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EDUCATOR EXPRESS

2024 Professional Development Award Recipients







Melanie Hendrix

Jennif<u>er Wilson</u>

2024 EDUCATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Pamela Barnes Clarence Boswell Elementary, Auburndale, FL **Project: Read and Ride**

Ian Bennitt

Godby High, Tallahassee, FL Project: Future Educator's Association (FFEA): Ignite the Light, Teach!

Tanisha Drummond Cunningham WJ Bryan Elementary, North Miami, FL **Project: Reading Our Way to Game Day**

Glendaly Fernandez

Dunnellon Elementary, Dunnellon, FL Project: Wonder is the Beginning of Wisdom

Misti Gibbens North Bay Haven Elementary, Panama City, FL Project: Teacher Resource Room

Josephine Rosado

Zenith Accelerated Learning Academy, Saint Cloud, FL **Project: Keeping Me Calm When It Gets Loud**

Lora Rossi Dunnellon Elementary, Dunnellon, FL **Project: Authentic Learning through Math and Science Manipulatives**

Shawna-Mae Lancaster Warren Belleview-Santos Elementary, Belleview, FL Project: Drumming Up Enthusiasm for Physical Movement

Grant Recipients

Ashley Harris

Sarasota High, Sarasota, FL

Melanie Hendrix

Jennifer Wilson



Glendaly Fernandez







Lora Rossi

Shawna-Mae Warren



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Misti Gibbens

2024 Educational



2024 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AWARD RECIPIENTS

SIMS Virtual Professional Learning Courses

Booker T. Washington High, Pensacola, FL **Truman Library Teacher Conference**

Tequesta Trace Middle, Plantation, FL **Innovative Schools Summit**



Ian Bennitt



Making Dreams Come True for Florida Educators and Students

From 2017 through 2024, the Florida DKG Educational Foundation has given 16 Professional Development Awards and 31 Educational Grants for a total of 47 recipients and \$44,078.61.

This year, the Foundation gave three (3) professional development awards for Florida educators to attend conferences or, take virtual courses, and eight (8) grants for innovative projects that will have a positive impact on education for Florida students. Congratulations to our recipients.

Below are some educators who are excited to share the impact your contributions have made in Florida schools and communities.

EDUCATIONAL GRANT UPDATE

2023 Educational Grant Recipient Patricia Layton Dunnellon Elementary

PROJECT: Classroom Libraries for Young Readers

This project provided teachers at Dunnellon Elementary with the funding they needed to select and purchase age appropriate books for students in grades 1 and 2, so that students would have access to "just the right books" to read in their classroom every day.





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD UPDATE

2022 Professional Development Award Recipient Doreen Alvarez Peace River Elementary

CONFERENCE: Teaching, Learning, Coaching Conference 2023

Hurricane Ian forced Doreen Alvarez to cancel her registration at the 2022 *Teaching, Learning Coaching* Conference in Texas, so she re-registered to attend the 2023 TLC in Orlando, Florida. Her conference experience was enhanced when other educators from her district attended as well which provided opportunities for discussions and planning together.

EDUCATIONAL GRANT UPDATE

2023 Educational Grant Recipient Susan Peters PossAbilites Plus

PROJECT: Curtain Up! Light the Lights!

The grant project for PossAbilities Plus (that serves young adults with social and intellectual diversities) provided the opportunity for students to engage in a drama performance titled *"PossAbilities Goes Camping"*. The participants finished their camping drama performance with campfire stories.





EDUCATIONAL GRANT UPDATE

2023 Educational Grant Recipient Mary Keip Dunnellon Elementary

PROJECT: Touching Lives by Teaching Music

Mary Keip purchased 100 recorders and music books for the four (4) 5th grade music classes at Dunnellon Elementary. Each child was able to own their personal recorder and music book so that they could practice at school and at home. The project included a musical presentation for students, parents and staff.



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