

... the leadership capacity of young people.

#### Project: Continuation of the 2017 Grant Award Program

The OVM currently hosts two 10-day sessions of CrossRoad at Hellenic College Holy Cross for 32 students each session. During the summer of 2019, after two sessions in Brookline, MA, the CrossRoad staff will pilot a third session in Chicago at NorthPark University. This will allow up to 96 students to experience this life-changing program, and will make the program more accessible to high school students in the Midwest and Chicagoland areas. Piloting a session of CrossRoad in Chicago not only increases the program's accessibility, but it also allows the OVM to assess whether running the program in several regional locations nationwide will be effective in increasing the reach of this high impact ministry. CrossRoad effectively complements the efforts of Orthodox families, parishes, and camping programs to pass on our beautiful faith tradition to our youth. It is hosted on a college campus with the goal of preparing students to engage their faith in their formative adult years, stressing three interrelated components of vocation, theology, and service. Students are given essential space to explore who they are, to ask seasoned Orthodox theologians their toughest questions, to experience the joy of service, and to make friendships that will last a lifetime. For more information, contact Dr. Ann Bezzerides, OVM Director, at (617) 850-1308 or [abezzerides@hchc.edu](mailto:abezzerides@hchc.edu).