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Wisconsin Public Service Foundation awards area 'Innovative' Educators

More than $20,000 awarded to 22 projects

GREEN BAY, WI - The winners of the 2015-2016 Innovative Educator Grants have been announced by the program's sponsor, the Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) Foundation. The program, now in its ninth year, awards grants for innovative teaching programs in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. Since the program's inception, 127 projects have received more than $117,000. These projects benefit multiple classrooms and sometimes the entire school.

"We are so excited and grateful to WPS for awarding the $1000 grant to our school," said Joann Furton, a science instructor for Menominee Area Schools. "Resources in our district and many others have been lacking in recent years. Thanks you so much for all you do with this grant program. Our students will surely be grateful and will benefit from the generosity of Wisconsin Public Service Foundation!"

The Wisconsin Public Service Foundation is funded by shareholders of the WPS, not by its electric or natural gas customers. This year more than $20,000 was awarded to 22 projects. Middle school and high school educators whose school districts were within the WPS service area were encouraged to apply for up to $1,000 grants. An independent panel of judges from the energy education field selected the finalists. This year's recipients are listed on the following page.

School	Project
Ashwaubenon High School	Alternative Energy Round II
Brillion High School	Pollinator Promotion
Crivitz School District	Get the Ball Rolling with Code
Edgar Public Schools	Egg-citing Opportunities
Enrich Excel Achieve Learning Academy	Casefile 20-1516: Realities of Forensic Science
Foxview Intermediate School	Promoting Design Thinking and Inquiry
Foxview Intermediate School	Inspiring Inventors and Engineers
Lena Middle/High School	Engineering Prosthesis
Luxemburg Casco High School	Spartan Stream Monitoring Project
Menominee Junior High School	Renewable Energy STEM kits
Merrill Area Public Schools	Taking Flight
Northland Pines High School	School to Home Energy Investigation
Peshtigo High School	Weather Balloon
Green Bay Preble High School	Preble Greenhouse Improved Garden Bed
Sheboygan Falls High School	Maker Cart
St. Paul Luxemburg	Hands On
Suring High School	Solar Education Unit
Tigerton School District	Tigerton Three Dimensional Printer
Valders High School	Cyanobacteria and Microcystin in Animals
Valley Christian School	Peering into Science
Green Bay West High School	Manipulative Models and Digital Microscopy
Wausau West High School	Physical Computing Course

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About the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation

The Foundation is funded by company shareholders, not by the customers of its utility subsidiaries, and is in its 51st year. Through direct grants, scholarships and an employee Matching Gifts and Dollars for Doers program, the Foundation actively supports improvements in the quality of life in the communities served by Wisconsin Public Service. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided nearly $29 million in contributions to programs that support activities in the areas of arts and culture, community and neighborhood development, education, human services and health, and care for the environment.

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