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## Golden Apple Foundation Awards \$14,000 for Local Classroom Projects

(11/27/2019) Golden Apple Foundation is pleased to announce the selection of seven educators who received a total of more than \$14,000 for classroom, school and community projects. The teachers will be recognized at the Golden Apple Foundation board meeting, Dec. 10, 2019. Projects selected focused on the effects of trauma; the environment; communication; STEM skills; critical thinking; comprehension; student engagement; literacy; and parental involvement. All projects feature creative ways to encourage student achievement.

Project	Teacher(s)	School/District	Granted
<b>Calm Down Corners</b> – To provide a safe space for emotional self-regulation and self-calming in each of the general education classrooms.	Beth Johnston	Durand Elementary/Durand District 322	\$698.00 School-wide Multi-Classroom Grant
<b>Student to Computer Programmer with One Tool!</b> – To buy Spheros program to revamp coding unit in technology class to better align with ISTE standards and equip students with 21 <sup>st</sup> Century skills such as problem solving, perseverance, resilience to obstacles, critical thinking, communication, creativity and collaboration. Students will see their code come to life through sphere robot used in the program.	Mary Tapia	Harlem Middle School/ Harlem District 122	\$2,500.00 School-wide Multi-Classroom Grant
<b>West View Student Leaders Bird Habitat and Park</b> – To buy materials to improve the community by building a bird park near the school's restored playground. This project will bring beauty and pride to the school, while also rebuilding the reported loss in the local and national wild bird population.	Angela Hulsey	West View Elementary/RPS 205	\$2,500 Community Re- Investment Grant
<b>One School, One Book</b> – To buy books in English or Spanish for students, families and staff members for the One School, One Book program, along with contest prizes to encourage the love of reading in family literacy initiative.	Elizabeth Saveley	Capron Elementary/North Boone Dist. 200	\$1,500.00 School-wide Multi-Classroom Grant
<b>Sensory Path for Sensory Seekers</b> – To purchase sensory kits for students struggling with self-regulation of sensory needs.	Abigail Gorham and Amanda Burski	Rolling Green Elementary/RPS205	\$2,000 School-wide Multi-Classroom Grant
<b>Heart Rate Monitors</b> – To buy heart monitors for freshman P.E. classes to monitor and adjust activity levels, increase motivation, drive instruction and influence grading. Data gathered will also help educate students about healthy lifestyles including daily moderate to vigorous physical activity.	Aaron Reinold	Belvidere High School/Belvidere District 100	\$2,468 School-wide Multi-Classroom Grant



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<p><b>Exploring Medical Skills using Fossils –</b>            To overcome the challenges of community partners such as local hospitals (HIPAA and immunization requirement issues), but still address local employment demands by connecting students with health science courses and community partnerships, this project will establish a pilot program in which Health Academy students participate in fossil preparation and specimen identification weekly at Burpee Museum for the remainder of the school year. Students will get lessons in anatomy, science research and classification from Burpee and the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge to authentic specimens at the museum. They will also gain the ability to understand the fluid nature of science, better preparing them for careers in medicine.</p>	Christina Magee	Guilford High School/RPS205	\$2,500 External Learning Experience & Associated In-Class Lessons

Golden Apple Foundation opened the application process to enhance the learning of PreK – 12th grade students throughout Winnebago and Boone counties for projects that would go unfunded by school budgets. Since its inception, Golden Apple Foundation has provided funding to 260 educators for 225 projects totaling more than \$150,000. Recipients will be recognized at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Apple Banquet Friday, April 24, 2020, at Giovanni’s Restaurant and Convention Center.

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