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**The Education Foundation of Alachua County awards nearly \$25,000 to local public school teachers**

**Gainesville, FL**– The Education Foundation of Alachua County is excited to announce its *Catalyst for Change* Grant Recipients for 2020-2021.

- Katie Robinson from Shell Elementary School: \$4,760
- Nannette Dell from Talbot Elementary School: \$5,737
- Sherry Scoville from Stephen Foster Elementary School: \$5,000
- Melissa Pardue from A. Quinn Jones Center: \$4,500
- Ricky Quintana from Howard Bishop Middle School: \$5,035.70

These *Catalyst for Change* grants will provide opportunities for K-12 students that focus on STEM education, improving literacy, and raising student achievement.

These grants are funded by the State of Florida's School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program. Each year, this program provides The Education Foundation with the opportunity to match donations from local private sector partners, such as Florida Credit Union with a \$1 for \$1 match that goes toward investing in eligible classroom initiatives.

To learn more about each project, please visit <https://edfoundationac.org/catalyst-for-change-grant-recipients/>.

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**ABOUT THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF ALACHUA COUNTY**

The Education Foundation of Alachua County is a non-profit organization in Gainesville that works alongside the Alachua County Public School system to invest in local students and teachers. Through student scholarships, one-on-one mentoring, and teacher and school grants, students are empowered and equipped to graduate from high school and exceed at the next level. For more information, please visit <http://edfoundationac.org>.