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e-News Spotlight

1.2 Million Granted to Train Family Educators

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Dr. Ted Futris, Assistant Professor in the Department of Child and Family Development, and Extension State Family Life Specialist in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, is a Co-Principle Investigator on the Child Welfare Training: Curriculum Development and Evaluation for Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Project. *Funded for \$1.2 Million over 5-years by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families Children's Bureau*, the project team includes Extension Specialists who are members of the National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network (NERMEN) and from the University of Missouri (Lead PI), University of Georgia, Iowa State University, North Carolina State University, University of Arkansas, Auburn University, Kansas State University, and University of Illinois.

The project will involve developing and pilot testing a marriage and relationship education curriculum as well as in-person and distance education trainings for child



Dr. Ted Futris, Co-PI

welfare professionals, graduate students and other professionals, including Cooperative Extension educators, working with or preparing to work with adults and families. This curriculum will address healthy marriage and relationship skills for populations underserved in the general population and over represented in the child welfare system. Dr Futris believes that "ultimately the project will yield a research and evidence based national training resource and curriculum that will promote the development of healthy relationships and marriages in Georgia and across the country." For more information on this project and other Extension marriage resources, visit www.nermen.org.

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- *Metter-Candler Chamber of Commerce Education Grant \$400 to Candler 4-H*
- *Toshiba America Science Education Grant- see page 3*



NERMEN



Grant Announcements



Madison County Heritage Seekers



The Madison County 4-H Heritage Seekers recently received a \$3,000.00 grant from the Madison County Historical Society. The grant monies were used to purchase the equipment the group needs to record and preserve the oral histories of the county's citizens and to make a documentary utilizing letters written by Madison County citizens during the Civil War. The group purchased 2 video cameras, 2 digital cameras, a laptop computer, video editing software, 200 DVDs, and other equipment. With this equipment the group is recording the histories of the county and these recordings are being made available for the public to check-out at the local library. Members are writing articles from their interviews that are being published in the local newspaper and hopefully in a book prior to the county's Bicentennial in 2011.

Allstate Foundation Grants

The Allstate Foundation supports programs that fit within three focus areas: safe and vital communities, economic empowerment, and tolerance, inclusion and diversity.

Value: Varies

Deadline: December 31, 2008

Teen Wellness Leaders

Search for Teen Wellness Leaders is a program that encourages and rewards teens who are making a difference in community wellness by honoring one teen leader from each of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia. Each selected Leader will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for further education, a \$1,000 donation toward his or her wellness initiative or non-profit organization of choice, and the chance to be featured in Newsweek.

Value: 51 scholarships worth \$1,000

Deadline: November 16, 2008

Reader's Digest Foundation: 'Make It Matter'

The Foundation will give away \$1 million to nonprofit organizations based on inspiring stories submitted by the public. Anyone can submit a story about an effective or inspiring group, which will be published on the website; the nonprofits selected will receive funds up to \$100,000.

Deadline: Jan. 1, 2009

Captain Planet Foundation

Projects must promote understanding of environmental issues; focus on hands-on involvement with youth; promote interaction and cooperation; help young people develop planning and problem solving skills; youth adult partnership; and follow-up.

Deadline: December 31, 2008

AAUW Educational Foundation Community Action

Community Action grants provide funds to individuals, for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college women's achievements in science, technology, engineering or math.

Value: \$2,000-\$10,000

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award

The award focuses on education, but the recipient need not be an educator. This award honors an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equity and education for women and girls.

Value: \$5,000 or more

Deadline: November 1, 2008

Airborne Teacher Trust Fund

The Airborne Teacher Trust Fund invites elementary and middle school teachers from public and private schools throughout the country to submit proposals for art and music programs that their schools are unable to fund.

Value: \$200-\$10,000

Deadline: October 31, 2008 (Rolling deadline)

Braitmayer Foundation Grants Program

This program makes grants in the area of K-12 education, particularly curricular and school reform initiatives, and preparation of and professional development opportunities

Value: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: November 15, 2008

Governor's Agricultural Environmental Stewardship Award

This award recognizes producers that have incorporated conservation practices and best management practices into the day-to-day activities of their farming operations that protect and conserve the natural resources of the state.

Deadline: December 16, 2008



The Libri Foundation

This foundation donates new children's books to small, rural public libraries in the US. Applicants' programs are expected to contribute up to \$350 toward the project, which the Libri Foundation will match on a 2-to-1 ratio.

