

2021 Bright Ideas Teacher Grant winners

24 teachers in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash/Rocky Mount, and Wake counties have been awarded the 2021 Bright Ideas grants. The grants will be used for a variety of classroom programs throughout the school year. Grant winners are:

Carol Jemiolo	Apex Friendship Middle	Apex, NC
Kathryn Tharrington	Bunn Elementary	Bunn, NC
Bethany Bonnemere	West Oxford Elementary	Oxford, NC
Carrie Jones	Davis Drive Middle	Cary, NC
Donna Hitchings	North Wake College & Career Academy	Wake Forest, NC
Deirdre Martyn	Forest Pines Drive Elementary	Raleigh, NC
Kara Gensor	Holly Springs High School	Holly Springs, NC
Jessica Hardy	Rolesville Middle School	Rolesville, NC
Karen Waller	Timber Drive Elementary	Garner, NC
Catherine Littleton	Butner-Stem Middle	Butner, NC
Nathan Stack	Baucom Elementary	Apex, NC
Carole Griffin	J F Webb High	Oxford, NC
Timothy Stile	Rolesville High School	Rolesville, NC
Cynthia Linton	Stough Elementary	Raleigh, NC
Dana Kaushik	Millbrook High	Raleigh, NC
Dawn Parrish	Tar River Elementary	Franklinton, NC
Colleen McIndoe	Panther Creek High	Cary, NC
David Sander	Wake Forest High	Wake Forest, NC
Ron Bush	Henderson Collegiate Middle	Henderson, NC
Katie Paxton	Franklinton High	Franklinton, NC
Charlene Outland	Rocky Mount Middle School	Rocky Mount, NC
Joshua Jenkins	Willow Springs Elementary	Willow Springs, NC
Farrah Preddy	Mount Energy Elementary	Creedmoor, NC
Jeannine Creech	Pine Level Elementary	Pine Level, NC

The funds for the Bright Ideas grants come from WEMC members who agree to round up their light bill to the nearest whole dollar through the [Operation RoundUp program](#). For example, if the bill is \$190.91 – the bill will be rounded up 9 cents to \$191.00. These pennies add up to major dollars. Partial funding also comes from the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, located in Raleigh, NC. The NCEMC consists of a family of corporations formed to support the state's 27 electric cooperatives.

Wake Electric is a non-profit electric utility serving over 50,000 consumers in parts of Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance, and Wake counties.