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Teachers earn \$20,494 in grants

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The Education Foundation of Hudson last week awarded grants totaling \$20,494, mostly Star Grants and Star Initiative Grants for innovative projects and curriculum training. The foundation funded 10 projects, involving more than 20 educators and administrators from nearly every school in the Hudson district.

The grants were presented Thursday, May 1, at Hudson Prairie Elementary. Foundation President Doug Stohlberg presented the awards and told recipients that the foundation and community are proud of the educator's efforts to bring innovative ideas to the classroom.

"You are the teachers who inspire excellence, and that is why you are here today," Stohlberg said. "You are innovative, creative, encourage innovative projects and are not afraid to expand your horizons."



Others earning grants from the Education Foundation of Hudson last week were, front from left, Heidi Aschenbrenner, Shannon Sexe, Misty Ohman and Traci Wolfe; back, Kathryn Schulte, Cheryl Klanderma, Debby Larson and Suzi Bopray.

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The foundation also selects winners of the Star Excellence Award, which is presented to educators each spring. Those individuals are nominated by the public.

The foundation, founded in 1990, is a private organization established to strengthen community participation in local schools and inspire both teachers and students. With last week's awards, the foundation has funded over \$950,000 in projects and awards since its inception.

Winning grants were:

- Social Skills Curriculum for Early Childhood program, written by Pam Morrison and Linda Jacobs from Willow River and Rock elementary schools. The foundation awarded \$819.
- **WeatherBug** Weather Station Package, written by Tricia Pieper of St. Patrick's School. The foundation awarded \$3,000.
- Read Naturally SE to Increase Reading Fluency, written by Dave Grambow and Teri Hutton of Rock Elementary. The foundation awarded \$3,092.
- Non-Fiction Leveled Library, written by Traci Wolfe, Misty Ohman, Cheryl Klanderma and Debby Larson of Hudson Prairie Elementary. The foundation awarded \$2,116.
- Facilitating Speech and Language Skills Through Motor Movement Modalities, written by Suzi Bopray of Hudson Prairie Elementary. The foundation awarded \$2,067.
- Early Childhood Family Education, written by Shannon Sexe, Kathryn Schulte and Heidi Aschenbrenner of Rock Elementary. The foundation awarded \$2,000.
- Raider Roast Coffee Shop, written by Crystal Geigle and Alleyne Howe of Hudson High School. The foundation awarded \$300.
- Top Dog Book Reviews, written by Jennifer Johnson, Kara Lindstrom, Michelle Beer and Dan Rock of North

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The foundation is funded by private donations, mostly coming from local and area businesses, individuals and foundations.

Star Grants offer financial support for innovative classroom projects that would not typically be funded in the normal budgeting process. Star Initiative Grants are designed to further education of teachers in areas that would not be typically funded by schools. The organization also oversees Connections Grants (focused on volunteerism and service), Student Strength Grants (student initiated grants to help people) and Raider Pride Alumni Grants (geared to high school programs).

The foundation awards grants two times each year. Deadlines are Nov. 1 and April 1.

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Hudson and River Crest elementary schools. The foundation awarded \$1,400.

- Literacy Coach Training, written by Sue Hellmers representing all Hudson elementary schools. The foundation awarded \$2,400.
- Literacy Connection, written by Sue Hellmers representing all Hudson elementary schools. The foundation awarded \$3,240.

In addition to Stohlberg, foundation members are Jodell Krause, Vickie Harris, Nola Gehn, Dr. Ron Bernth, Arnie Fett, Robert Benoy, Marion Schultz and Clarence "Buck" Malick. Steve Keller is the part-time executive director.



Among those earning grants from the Education Foundation of Hudson last week were, front from left, Dan Rock, Dave Grambow, Pam Morrison and Teri Hutton; back, Jennifer Johnson, Michelle Beer, Kara Lindstrom, Sue Hellmers, Crystal Geigle, Alleyne Howe and Linda Jacobs.

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