

Innovation richly rewarded

\$500 grants will fund 5 middle and high school projects from technology to communication

The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools has awarded five \$500 grants to middle and high school teachers for innovative school projects.

The winners told us what their grants will go toward. Their responses have been edited for brevity and clarity.

— DEBORAH HIRSCH



Jill Lauber (left), executive director of Foundation for Fort Mill Schools, gives teachers Teresa O'Hare and Jane McNeice their grant as Tommy Schmolze, principal of Fort Mill Middle School, looks on.

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**Angela Cossin
Seventh-grade math, Gold Hill
Middle School
"Project Get SMART"**

DETAILS: Cossin will attend general and math-specific training sessions on using the SMART board, or interactive whiteboard, in her classroom. The training is relatively expensive and all out-of-state at this time.

INSPIRATION: "This year I was fortunate to have a SMART board placed in my classroom, but after attending a few brief workshops, I realized there is

much more to know to be able to use the technology to effectively engage students. In the next couple of years, all the teachers at my school will have SMART boards,

and I want to be able to assist them in using the technology to significantly impact learning."

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