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Jewels Academy receives grant from Variety - the Children's Charity

Des Moines, Iowa – Jewels Academy is excited to announce it has received a \$4,988 grant from Variety – the Children's Charity. These funds increased the outreach of programming for young women interested in learning more about STEM enrichment programs held by Jewels Academy.

Jewels Academy is a nonprofit organization that provides STEM enrichment programming through hands-on-learning from STEM professionals for young women giving them a competitive edge needed to succeed academically. Jewels Academy works with underrepresented young women, from elementary to high school ages.

The Variety grant funds supported our Young Emerging Scientists programming for 4th through 9th grades this past fall where students were able to learn about mechanical engineering and creating catapults, learn about entomology in creating a cricket habitat, and learned about weather and created barometers. This grant will also support early 2026 programming such as AI prompting and various food science and physical science workshops.

"The Support from Variety – the Children's Charity brought programming to some of the most vulnerable communities. The exposure to STEM enrichment programming early expands students' future career outlook and can remove barriers. This grant creates pathways for some of our most vulnerable populations." said Dr. Kimberly S. Wayne, founder, and chair of Jewels Academy. "Variety opened the door to enable students to attend at no cost. Thank you, Variety!"

About Variety – the Children's Charity of Iowa

Variety - the Children's Charity is dedicated to improving the lives of children who are underprivileged, at-risk, critically ill, or living with special needs. Grant funding is provided to programs and initiatives that directly impact the well-being of children.

For more information on Variety grants and programs, please visit varietyiowa.com.

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