

Press release Apr. 20, 2022:

Liberty ISD Education Foundation continues grant program, awards six grants for 2022

The Liberty ISD Education Foundation is pleased to announce this year's grant winners. Six grants were awarded in this cycle to teachers. These grants are funded through contributions to the **Liberty ISD Education Foundation** by individual donors, businesses, corporations and community service organizations as well as through profits from our fundraising events. This year's six grants total \$32,991. Since 2007, the total grant funding to LISD is \$288,259!

Upcoming Foundation events:

LISD Education Foundation Gala Concert featuring **The Royal Dukes Band** and honoring Janie Ripkowski is April 23, 2022 at the Liberty Center. If you would like to donate to create an enduring Foundation grant in her name, please go to <https://securepayment.link/libertyeducationfoundation/>.

To contact the Foundation or for more information about joining in our efforts, visit our website at **libertyeducationfoundation.net** or call Bruce Wright, Foundation Executive Director at 936-641-0367. The various projects funded in this year's cycle are listed below by campus:

INNOVATIVE TEACHING GRANTS

Liberty High School

A/V Communications System – Richard Ewing \$8,151

This grant creates an upgraded communications system to be used during live broadcast events. This grant is funded in part by *The Dahlia McManus Endowment, The CW and Aggie Castle Family Endowment, The JoAnn McGuire Endowment, The C.A. (Abe) Miles Endowment, The Jeffrey Family Teaching Endowment, The First Liberty National Bank Endowment and by The M.J. Joe Leonard Endowment.*



From Our Farm to Your Fork – Penny Taylor \$4,310

This project has LHS Horticulture students constructing and managing a farm in order to demonstrate the Farm to Table concept. This grant is funded in part by *The JoBeth Willoughby Teaching Grant, The Jana Marie Buchanan Grant, The Norman and Brenda Dykes Endowment and The Liberty County Farm Bureau Endowment.*

Liberty Middle School

Beyond the Classroom Adventures – Elisha Lemelle \$17,397



This grant funds a classroom Virtual Reality lab allowing an entire class to simultaneously experience virtual, augmented or mixed reality content. This grant is funded in part by *The Baxter W. Dunagan, Sr. Endowment, The Dawn Forticq Endowment, The Miles Foundation Grant, The Bill Griffin Sr Endowment, The Vara Martin Daniel Teaching Grant for the Fine Arts, The Laura Jane Hartel Endowment and The Rick Mearns Grant.*

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Body Systems Model – Kelly Crowe \$1,652

This grant funds body models in order to teach body systems. This grant funded by *The Mildred Arnold Endowment, The Dr. Reese and Sara Brown, The Nora Miles Endowment* and The Dr. Frank S. Griffin Grant.



Social Learning through Lego Play– Tabitha Pritchett/Elisha Lemelle \$500

This project uses a lego wall to help students de-escalate from heightened emotions during the school day. This grant is funded by *The Ken Berry Grant, The Debbie Beasley Grant and the Liberty Lions Club Grant.*

San Jacinto Elementary School

Document This – Ana Samano/Stacey Neal

\$758

Even though this was submitted as a grant, the Foundation was able to work with the district to find funds in the regular budget for this item. This grant supplies a document camera for classroom presentations and was funded through the LISD budget.

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