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**Truliant Foundation Awards $45,000 in Education Grants to Schools**

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (March 20, 2025) – The Truliant Foundation announced today the recipients of its annual Education Grants for public schools serving Truliant member communities in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Twelve schools in Truliant communities are receiving grants for programs that support transformational education and student success in the classroom. The Truliant Foundation is distributing $45,000 to this year’s winners.

Now in its ninth year, the Education Grants program has provided more than $380,000 to school programs. It is intended to support educational programs for students in grades 6-12 by supplying up to $5,000 to public school teachers with unique ideas promoting student success in the classroom.

The winning programs focus on media, workforce skills, engineering, robotics, and creative expression. To enhance learning and development, they provide students with hands-on experiences, technology access, and community engagement.

“The Truliant Foundation is proud to support these schools in their innovative efforts to improve learning and success in the classroom,” said Atticus Simpson, executive director of the Truliant Foundation. “We are consistently impressed by the high caliber of ideas presented by educators to provide different, creative and impactful learning programs for the students they serve.”

Recipients of the Truliant Foundation 2025 Education Grant Program include:

**Berea Middle School, Greenville, S.C.**: The grant will support the "Empowering Students Through Media" project to create a quarterly student-led news show for the middle school. Grant funds will be used to purchase essential equipment like cameras, microphones, and editing software.

**Cleveland County Schools, Shelby, N.C.**: This grant will support Career & Technical Education Work-Based Learning Internships, allowing students to bridge school and work by offering transformative real-world experiences. Funding will cover work supplies and a small stipend for unpaid work hours.

**Grimsley High School, Greensboro, N.C.**: The Grimsley Tiny House Project will build tiny houses for donation to the Tiny House Community Development in Greensboro, addressing workforce issues and homelessness.

**Hawfields Middle School, Mebane, N.C.**: The Engineering/3D Printing program aims to introduce students to 3D printing technology, including the design process. Funds will be utilized to purchase 3D printers and supplies necessary for printing.

**Highland School of Technology, Gastonia, N.C.**: Funding will supply a 3D printer to elevate the AP Computer Science Principles curriculum. The printer will enable students to design custom parts for Sphero Bolt+ robots and enhance their coding, creativity, and engineering skills.

**Holbrook Middle School, Lowell, N.C.**: The Pinewood Derby Project combines classroom instruction with the classic "Pinewood Derby" program, with grant funds allocated for the necessary materials.

**Jackson Middle School, Greensboro, N.C.**: The Young Authors Program will allow students to write, illustrate, peer-edit, and publish their own hardcover storybooks to share with the community.

**Max Meadows Elementary School, Max Meadows, Va.**: The Emboss Wythe Us project aims to purchase a braille embosser to allow educators of students with vision impairments to create braille materials.

**Pulaski County Middle School, Pulaski, Va.**: The PCMS Math Fair will create a student-led math fair where 6th graders invite 5th graders to participate in math games, facilitating a smoother transition to middle school.

**The Academy at Smith High School, Greensboro, N.C.**: The "Rxcellence" program prepares students for certification and careers in pharmacy through hands-on training and real-world simulations.

**The Kearns Academy High School, High Point, N.C.**: The After School Robotics Program aims to inspire students to explore STEM through hands-on robotics, with funding used for materials, tools, and mentor training.

**WC Friday Middle School, Dallas, N.C.**: The Broadcasting a Better Future project will create a student broadcast team, fostering collaboration, creativity, and communication skills while teaching media and public speaking through school news and events.

The Truliant Foundation also contributes to the North Carolina Council on Economic Education (NCCEE). This non-profit organization provides professional training and assistance to help teachers in North Carolina be better prepared to teach economics and personal finance. North Carolina students are required by law to take a personal finance course to graduate from high school.

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**About The Truliant Foundation**
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