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## Supporting local teachers and students

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 12 educators, who were selected by an independent panel of judges. Almost 4,000 students in our communities will be positively impacted as a result. Since 1994, North Carolina's electric cooperatives have awarded more than \$14 million to educators across the state.

Congratulations to the following 2022 Bright Ideas grant recipients:

- ▶ Kathryn Blake, Sandhills-Farm Life Elem.
- ▶ Stephanie Cifers, Seaforth High
- ▶ Deanna Deaton, Greenwood Elem.
- ▶ Vickie Isley, East Lee Middle
- ▶ Jo Ann Lawler, Deep River Elem.
- ▶ Miranda Lupski, SanLee Middle
- ▶ Cassie Lynch, Floyd L. Knight Children's Center
- ▶ Shauna McNeill, Greenwood Elem.
- ▶ Dede Mitchell, McDeeds Creek Elem.



Wendi Pillars accepts a Bright Ideas check which will be used to reintroduce students to nature through partnerships with the Carolina Tiger Rescue sanctuary and the GeoBus from Appalachian State University.

- ▶ Melissa Parks, Silk Hope School
- ▶ Wendi Pillars, Jordan Matthews High
- ▶ Michelle Pinto, Chatham Middle

The application process for Bright Ideas grants will reopen for interested educators in April 2023. For more information on Bright Ideas grants, visit [CEMCPower.com](http://CEMCPower.com) or [NCBrightIdeas.com](http://NCBrightIdeas.com).