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Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness Awards 2023 Educator Grants

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) recently awarded five grants to local teachers to help fund science-related curriculum in their classrooms.

The grants, each about \$500, will be used to fund projects that promote an increased understanding of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through hands-on activities in the classroom.

The 2023 grant winners are:

- Carrie Lucas, elementary special education, Warrenville Elementary School;
- Michalene Langford, elementary special education, Warrenville Elementary School;
- Jennifer Donaldson, elementary STEM, Richmond Hill K-8;
- Crystal McDowell, 10th-12th grade biology, Greenbriar High School; and,
- Leslie Olig, media specialist, Euchee Creek Elementary School.

The teachers use the grant funds to purchase STEM kits such as Introducing Solar Electricity to Special Education Students, Hands-On Coding Robots Challenges, and Implementation of Illuminating Cancer with Cancer Fighting Proteins.

In addition to CNTA, sponsors of the CNTA Educator Grants Program include American Nuclear Society-Savannah River, Huntington Ingalls Industries, Battelle Savannah River Alliance/Savannah River National Laboratory, and private contributions.

CNTA is honored to continue this important grant program to facilitate more local educational outreach by the organization, said Dr. Jim Marra, CNTA Executive Director.

"These grant awards are part of our continued partnership with area educators to provide instruction in the areas of science and math," Marra said. "We hope students find these activities informative, interesting, and fun, and spark an interest in pursuing a future career in the STEM fields."

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues. For more information, contact CNTA at CNTA@bellsouth.net or visit www.cntaware.org.