



AEE Awards TPSD 31 Grants Totaling More Than \$75K

TUPELO, Miss. — Monday afternoon in an event hosted by Rankin Elementary and announced virtually, the Association of Excellence in Education (AEE) awarded 31 grants totaling \$75,014.08 to the Tupelo Public School District.

The grants ranged from \$500 to \$9,120, with money garnered from various fundraisers and area business and private donors. Tupelo High School received a district-high 12 grants totaling \$29,135.24. Thomas Street Elementary had the second highest number of grants with five.

“AEE is a Game changer,” THS principal Art Dobbs said. “We are so thankful to have AEE here in our community supporting our school district. We could not bring the innovative ideas to life without them.”

Since its inception in 1983, AEE has provided nearly \$3M.

“AEE’s purpose is to support the Tupelo community by serving its most important resource for growth, the Tupelo Public School District,” AEE president Ashley McLellan said. “We accomplish this each year by granting the most innovative proposals that teachers submitted. AEE helps promote creative initiatives in the classroom. These grants give teachers the resources to have autonomy in the classroom and engage students directly.”

Included in the 31 grants were two named awards — The Regions Grant and the Founders’ Grant.

The Founders’ Grant was presented to Parkway teachers Amanda Warren, Dawn Ver Hey and Travis Ver Hey in the amount of \$5,950 for *Dispensing Literacy: The Inchy Bookwork Vending Machine*. The Regions Grant was awarded to Laura Sheffield of Milam for *Mixing Math and Science Into The Stacks* for \$2,306.38.

The largest grant went to THS totaling \$9,120 and was named Real Life Situations Without Real Life Consequences. It was submitted by teachers Scott Gann, Brent Keller, Justin Reed and Harris Faucette.

Complete list of grants . . .

Grant Name	Teachers	Schools	Amount
Act It Out with Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales	Amanda Young, Leigh Ann Wise, Carrie Riley, Catherine Kahlstorf	ECEC	\$1,804.84
Fairyland and Construction Zone	Amanda Young, Leigh Ann Wise, Carrie Riley, Catherine Kahlstorf	ECEC	\$1,752.47

STEM on the Move!	Anna Taylor, Amy Buzzell, Clarissa McCain, Amy Hardy, Ashley Dallas	ECEC	\$1,716.91
Mixed Media, Movement & Mid-Century USA	Shannon Carlisle	Lawhon	\$500.00
The Elvis Engineers	Anna Beth Williams	Lawhon	\$496.00
Turn up the Heat on Service learning	Keila Glenn, Shannon Carlisle, Tabbie Easter, Breanna Jefcoat	Lawhon	\$2,830.00
Launching Leaders	Amorita Shells, Kaisonju Witherspoon	Milam	\$2,195.00
Mixing Math and Science into the Stacks	Laura Sheffield	Milam	\$2,306.38
The Inchy Bookworm Vending Machine	Amanda Warren, Dawn Ver Hey, Travis Ver Hey	Parkway	\$5,950.00
From STEM to STEAM: Coding Artist Robot	Amanda Warren, Dawn Ver Hey	Parkway	\$1,749.25
STEM Lab Shenanigans	Lindsey Hester	Rankin	\$4,396.29
En Pointe With Learning	Michelle Guyton	Thomas	\$2,326.61
Get in the Game	Jeni Chandler, Rachel Davis	Thomas	\$1,408.85
Right One!	Donna Bridges	Thomas	\$2,750.92
Sensing All the Senses	Sharronda Evans	Thomas	\$1,060.00
We Can't Help Falling in Love with Elvis	Jeni Chandler, Lee Ann Barnes, Rachel Davis	Thomas	\$1,651.30
Advanced Podcasting in the Classroom	Shari Chumley	THS	\$1,697.93
Breakout Science Constance Burleson,	Crystal Bigham	THS	\$2,000.00
Caught in the A.C.T.	Rand Hinds, April Friar	THS	\$1,200.00
Cooking Up an Education	Kathy Anderson	THS	\$290.92
High School Photography Goes Pro	Shari Chumley	THS	\$2,698.99
Let's Book It	Debra Long, Neely Walker	THS	\$876.75
Level Up: Language Proficiency	Katy Rawson	THS	\$1,491.90
Making Math 3D	Kelly Martin	THS	\$2,152.87
Real Life Situations W/O Real Life Consequences	Scott Gann, Brent Keller, Justin Reed, Harris Faucette	THS	\$9,120.00
Sew Many Possibilities	Ginger Enis	THS	\$2,239.88
Spin Me Around	Teresa Ware	THS	\$3,866.00
Tupelo Golden Wavely	Anne Marie Goad	THS	\$1,500.00
A Mississippi Dirt-Shirt Shindig	Teresa Bernauer	TMS	\$1,874.77
Musical Dynamics of the Self-Contained	Cassie Swoope	TMS	\$5,824.00
Rise to the Occasion	Meg Russell	TMS	\$3,285.25

School Breakdown . . .

School	Total Grants	Amount
ECEC	3	\$5,274.22
Lawhon	3	\$3,826.00
Milam	2	\$4,501.38
Parkway	2	\$7,699.25
Rankin	1	\$4,396.29
Thomas Street	5	\$9,197.68
Tupelo High School	12	\$29,135.24
Tupelo Middle School	3	\$10,984.02

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