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Enabl**IN**g STEM Grant Recipients Announced

INDIANA (March 27, 2017) — TechPoint Foundation for Youth is pleased to announce the winners of the Enabl**IN**g STEM Winter 2017 Grant Cycle, which was open to all Indiana kindergarten through 8th grade classroom teachers in schools with a free and reduced price lunch percentage of 55% or greater. This competitive grant program provides grant dollars to teachers to support the purchase of supplies and equipment that enhance science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) curriculum in the classroom. Applications were evaluated based on their ability to implement hands-on, project-based STEM programming, while also focusing on the use of resources that could extend beyond the school year, had clearly defined outcomes, and had an emphasis on student STEM engagement.

Twenty-three teacher projects from the following 12 Indiana communities were selected from among 54 applications to receive up to \$500 in grant dollars totalling nearly \$10,000 in funding from this grant cycle:

Pat Jarboe, William Tell Elementary
LouAnne Walden, Elwood Intermediate
Lindie Ludlow, Snacks Crossing Elementary
Matthew Perkins, H.L. Harshman Magnet Middle
Emily Page, J.E. Ober Elementary
Matthew Brown, Lafayette Sunnyside Intermediate
Kyle Love, West Jay Middle School
Shannon Shrader, Taylor Elementary
Amanda Poynter, East Side Elementary
Dave Safer, Skiles Test School of STEM
Anne Damiano, Guion Creek Elementary
Elizabeth Wells, Grassy Creek Elementary
Tonya Gable, Tindley Renaissance Academy
Ronak Shah, Kipp Indy College Prep Middle
Kylie Keevy, H.L. Harshman Magnet Middle
Wade Matti, Riverside Intermediate School
James Todor, East Side Elementary School
Aaron Pickett, Bradie Shrum Upper Elementary

Tracy Nicodemus, Hay Primary Center
Brooke Austin, Grassy Creek Elementary
Jo Spurr, North Vermillion Jr./Sr. High
Paula Ritenour, Taylor Elementary
Terry Mitchell, Guion Creek Elementary

Chosen projects ranged in topic from renewable energy to rocketry and will reach approximately 8,000 Indiana students over the next 3 years. Teachers could request between \$75 and \$500 per project, with the majority of grantees receiving between \$400 and \$500.

The TechPoint Foundation for Youth raises dollars from the community to support this project each year, with bi-annual grant cycles that support fall and spring semester programming. The Foundation has set out to grow the program to \$20,000 in teacher grants gifted annually, beginning with a pitch at the 18th annual TechPoint Mira Awards Gala on Saturday, April 29. The Angie's List Foundation has generously committed an additional \$10,000 to support this fund, with a focus on schools serving students in their geographic priority area, the near East Side of Indianapolis.

To learn more about how you can support this program or apply for an EnablING STEM Teacher Grant, please visit the EnablING STEM Grants page at www.techpointyouth.org/enabling-stem-grants.

About TechPoint Foundation for Youth (TPF4Y)

As the leader in technology education efforts for the state of Indiana since 2001, TechPoint Foundation for Youth is committed to inspiring our state's underserved K-12 students to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). And to us, that means connecting ideas, investments, industry, and individuals to exemplary programs that inspire students to pursue careers in STEM fields. For more information, please visit www.TechPointYouth.org.

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