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**Over \$25,000 awarded to STEM educators in Alachua County**

**Gainesville, FL**– The Education Foundation of Alachua County has awarded \$25,223.69 to four STEM educators across the Alachua County Public Schools district through a new initiative - the STEM Excitement and Excellence Grants.

The STEM Excitement and Excellence Grants will provide opportunities that encourage student learning, excellence, and interest in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Math.

- Jessica Campbell from Buchholz High School: \$4,770.79
- Ricky Quintana from Howard Bishop Middle School: \$6,655.50
- Ricky Quintana from Howard Bishop Middle School: \$3,797.40
- Chris Dodyk from the ACPS District Office: \$5,000
- Nathaniel Pegg from Hawthorne Middle & High School: \$5,000

This brand new initiative was funded by the Euliano Foundation for STEM along with matching funds from the State of Florida's School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program (SDEFMG). Each year, the SDEFMG provides The Education Foundation with the opportunity to match private partner donations with a \$1 for \$1 match that goes toward investing in eligible classroom initiatives. This year, the School District Education Foundation Matching Grant program will provide over \$64,000 to The Education Foundation of Alachua County.

For full project summaries, please visit <https://edfoundationac.org/stem/>.

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