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ENERGYUNITED AWARDS GRANTS TO TEACHERS FOR THEIR ‘BRIGHT IDEAS’

STATESVILLE, N.C. – EnergyUnited is awarding over \$43,000 in Bright Ideas education grants to 40 teachers to fund engaging classroom learning projects. Students at schools in Alexander, Cabarrus, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Iredell, Rockingham and Rowan counties, will participate in Bright Ideas projects funded by EnergyUnited this year.

“EnergyUnited is very proud to support our educators’ continued efforts to innovate in the classroom, whether in person or virtually, even as our communities respond to the many challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Maureen Moore, Communications Manager of EnergyUnited.

This year’s winning projects leverage investments in technology and tools that help facilitate social distancing while finding unique ways to achieve desired educational outcomes.

Since the Bright Ideas grant program began in 1994, EnergyUnited has contributed more than nearly \$900,000 to local teachers.

“Investing in the education of our youth and future leaders is just one way in which EnergyUnited demonstrates its resounding commitment to community,” Moore said.

EnergyUnited is one of 26 member-owned electric cooperatives in the state offering Bright Ideas grants to local educators. During the month of November, North Carolina’s electric cooperatives will award teachers statewide close to \$600,000 in Bright Ideas education grants.

Since 1994, North Carolina’s electric cooperatives collectively have awarded more than \$12.9 million to North Carolina teachers. The Bright Ideas program has reached well over 2.5 million North Carolina students and sponsored more than 12,000 projects in all subjects including math, reading, science and technology, history, music and the arts.

Bright Ideas grant applications are collected each year from April through mid-September, and winning proposals are selected in a competitive evaluation process by a panel of judges. The application process will reopen for interested teachers in April 2021. To find out more information about the Bright Ideas grant program, visit www.energyunited.com/bright-ideas-program.

2020 Bright Ideas Winners

The Brawley School	Ms.	Dana Gillis	\$2,000.00
American Renaissance Elementary School	Mrs.	Tai McMiller	\$1,500.00
North Davidson High School	Mrs.	Natalie Grant	\$950.00
Discovery Program at the Springs	Mr.	Rick Marcy	\$600.00
Oak Grove High School	Mrs.	Sarah Bridges	\$1,800.00
Statesville High	Mr.	Alan Lorne Cook	\$1,991.42
Charles England Elementary	Mr.	Phillip Haworth	\$830.00
Churchland Elementary	Ms.	Kelly Grant	\$950.00
The North Carolina Leadership Academy	Ms.	Kelly Hartzell	\$1,965.00
Douglass Elementary	Mrs.	Samantha Crews	\$795.99
Cool Spring Elementary	Mrs.	Linda Dearman	\$1,500.00
Crossroads Arts and Science Early College	Mr.	Michael Williams	\$1,200.00
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A L Brown High	Mrs.	Katie Bogle	\$1,977.29
Davis-Townsend Elementary	Ms.	Shirley Cox	\$500.00
Overton Elementary	Ms.	Alesha Spring Roseman	\$1,815.74
Statesville Middle	Ms.	Corabelle Brindle	\$976.00
Fair Grove Elementary	Mrs.	Bleasha A Carroll	\$500.00
Wittenburg Elementary	Mr.	Zachary Richardson	\$900.00
South Davidson High	Ms.	Jenna Shaw	\$1,000.00
Hanes Middle	Mrs.	Desirae Balsamo	\$1,000.00
Silver Valley Elementary	Mrs.	Tammy Shelton	\$1,775.88
Mooresville High School	Mr.	Joseph Higdon	\$500.00
Colfax Elementary	Mrs.	Robyn H Owen	\$802.00
Lake Norman Elementary	Miss	Sara Webb	\$557.01
West Rowan High	Mrs.	Tori Cardea	\$500.00
Landis Elementary	Mrs.	Kelly Crews	\$1,469.00
Union Grove Elementary	Mrs.	Darlene Marotta	\$308.00
Friedberg Elementary	Ms.	Caroline Stalvey	\$900.00
The Brawley School	Ms.	Courtney Frasier	\$716.95
North Iredell Middle	Mrs.	Jennifer DiFiore	\$1,275.00
West Rowan High	Mrs.	Kristi Miller	\$750.00
William R Davie Elementary	Mrs.	Casey Mancilla	\$1,000.00
Central Davie Academy	Mr.	Danny Lough	\$413.85
Statesville High	Mr.	Tim Hamby	\$1,749.25
Career Academy and Technical School	Mr.	Justin Bennett	\$1,950.36
The North Carolina Leadership Academy	Ms.	Royzetta Cokley	\$719.00
Konnoak Elementary	Ms.	Gina McGee	\$750.00
Pickett Primary	Mrs.	Jennifer Steele	\$750.00
Southwood Elementary	Mrs.	April Hendley	\$947.00
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