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Teachers receive grant money from Virginia Department of Aviation

Richmond—The Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) recently handed out eight \$250 grants to teachers across the state towards aviation-related lessons and activities. The recipients are:

- Lt. Col. William Carter, Franklin County High School in Rocky Mount;
- Sue Goncarovs, Olde Creek Elementary School in Alexandria;
- Gwendolyn Lee Lomax, Francis Mallory Elementary School in Hampton;
- Randall Miller, Kings Glen Elementary School in Springfield;
- Donald Mullins, J. M. Bevins Elementary School in Grundy;
- Amy Sabarre, Martinsville Middle School in Martinsville;
- Mary Montague Sikes, West Point Elementary School in West Point; and
- Sally Tobler, Hardin Reynolds Memorial School in Critz.

Teachers of grades K-12, who incorporate aviation into their classrooms, are eligible to apply for DOAV's grant program every school year. This year's activities include profiling historic aviation figures, constructing flying models, learning how parachutes work and studying weather conditions.

"Utilizing aviation in lesson plans is an excellent way to foster interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) subjects and to motivate students to succeed in school," said Betty Wilson, DOAV Public Relations Manager. "It is our hope that some of the students impacted by these activities will join the aviation workforce in the future."

Teachers receiving the grant must complete their lesson before the end of the 08-09 school year, and submit a final report to DOAV, including a summary of the results of the lesson or activity, a lesson plan, how many students benefited from the activity, a materials list with costs and receipts for items purchased.

For more information on the DOAV's other educational programs, visit www.doav.virginia.gov/aved.htm.

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