



AIM HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday Session at MilliporeSigma

On Saturday March 12th, Aim High Achievers from all three sites visited MilliporeSigma (formerly Sigma-Aldrich), a life sciences company. The morning got rolling right away with a tour of the facilities. Students were then guided to labs where they dove into a hands-on activity. Students took notes on five different scents and then worked to combine the chemicals to create a new unique scent. Representatives from MilliporeSigma taught proper pipetting techniques as well as the importance of wafting to protect from direct exposure to chemicals. The groups then decided what their scent would be used for, what it would be called, the target audience, and the suggested retail price.

The groups' products varied from a \$30 candle named after a group's initials, to a \$4 cologne for all ages and genders to be sold at grocery stores. It was a great exercise in both science and marketing! After the tour and hands-on activity, students watched a short video that encouraged curiosity as a key factor that propels humanity forward. After the video, Aim High Achievers were encouraged to write down and discuss their own questions on how the world works.

Thank you to our partners at MilliporeSigma for this interactive and fun Saturday session, we will definitely be back again!



Honoring A Founding Donor: The Stupp Foundation



Established in 1952 in MO - The Norman J. Stupp Foundation was established by Norman Stupp and his wife, Marie. The foundation focus is within three categories: Strengthening the Region; Building Strong Communities and Neighborhoods; and Helping Youth Succeed. As part of the Helping Youth Succeed category, the Stupp Foundation has funded nearly every year since our inception in 1991. We spoke with Cynthia Crim from the Stupp Foundation to hear her insights on the foundation's lasting partnership with Aim High.

How does the work of Aim High serve the mission of the Stupp Foundation?

Norman J. Stupp has a strong interest in serving young people so 50% of the foundation's awards go to organizations serving youth. Closing the achievement gap is particularly important, and Aim High works to close that gap. Aim High is very intentional at targeting kids who could fall through the cracks and building relationships that energize kids around education.

What has made the partnership between the foundation and Aim High last for so many years?

What makes relationships last is stable leadership and Aim High has always had that. The leadership at Aim High is also receptive to input from the foundation which makes for a lasting partnership. The Stupp Foundation expressed that Aim High's model is good but needs to reach more kids. The opening of the third site at Villa Duchesne makes the Stupp Foundation feel heard.

What does the Foundation like most about Aim High?

Aim High reaches a number of students across the region. The program serves school districts that can really benefit from additional support. A unique strength of Aim High is the access to the private school campuses, as well as giving the students an opportunity to make new friends with students outside of their school.

Thank you Cynthia and the Norman J. Stupp Foundation for your continued support and for being an effective partner in helping youth succeed in St. Louis.

Save the Date

Aim High is celebrating 25 years! Our annual Luminosity celebration will be Thursday, April 28th at Barnett on Washington. The festivities will take place from 6:30-9:00 p.m. and there will be a VIP reception from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

A big thank you to our Platinum sponsors:
World Wide Technology,
The Steward Family Foundation,
and Centene Corporation.

Luminosity is a unique event that brings business and community leaders together for a special evening. We are thrilled to welcome Brian Owens and the Deacons of Soul who will be performing at the event.

[CLICK HERE](#) to get your tickets today.

For more information or sponsorship opportunities, contact Natalie Hartwig at (314) 432-9500 ext. 1002.



Give STL Day

Aim High St. Louis is excited to be participating in this year's Give STL Day! On Tuesday, May 3rd, take part in Give STL day and make a difference in St. Louis. Give STL Day in a 24-hour giving event that helps local nonprofits.

View Aim High's page at: <https://givestlday.org/npo/aim-high-st-louis>



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