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Rockland Community Foundation Announces Verizon Innovative Teaching Grant Recipients

Rockland Community Foundation will be awarding eleven county educators with Innovative Teaching Grants for programs that will help bring learning to students in new and motivating ways. The grants of \$500 or less were provided through the Foundation's Innovative Teaching Fund, sponsored by a grant from Verizon, and will be awarded at the beginning of the 2018/19 school year. The program was created to support the efforts of county educators to take curriculum-based programs to the next level and increase both student engagement and learning.

We applaud this year's recipients:

Christina Amendola and Greg Montague -
Clarkstown Central School District
Project: Innovative Learning through Green
Screen Technology

Sheryl Griffin and Danielle Perrone - Eldorado
Intermediate School
Project: Robotics for a STEAM Integrated
Classroom

David Guerrieri - Fieldstone Middle School
Project: CNC Tooling Project

Stephen Parisi - Pearl River High School
Project: Raspberry Pi Programming Project

Dean Gianakouros - West Nyack Elementary
School
Project: Maker Corner

Kimberly Ulrich - Pearl River Middle School
Project: Makey Makey EVERY 5th Grader into an
Inventor!

Marta Cortelli - Rockland BOCES
Project: Breakout EDU In Criminal Justice

Kimmerli Belmont - Little Tor Elementary
School
Project: STEAM Team

Phyllis Birnbaum - Eldorado Elementary School
Project: A Journal of our Class Garden

Jim Guerci - Pearl River Middle School
Project: Beyond Hour of Code – Robotics

Robin Goldberg - Little Tor Elementary School
Project: Breakout EDU

"It is inspiring to see teachers who are so committed to their students and their profession," said Grants Committee Chair Neil Winter. "Rockland Community Foundation is proud to be able to support these initiatives each year, and are grateful to Verizon for their continued support of this vital program."

About the Rockland Community Foundation

The Rockland Community Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for all people in Rockland County by increasing charitable giving. Its mission is to connect people and businesses with the causes that matter most to them through the creation of funds, across a wide range of interests, that donors create and the Foundation stewards.

Community foundations put philanthropy within reach, offering the ability to establish funds that will continue to give for years to come, with tax benefits that donors can take advantage of now. Most importantly, the funds stay in the community, which means donors will see the impact of their contributions in the place they call home. If you are interested in creating a fund and would like more information, or would like to donate to one of our many funds, visit rocklandgives.org.