 2014 after a 35-year career at Davey.
Ohio CTE officials tour Compact programs

In May, seven administrators from the Office of Career-Technical Education at the Ohio Department of Education, toured Compact programs at Roosevelt and Stow-Munroe Falls High School, including Construction Technologies, Forestry and Landscape Management and Electronics, Robotics and Programming, as well as the Engineering Academy and Aeronautics Careers Academy.

The state department officials wanted to learn about academics embedded in the programs and to hear about the many links these programs have to business and industry.

Josh Dujanovic, owner of a local remodeling company, talked with the group about his experiences as a 2004 Stow-Munroe Falls Construction Technologies completer. Dujanovic received an associate's degree in Electrical Engineering from Stark State College before starting his own business.

Davey Tree donates $10,000 to Forestry program

Davey Tree recently donated $10,000 to the Forestry and Landscape Management program. Pat Covey, Davey president and CEO, presented the check which was combined with a $5,000 grant from the International Association of Arboriculture's Tree Fund. Fifteen sets of climbing gear, including ropes, harnesses, and lanyards with giant carabiners, will upgrade equipment used in the class. Davey Tree has been a longtime partner of the Forestry program and a number of program completers work for the company.

COMPACT COMPASS grant enters Phase II with summer workshop for special ed

In July, special education teachers and intervention specialists from the Compact and other area districts participated in a two-day summer workshop focused on ways to link academic content standards through service learning.

This initiative is part of an additional $49,999 Innovative Strategies Grant for Phase I which follows the success of the 2016-17 COMPACT COMPASS: THE FOUR E's INITIATIVE. This funding allowed the Six District Educational Compact to focus on career development opportunities and secondary transition services for students with disabilities as well as projects to introduce teams of middle school students to career development.

Led by consultants Kathy Myer and Ellen Erlanger, the summer workshop provided a planning model in which high school students with multiple disabilities partnered with first graders to study the Iditarod race.