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Four Richmond City Teachers Receive R.E.B. Awards for Teaching Excellence

Four Richmond City teachers have been awarded more than \$36,000 in cash grants as recipients of this year's R.E.B. Awards for Teaching Excellence. The program, a partnership between The Community Foundation and the R.E.B. Foundation, recognizes outstanding public school teachers from Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, Richmond and the Department of Correctional Education.

Recipients from Richmond City include: Sherrard Gardner, Holton Elementary School, awarded \$10,300 to travel to Egypt, France and Italy to enhance her knowledge and strengthen her ability to teach mathematics and social studies; LaTonya Waller, Brown Middle School, awarded \$10,000 to travel to Hawaii and Iceland to observe landforms and other phenomena taught in earth science; Lisa Williams, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, awarded \$10,000 to travel to Africa and across the Midwestern United States to explore the cause and effects of slavery, the history of African Americans and the Civil Rights Movement; and Mary Bennett, Munford Elementary School, awarded \$6,300 to participate in a volunteer experience in Calderon, Ecuador, through Global Volunteers, Inc.

More than 100 area teachers were nominated for this year's R.E.B. Awards. From that group, 17 winners and 15 other finalists were selected to receive cash grants totaling more than \$165,000 at a special ceremony held Nov. 9 at the Virginia Historical Society.

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