Value: Up to \$700 per award

Deadline: March 15, July 15, December 15

The Conservation Trust

To support conservation activities around the world as they fit within the mission of the National Geographic Society. Projects include: preservation and sustainable use of the Earth's biological, cultural, and historical resources.

Eligibility: Prior research or conservation action related to proposal.

Value: Grants ranging from \$15,000-\$20,000

The RGK Foundation

The RGK Foundation grants in areas of education, community, and medicine or health. The foundation's primary interests involve K-12 education, after-school tutoring and enrichment, integrating technology into the curriculum, teacher development, and higher education. Interested in programs that attract female and minority students.

Letters of Inquiry are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Value: Varies

Toshiba America Foundation

The Toshiba America Foundation is a nonprofit grant-making organization dedicated to supporting science and math education in the U.S. The foundation contributes to the quality of science and mathematics education by investing in projects designed by classroom teachers to improve instruction for students in grades 7-12.

Value: Grants under \$5,000 on a rolling basis; more than \$5,000, due Feb. 1 and Aug. 1



**Metter-Candler Chamber of Commerce
Education Grant,
\$400 to Candler 4-H**

2009 ESRI 4-H GIS Grant Program

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Technology provides a unique and innovative technology path for 4-H youth in their service projects in the community that integrate critical thinking, career exploration, and civic involvement. The goal of this program is to foster and support the integration of geographic information system (GIS) applications in U.S. 4-H clubs. This will be in support of the 4-H SET Mission.

Deadline: December 1, 2008

20 Percent Discounts on Classroom Supplies and Services

The Educator Savings Program allows educators to save 20 percent on most Kinko's products and services. Teachers and administrators from kindergarten through college can now enjoy discount pricing on such offerings as black and white and color copying and finishing, oversized copies, posters, signs and banners, paper, and desk supplies. Educators may obtain their 20 percent discount card through a program brochure available at participating Kinko's locations nationwide. Free discount cards are also available online.

Organization: FedEx Kinko's Inc.

Eligibility: Educators

Value: Discounts



Grant Writing Tips:

- Use a thesaurus
- Look for ways to tug on the reader's heartstrings
- Cite research as evidence for your program need
- Use underlining, italics, and graphs for emphasis
- Use buzzwords



Q & A with Dr. Keith Delaplane

Q: How do extension professionals begin searching for grant funding?

A: I would begin at the CSREES Webpage. It is the branch of the USDA that administers competitive grant awards. Start by checking these announcements which can be done at the county or state level.

Q: How does CSREES determine where to put their grant dollars?

A: Specialized panels meet and help CSREES determine where to put their dollars from year to year. Allotments can be based on important issues and funding trends.

Q: How do you build a relationship with potential funders?

A: It is important to contact the program director and ask probing questions to find out more about the grant opportunity. Take down their buzzwords and use them while formatting your application.



[CAES GA Intern-Fellowships for Teachers \(GIFT\)](#)

The GIFT Program seeks research scientist to host K-12 science, technology, engineering and math teachers. The Georgia Intern-Fellowships for Teachers (GIFT) Program seeks research scientists to host K-12 science, technology, engineering and mathematics teachers in their labs during summer 2009. GIFT allows k-12 teachers to experience the "real-life" application of classroom subjects in research settings. Teachers receive a stipend through the program.

[Ideas for Creative Exploration \(ICE\)](#)

ICE encourages collaborative proposals that include faculty and students from more than one discipline or academic department and/or professionals from outside the University of Georgia. Proposals will be considered in two categories: Project Grants (\$500-\$5,000) for research in the arts and Proposal Development Awards (up to \$2,500) to assist faculty in creating competitive external grant applications.

[Georgia Trails and Greenways Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites](#)

The purpose of the RTP is to provide and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities identified in, or that further a specific goal of, the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

Deadline: November 28, 2008

[Garth Brooks' Teammates for Kids Foundation](#)

The foundation's priorities focus on educational achievement in areas of documented weakness; advanced learning opportunities to gifted children who would otherwise lack the resources necessary to pursue dreams and talents; and exposing children to learning opportunities they would otherwise not experience because of insufficient financial resources.

The foundation will accept applications twice in 2005:

Feb. 1 and July 31.

