



New York State United Teachers Retiree Council #13
(Representing Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Sullivan, Ulster Counties)
Professional Grant Recipients for 2025

We are pleased to announce the Retiree Council #13 Professional Grant Recipients. There were 4 Grants awarded to each recipient not to exceed \$500. Their Grant Applications were well done and followed the criterion set forth by the Professional Grant Committee.

The recipients are as follows:

Eric Roth is a teacher in the Chatham Central School District. Eric teaches Grades Pre-K -5 in the area of Art. Eric requested funds to Purchase a Chompsaw for a Sculpture Center.

Hilary Fuller is a teacher in the Wallkill Central School District. Hilary teaches Grades 9 & 10 Earth and Space Science. The title of the proposed activity was Student Exploration: How Meteorologists and Geologists Collaborate in Addressing Complex Environmental and Societal Challenges by Combining their Specialized Knowledge and Expertise.

Bethany Hamilton is a teacher in the Tri-Valley Central School District. Bethany teaches Grades 7-12 English/Language Arts. Bethany's proposed activity was to establish a Resource Library for ELL Students in ELA Classrooms.

Melissa Walsh is a teacher in the Spackenkill Union School District. Melissa teaches Grades 6-8 in the area of Special Education. Melissa's proposal is to create a Sensory Space by purchasing items that the students can use to decompress and refocus if they become anxious and have sensory overload.

The RC #13 Professional Grant Committee looks forward to the feedback we expect to receive in July of 2026 and wish the students and recipients all the best.

Susan Eagan, Susan Grybas, Paula Ptaszek, and Jan Scriber

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