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United Education Foundation Awards over \$6,000 in Teacher Mini-Grants

East Moline, IL – The United Education Foundation (UEF) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the 2020 recipients of the Foundation's annual Mini-Grant Awards. The Mini-Grant program is designed to give teachers supplemental funding for specific classroom projects that enrich their students' classroom experiences.

This year, the UEF Board awarded 26 mini-grants totaling \$6,294 to teachers from Carbon Cliff-Barstow, Colona, East Moline, Silvis, and United Township High School districts. With the mini-grants, education will be enhanced in a variety of ways from providing hands-on materials for emergent math and reading skill development; creative writing; special education; life science; resource libraries; individual music instruments; language arts; social studies; art education materials; classroom books for self-selected reading in ELL classes; employment portfolios; providing students with their own published work; document cameras; and vlogging kits.

The following educators were awarded mini-grants: Patti Anders, Lindsay Guinand, Tina Joos, Jane Kettering, Holly Landry, Cassandra Smith, and Cassi VanHoutte at Carbon Cliff-Barstow School District #36; Nancy Benson-Peterson, Susie Bizarri, and Tiffany Dolk at Colona School District #190; Carol Chandler, Michael Chandler, Sarah Link, and Cami Tapscott at East Moline School District #37; Alice Drummond, Rebecca Holland, Kelly Polukonda, Dionne Sibley, Karri Stanley, Rachel Taylor, Mari Thomson, and Sarena Yeager at Silvis School District #34; and Kelsey Erickson, Paul Holland, Anthony Ragona, and Emilie Rio-Wawrzynski at United Township High School District #30.

UEF Board President Susan Koska expressed appreciation for the community's support for this program. "Thanks to the annual supporters of the United Education Foundation. Their continued financial support makes possible the annual awarding of mini-grants to our classroom teachers. The foundation board also wishes to thank all who submitted a mini-grant application. We are proud to provide this small boost to our classroom teachers who continue to show an excellent level of dedication to enhance the experience of all students."

The UEF was established in 1992 and serves the school communities of Carbon Cliff-Barstow, Colona, East Moline, Hampton, Silvis, and United Township High School. The UEF is pleased to have provided nearly \$189,000 in scholarships, teacher mini-grants, and student recognition awards since 2010.

The UEF is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and an endowment partner with the Quad Cities Community Foundation. For additional inquiries on how to further support and invest in educational programs for the students of our community, please contact UEF Treasurer Dr. Jay Morrow at 309-752-1611, or jmorrow@uths.net.

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