



Supporting local teachers and students



Rachel Lambert (left) accepts a Bright Ideas check which will be used to build a MakerSpace in the school's Media Center to serve students with engaging, hands-on STEAM instruction.

Central Electric is continually looking for ways to support the communities we serve. One way is by annually awarding Bright Ideas grants to local educators. The program helps support engaging and innovative classroom projects.

This year, the co-op awarded over \$15,000 to 11 educators, who were selected by an independent panel of judges. Over 2,400 students in our communities will be positively impacted as a result. Since 1994, North Carolina's electric cooperatives have awarded more than \$13.7 million to educators across the state.

Congratulations to the following 2021 Bright Ideas grant recipients:

- ▶ Amy Bonds, Cameron Elementary
- ▶ Kimberly Hilliard, Sandhills-Farm Life Elementary

- ▶ Kendra Jones, Highland Middle
- ▶ Jo Ann Lawler, Deep River Elementary
- ▶ Dee O'Neal, J. Glenn Edwards Elementary
- ▶ Wendi Pillars, Jordan Matthews High
- ▶ Alicia Shoup, Moncure School
- ▶ Emma Smith, Broadway Elementary
- ▶ Sarah Stephenson, Silk Hope School
- ▶ Riley Sullivan, Floyd L. Knight Child Center
- ▶ Cheryl Whitehead, Sage Academy.

The application process for Bright Ideas grants will reopen for interested educators in April 2022. For more information on Bright Ideas grants, visit CEMCPower.com or NCBrightIdeas.com.