



Teachers who attended the WICPA's annual High School Educators Symposium received the opportunity to write proposals about why they should receive funding from the Foundation.

Many of the projects involve multiple teachers, administrators, college or technical school faculty and CPAs.

Granting Success

Teachers receive grants to promote accounting careers

By Mary Murray

20 Wisconsin high school teachers have been awarded Accounting Career Awareness Grants for 2009 by the WICPA Educational Foundation, Inc. The Foundation awarded \$30,542 for local projects that promote accounting as a career and involve interaction with Wisconsin CPAs.

Sara Burling and Lisa Kiefer, Menomonee Falls High School, received funds to be applied toward the purchase of a SMART Board, an interactive, touch sensitive, whiteboard on which students and teachers can record information in digital ink and save it or share it for later use. This technology will aid in the teaching of accounting.

Bob Coenen, Pulaski High School, for a field trip to the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago, to the Mercantile Exchange and to a Chicago accounting firm as well as for supplies for a Reality Day.

Janeen Dietsche, Marshfield High School, for a CPA panel presentation including a business luncheon for her students, towards a data projector and for a National Institute of Financial and Economic Literacy course for herself.

Kimberly Dwyer, Mellen School, for a three-day field trip for her students as well as students from Hurley and Butter-nut schools to Appleton area businesses and colleges including Schenck Business Solutions, the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, the Radisson Paper Valley, Plexus Corp. and University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh. Students will learn about accounting careers and post secondary education.

Arlene Feucht, Slinger High School, for an accounting careers luncheon where students will listen to CPA presentations and then participate in small group discussions related to accounting. Funds will

also be used for a field trip to Palermo's Pizza and Miller Park where students will learn about accounting operations at the businesses.

Darrin Graham, Madison La Follette High School; **Mary Lehrer**, Madison West High School; **Dave Thomas**, Madison Memorial High School; and **David Krutchen**, Madison East High School for a district-wide accounting seminar for high school students which includes partnerships with Madison Area Technical College, professors from several Wisconsin colleges and Universities and CPAs. Funds will also be used for a financial literacy event called Mad City Money.

Kerri Herrild, De Pere High School, for a field trip to Lambeau Field where students will meet with CPAs from Schenck Business Solutions, the Packer's organization, University of Wisconsin–Green Bay and Northwestern Technical College in the Lambeau Field Atrium conference room.

Dana Hurda, Evansville High School, received funds to be applied toward the purchase of a SMART Board, an interactive, touch sensitive, whiteboard on which students and teachers can record information in digital ink and save it or share it for later use. This technology will aid in the teaching of accounting.

Ginger Laveau and Julie Richter, Waukesha West and Waukesha South High Schools, for a field trip to Miller

Park, Deloitte and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company to speak with accounting representatives and learn about accounting careers.

Darlene Londo, Appleton East High School, for costs associated with the AP Accounting Initiative training taking place this summer.

Ann Meronek, D.C. Everest Senior High School, for tax booklets targeted at teenagers to be used by students involved in a Tax Day. Students will teach other students how to prepare their tax forms, under the supervision of CPAs. Funds will also go toward a field to a local accounting firm.

Debra O'Leary and Chad Roehl, Janesville Parker and Janesville Craig High Schools, for a Reality Day where students will participate in a one-day, real world financial simulation.

Barb Schuetz, McFarland High School for a Reality Zone where students will participate in a one-day, real world financial simulation.

Karen Sjoberg, Wauzeka–Steuben Schools, for a financial literacy event called Reality Check for students in Crawford County. Students will participate in a one-day, real world financial simulation. Funds will also be used for a field trip to the Chicago Board of Trade, Federal Reserve and visit to a CPA firm.

You can support this program by contributing to the WICPA Educational Foundation, Inc. Go to www.wicpa.org, select Boards & Committees, and then Educational Foundation.

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