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OCSD TEACHERS AND STAFF RECEIVE \$28,622.70 IN GRANTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – More than twenty-eight thousand dollars has been awarded to Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) teachers and staff, funding creative ideas and unique learning opportunities that are outside of the financial support generally available in the budget.

The Dr. Irene H. Myers Education Grant is a funding opportunity made available through the local education foundation that was established in memory of Dr. Myers for her dedicated service of 45 years to public education in our community. The Orangeburg County School District Education Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that was formed for charitable and educational purposes, and to sponsor educational activities in our local public schools.

From an after-school arts camp for mastering painting, an elementary school choral group to lift the spirits to a math program for advanced minds, and a book club to explore imaginary worlds, the district's grant recipients will receive the necessary funding to advance the interests of their students.

A total of \$28,622.70 will be awarded to OCSD teachers and staff, with each awardee receiving up to \$500 in funding.

“Our board members and other volunteers who read and award the grants are amazed year after year by the innovation and creativity of Orangeburg’s teachers,” John Singh, chairperson of Orangeburg’s Foundation who also serves as the City of Orangeburg’s Assistant Administrator commented. “I know that I speak for our entire board in saying that we are very pleased to fund these projects and support engaging teaching and learning.”

The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose, and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by a culture of collaboration, equity, and inclusion; a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities; a commitment to nurture the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all. Visit us online at ocsdsc.org.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OCSD'S 2022-2023
DR. IRENE H. MYERS EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENTS**

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>School Name</u>	<u>Project Title</u>
Christine	Rast	Holly Hill Elementary	Kindness Counts
Shara	Brodber	St. James-Gaillard	Together, We Read!
Lori	June	Vance-Providence	From the Page to the Stage
Sue	Leonard	Vance-Providence	Curriculum Connections
Mary S.	Fogle	Ellore Elementary	Yes, You Can - Increasing Self-Esteem Through Art
Charity	Moore	Lake Marion High	Tap Shoes for Students
Joyce A.	Smith	Lake Marion High	Medium of Choice
Deedra O.	Wright	Cope District Office	Keep On Bowing
Quencenia	Dantzer	West District Office	Let's Stick Together
Lillie	Dunning	Branchville High	Creating Edition through Printmaking
Tennille	Williams	Edisto Primary	Field Day 2022-2023
Ashley	Murray	Edisto Elementary	Photography from Land and Sky
Jenna	Niedermier	Edisto Elementary	Programs of Life, Wonder, and Diversity
Audrey	Cook	Branchville High	The Science of Reading
Mihaela	Span	Branchville High	Graphing Calculators for Middle Schoolers
Brandi	Boan	Lockett Elementary	Better Browsing with Bins
Jennifer	Thompson	Branchville High	Social Studies Sleuth
Jaime and	Vego	Branchville High	Biology and Forensic Collaboration Project
Abhilash	Rajan	Branchville High	Biology and Forensic Collaboration Project

Stacey	Gleaton	Edisto Elementary	Mastering Multiplication with Movement
Mary Jane	Davis	Edisto Primary	Story Boxes to Bring a Story to Life
Kimberly	Chubb	Branchville High	All About That Bass Guitar!
Anna	Brown	Edisto Primary	Making Learning Uun-FORT-gettable!
Jasmyne	Wall	Edisto Primary	Bright and Cheerful Lines and Shapes
Yolanda	Felder	Edisto Elementary	We Can't Survive Without You!
Nicole	Haigler	Edisto High	Teacher Cadet Startup
Coreen Parler	Myers	Edisto Elementary	Agribusiness & Technology Class Aquarium
Jennifer	Moorer	Edisto Primary	Make It, Stem It, Code It
Amy Dalton	Speissegger	Edisto High	Photography
Peggy	Moore	Carver-Ed. Middle	Feed My Change
Carol L.	Dean	Edisto High	Creative Writing Project: Write Into Your Future
Dr. Ophelia	Darby	Edisto High	Basics of Music Instrumental Health
Ruby Marie	Hallman	HKT High	Unlocking Student Engagement
Yolanda	Bennett	Edisto Elementary	The Edison Approach
Starlette	Jean	Edisto Elementary	Creating S.T.A.R.'s (Striving Towards Achieving Readers)
Travis	Ard	Edisto High	Broiler Tractor Expansion
Michelle	Davis	Edisto High	Badminton Equipment to Support Badminton Unit
Anna Morgan	Smith	West District Office	Create, Laminate, Disseminate
Robin Shuler	Chinners	Marshall Elementary	Storytime Excitement
Lindsay	Jameson	Dover Elementary	No More Waiting in Gym
Kinyatta	Seward	Mellichamp Elementary	All Set for Studies

Sharon	White	Marshall Elementary	Painting Light
Shalanda	Mack	OW High	Current Events: Inspired and Empowered to Engage
Rosa	Green	North Middle High	Millennium Force
Malissa	Wright	WJ Clark Middle	Mural, Mural on the Wall at WJ Clark
Chriss	Odom	Whittaker Elementary	Do You Hear What I Hear
Joi	Wade	Whittaker Elementary	Time to Leve-Up: Time to Read
Tanita	Middleton	Whittaker Elementary	Maximizing Student Outcomes through Purposeful DI
Kendrea	Hodges	RE Howard Middle	Diversifying Our Music Library with International Pieces
Corderia	Grant	Brookdale Elementary	Cooking with Literacy
Dr. Mary	Williams	Brookdale Elementary	S.O.A.R.ing Eagles Lending Library
Ashley	Thurman	Sheridan Elementary	Star STEM Academy
Mitchell	McDaniel	Sheridan Elementary	Get F.I.T.
Sharon Deas	Boatwright	Sheridan Elementary	Comfy, Cozy Reading Space
Elinore	Reed	Mellichamp Elementary	Books and Breakfast
Jessica	McCormick	Mellichamp Elementary	Interactive Notebooking
Sandra T.	Ruiz	North Middle High	Making Spanish Fun
Breanna	Grant	RE Howard Middle	Food Is The Way To Your Heart
Delorise	Childs	Brookdale Elementary	Girls in STEM!
Theresa	Johnson	Orangeburg Technology Center	The TTC Coffeeshop School Store
Tracy L.	Haigler	North Middle High	Dink! Dink! Dink!