

## CSEE Foundation awards over \$40K in grants

The Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation presented over \$40,000 to fund 13 teacher-purposed grants for 2018–2019. Foundation board members visited CISD campuses on the last day of school to notify winners with fanfare reminiscent of Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes.

The Foundation raises funds through its annual Boots & BBQ Celebration and Fundraiser held each April at CHS. To date, the Foundation has funded grants in excess of \$500,000.



*ACW's Sarah Looney (right) was presented a grant by Dr. Mary Hendrix for 64 pedometers for use in PE classes.*



*CMS Coach Julie Brown's grant will allow every sixth grader to experience the Texas A&M University-Commerce Outdoor Adventure for teambuilding. Board member Janet Peek presented the award.*



*Husband and wife team Stephen and Kortney Clayton nabbed three grants for CMS. Beverly Pirkey (right) notified the winners.*



*CSEEF board member Donna Spinato (center) congratulated ACW teachers Kaitlin Lunceford and Whitney Fox for their grant, which will provide STEMscopes kits for hands-on learning experiences.*



*CHS received four grants for the next school year. The Tiger Cheer Team will get new competition uniforms thanks to the efforts of sponsors Sawyer Colvin and Jennie Reynolds (front and center). Christi Coplin, back row, will instruct students on programming using a MicroBit computer. Courtney Goodwin (center in blue) received a roller bender to help in the ag department metal fabrication classes. Jenna O'Neal (far right) will use her grant to start a Future Teachers of America chapter at CHS. Grant winners are shown with CHS Principal Steve Drummond, Foundation members Beverly and Jack Pirkey, Janet Peek, Donna Spinato, Janet Duncan and Dr. Mary Hendrix. Dr. Patricia Tremmel helped with the grant selection.*



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*CMS art teacher Tracy Brown (right) will purchase a class library of art books and resources to motivate students to explore their own interests in art. Dr. Mary Hendrix presented the award.*



*CMS science team members Margaret London and Cindy Pierce (right) will use digital engineering journals to engage students in scientific learning. Dr. Jack and Beverly Pirkey presented the award.*



*Director of Health Services Kathy Myers (right) secured the Aim for Success abstinence and anti-bullying and substance abuse programs for campuses. The program has been used in the district for several years with parental approval. Janet Peek (left) presented the award.*

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