

Florida DKG Educational Foundation *Educator Express*



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Congratulations to the 2021 Recipients

Educational Grants

The *FLDKGEF Educational Grant* supports classroom activities and/or other projects designed by active or retired educators to be implemented in schools or communities.



Cyd Heyliger-Browne
Miami, FL

**"Discovering Endorphins:
Sports Connected to Literacy &
STEAM"**

Provide and mail kits to 30 elementary students for online lessons offered through Sports Konnect and Miami-Dade County Public Library system.



Kathleen Poe
Jacksonville Beach, FL

"Help Me to Be Me"

Provide calendars, planners and supplies for students at *PossAbilities Plus*, an education center that teaches time management for young adults with Autism, Down Syndrome and other social and intellectual diversities.



Paula Nelson-Shokar
Homestead, FL

**"Supporting STEM Learning with
iPad Technology"**

Purchase an iPad to be used in conjunction with a Hot Spot to make it possible to conduct field studies virtually with science students.



Melissa Whitson
Bonifay, FL

"Check It Out"

Purchase popular, current young adult books to add to her class library at Roulhac Middle School in order to encourage her students to do more extra-curricular reading.

Professional Development Award

The *FLDKGEF Professional Development Award* provides funding for educators to attend training that relates to the educator's professional aspirations and/or current educational assignment.



Missy Jones
Sandford, FL

"Space Academy for Educators" June, 2021

To experience lessons and activities in space science that can be used with students in the "Space" Lab classroom at Winter Springs Elementary.

2020 Recipients Update

The 2020 Award and Grant recipients have not allowed the pandemic to hamper their resolve to provide unique educational opportunities to excite and motivate Florida students. Here are a few updates on some of their projects.

Many of the conferences selected by the **Award recipients** were cancelled in 2020 and have now rescheduled:

Debbie Bohanan-ISTE; June 2021

Kim Franklin-FAME; November 2021

Jennifer Guarraia-Get Your Teach On; July 2021

However, Award recipient **Stacey DeWolfe** (Set Theory-Graduate Level Mathematics) completed her course at Florida Gulf Coast University. The completion of this course allows Stacey to teach a College Algebra course at Lemon Bay High.

The **Grant recipients** have also made modifications to their activities to reflect the required pandemic procedures. Grant recipient **Janice Tucker** (Flight to Freedom) collaborated with the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center to develop a virtual field trip to replace a scheduled trip

for 160 students at Orange Park Junior High. The Lincolnville Museum provided teachers with educational materials. On Friday, March 12, 2021, five hundred (500) Orange Park students and seventy (70) online students participated in the virtual field trip experience. Lincolnville Museum has since posted the field trip on YouTube: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3tYAS0hGVQ>) This activity increased the number of student participants from 160 to 570.

Grant recipient **Desiraye Pulizzi** (Learning to 'Code' in Kindergarten) found innovated ways to integrate Blue-Bots technology into her classroom lessons. Although small groups and partnering with the robots was restricted, Desiraye discovered that the robots encouraged the class to work cooperatively when a robot did not perform as anticipated. It also delighted them to see the robot following their programed commands.

Florida DKG Educational Foundation is pleased to provide funding to educators for activities that have a positive impact on education in Florida.

Important Dates

Sept 1, 2021

Applications will be available for 2022 Award & Grants.

Sept 17, 2021

FLDKGEF Annual Membership Meeting at the Florida State Executive Board Meeting, Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

Feb 1, 2022

2022 Award & Grant Applications Deadline

April 2022

Award & Grant Recipients notified

2021 Awards and Grants

The Foundation is honored to provide funding to the 2021 Professional Development Award and Educational Grant recipients as they strive to provide unique activities that will enhance the educational experience for Florida students.

Educational Impact

1 Professional Development Award

4 Educational Grants

5 Educators

900 Florida Students Impacted

\$ 4,000 Funding Awarded

Florida DKG Educational Foundation

Florida DKG Educational Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation that provides funding for activities that support the professional development of educators in the state of Florida and promotes educational excellence for Florida students.

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