

Subject: Travel Grant Award Announcements & Appreciation
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Good afternoon, colleagues,

First and foremost, thank you for submitting such thoughtful and well-developed travel grant proposals. The review committee was genuinely impressed by the quality, creativity, and collaborative spirit reflected in each submission. Your commitment to advancing the fields of agricultural education, communication, and leadership is evident, and we deeply appreciate the intentionality behind each proposed project.

While we wish we could support every submission, our total available funding for this cycle was limited to \$2,500. After careful consideration and discussion, the review committee has selected two proposals for funding based on their alignment with the grant's goals, potential for professional impact, and collaborative innovation.

Please join me in congratulating the following award recipients:

Project Title: *Integrating Team Science and Science Communication for Collaborative Agricultural Grant Submissions, Research, and Student Development*

Project Personnel: Hannah Sunderman (Virginia Tech), Taylor Ruth (University of Tennessee), Quisto Settle (Oklahoma State University), Jean Parrella (Virginia Tech)

Total Requested: \$1,873.00

Total Awarded: \$1,500.00

Project Title: *Pixelating Teacher Sentiments: Exploring Algorithmic Empathy via AI Photo Elicitation in Agricultural Education*

Project Personnel: Christopher A. Clemons (Auburn University), Becky Haddad (University of Nebraska)

Total Requested: \$1,000.00

Total Awarded: \$1,000.00

***Award recipients are reminded of the expectation to report back to the Member Services Committee on the outcomes and impacts of their funded work.**

To all who submitted: please know that your efforts are seen and valued. We encourage you to continue pursuing your proposed work and to consider resubmitting or applying in future grant cycles. Your innovation and leadership continue to shape our profession for the better.

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out at any time.

Warm regards,

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