

Teachers receive grants to advance science

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Staff Report

Five teachers from the Jackson County School system were recently awarded classroom grants by the Hats Stedtrain Foundation.

HATS is an acronym for the Huntsville Associates of Technical Societies. The organization is dedicated to the advancement of science and engineering.

Two teachers from Section High School, two teachers from Paint Rock Valley High School and one teacher from Stevenson Elementary were recipients of the grants to improve math, science and technology in the classroom. They received the awards at a reception provided by the foundation.

The HATS Stedtrain Foundation considers innovative projects that inspire and support student learning in K-12 classrooms for the highly competitive grants. It believes that hands-on experiences provide the best learning environment.

Grant proposals, which can range from \$200-\$1000 are evaluated and rated by a committee of foundation members following strict criteria. Most projects presented by teachers are exciting and new ideas for the students to better learn and the technologies are often adapted in other classrooms throughout the school.

Teachers develop their own projects for technology assimilation and curriculum demands.

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