Value: Varies

[Preparation for math and science careers](#)

[Organization: U.S. Department of Education](#)

The Upward Bound Math and Science Program is designed to prepare high school students for postsecondary education programs that lead to careers in the fields of math and science. Secondary schools are eligible for this grant if there are no other applicants capable of providing an Upward Bound project in the area. The grant is targeted for institutions of higher education, public and private agencies and organizations, including community and faith-based organizations.

[The Allstate Foundation](#)

The Allstate Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations, including public K-12 schools, for projects that are related to automobile and highway safety, homes and neighborhoods, and personal safety and security. Under the personal safety and security initiative, programs that raise awareness of poverty, child abuse, drugs, and violence prevention are eligible for consideration. Applicants should offer safeguards against gangs, guns, sexual harassment, and domestic violence. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. There are no deadlines.

Value: Up to \$10,000

[Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge \(SPECA\) Grants Program](#)

Projects must address one of three program categories: Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom; Secondary (Grades 9 – 12) Ed. Teaching Improvement; Assoc Degree Level (Junior or Community College) Education Teaching Improvement.

[Relatives as Parents Program \(RAPP\)](#)

Designed to encourage and promote the creation or expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting due to the absence of the parents.

Amount: \$10,000 for 2 years

Deadline: December 4, 2008



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To Make the Best Better



Webster County 4-H Summer Day Camp By: Holly Minick, 4-H Program Assistant



Through the assistance of the Chevron Community Pride Grant, Webster County 4-H hosted a Summer Day Camp Monday, July 21 through Wednesday, July 23, 2008. Activities ranged from team building games to CPR.

Programs ranged from team building activities, followed by a class taught by Cpl. Steve Robinson from the Department of Natural Resources. He informed the students about different types of snakes, sport fish and boating safety. While Kris Peavy, 4-H Agent Randolph County, was presenting information about serving sizes and Healthy Lifestyles, our Teen Leaders were busy preparing lunch for thirty-five. There was a presentation by Mrs. Jennifer Harris on water safety, and the students making their own homemade ice cream.

Day 2 was also very exciting. Our Teen Leaders brought an assortment of animals to share with the students. They presented a lamb and ewe, goats, a dog, a turkey, chickens, ducks, and rabbits. This was the first time some of the 4-H'ers have ever held or touched any of these animals. The Teen Leaders also presented information on Poultry Judging events. The students were given a brief history on Westville and then were taken on an afternoon field trip to Westville.

On day 3 Mr. Darrell Holbrook taught CPR with lunch provided by Webster County Fire/EMS. After a very rainy morning the clouds parted, and the bus was loaded for our last field trip. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jones opened up their home to 36 4-H'ers, 5 adults, and Nigel Poole, a certified lifeguard, for an afternoon of fun at the pool. Mrs. Jones prepared snacks and lemonade for everyone to enjoy.

This day camp was made possible because of our volunteers, a grant from Webster County Family Connections, and Chevron Community Pride Grant.



Thomas County Extension Receives Urban Forestry Grant

2008 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program

Thomas County Extension kicked off an urban forestry project through receiving \$16,447.00 in cost-share and in-kind funding from the Georgia Forestry Commission's (GFC) Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program, UGA's Horticulture Department, Thomas County FFA Forestry Team, Hands On Thomas County, Clean and Green Committee, City of Thomasville are members of the partnership. The purpose of the project is to conduct an educational workshop, perform a GPS tree mapping inventory, and hold an urban forestry field day.

"Georgia's community forests provide countless benefits to our citizens, from shade, fresh air, and economic vitality, to safer neighborhoods and stronger community bonds," UGA Thomas County Agriculture Extension R.J. Byrne said. Designated by the Farm Bill in 1990, the objective of the funding is to enhance Georgia's community forests and build awareness of their importance and impact statewide. In total, \$310,212 in funding was awarded to 30 projects in Georgia.

"The Georgia Forestry Commission is pleased to

provide funding for capacity-building programs such as this," GFC Director Robert Farris said. "We are proud to kickoff this project in partnership with our congressional and state legislative leadership."

"Thomas County Extension recognizes the asset trees to our community," R.J. said. "We are thankful for the collaborator's efforts to provide these funds to organizations like ours across the state, and we are pleased to share them with the Thomasville community through our project, Thomasville Tree Mapping and Education."



A variety of forestry-related literature is available to the public at Georgia Forestry Commission offices statewide. Further information about urban forestry grants and a statewide list of grants is available on the Georgia Forestry Commission Web site at: www.gatrees.org.

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