WAFCS Foundation
Professional Project/Research Grant Recipients

2019

Stephanie Fox  Food 4 Thought Café
Susan Turgeson  Pop-up Makerspace

Stephanie will use the grant to help purchase equipment (specifically Cappuccino machine and commercial dishwasher) for the “Food 4 Thought” Café at the School District of North Fond du Lac (integrated with Hospitality Foods class and Independent Study). Her students are learning a variety of skills in food service and marketable skills to transfer to future employment. Susan will use the grant to establish “Pop-Up Makerspace” available to students and faculty at UW–Stevens Point. This will provide the opportunity to craft, construct, and create, which is currently hindered by not having the necessary equipment or space. Such a space would include sewing machines, ironing board, iron, rotary cutter/mat, Cricut unit, and materials. The intent is that this will provide the rationale for a more permanent location in the future.

2018

Mary Meehan-Strub  Assistance to Complete Volunteer Mediator Training

A $1000 Professional Project/Research Grant was awarded to Mary Meehan-Strub for assistance to complete volunteer mediator training. Mary has been asked by the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection to use her extensive background to serve as a volunteer mediator in farm-related bankruptcy cases. Mary will use the grant to support tuition costs for the training that will enable her to carry out volunteer mediation work for Southwest Wisconsin farm families in need. Potentially, her volunteer mediation services could be expanded to include County Human Service Departments and local Court Appointed Special Advocate programs, as well.

2017

Julie Martin  “Exploring Hospitality” Course at Secondary Level
Edie Felts-Podoll  Development of a “Memory Café”

Two Professional Project/Research Grants were awarded for 2017-2018. A $925 grant was awarded to Julie Martin for “Development of an ‘Exploring Hospitality’ Course at the Secondary Level.” Edie Felts-Podoll was awarded a $600 grant for “Development of a ‘Memory Café’ Structure for Waushara County Residents in Need.”
2016

Judy Knudsen  
Financial Literacy

Jessie Kilian  
Creative Youth Expo

Two Professional Project/Research Grants were awarded in the amount of $1,000 each. A grant was awarded to Judy Knudsen for her “Financial Literacy Program,” an after-school program serving grades 1 through 7 in urban, low-income Green Bay area public elementary schools. Jessie Kilian was awarded a grant to continue the Creative Youth Expo that promotes youth participation in sewing, foods and nutrition, and related arts in Grant County/Lancaster on July 23.

2015

Catherine Lader  
Protégé Plus: A Mentoring Field Test for FCS New Professionals

Jessie Kilian  
Encouraging Young Sewers/Sewing and Quilting Expo

Two Professional Project/Research Grants were awarded in the amount of $1,000 each. A grant was awarded to Catherine Lader for continuation of her project, “Protégé Plus: A Mentoring Field Study for FCS New Professionals.” Jessie Kilian was awarded a grant to promote youth participation in a sewing and quilting exposition in Lancaster this coming summer.

2014

Catherine Lader  
Protégé Plus: A Mentoring Field Test for FCS New Professionals

Cynthia Jasper  
Elder Financial Exploitation

Jessie Kilian  
Encouraging Young Sewers/Sewing and Quilting Expo

Multiple Professional Project/Research Grants were awarded in the amount of $1,000 each. A grant was awarded to Catherine Lader for her project, “Protégé Plus: A Mentoring Field Test for FCS New Professionals.” Cynthia Jasper received a grant for disseminating results of her Elder Financial Exploitation research. Jessie Kilian was awarded a grant to promote young sewers participation in a sewing and quilting exposition in Lancaster on August 2, 2014.

2013

Tiffani Roltgen, CFCS  
Elvehjem to Wellvehjem: 1 Neighborhood, 1 Year, 1 Commitment to Healthier Living

Danielle Dreher  
Empathy Belly Simulation Kit for Cedar Grove-Belgium High School

Jessie Kilian  
Encouraging Young Sewers at UW-Platteville Sewing and Quilting Expo
In 2013, for the second time, multiple Professional Project/Research Grants were awarded. A grant of $1000 was awarded to Tiffani Roltgen for her proposal to establish a neighborhood wellness and fitness program in her Madison neighborhood. A grant of $700 was awarded to Danielle Dreher to purchase an empathy belly simulation kit to enhance her child development courses at Cedar Grove-Belgium High School. Jessie Kilian was awarded $900 to promote young sewers participation in a sewing and quilting exposition on the UW–Platteville campus.

### 2012

- **Juliann Jones**  
  *Establishing a School Garden at Gilmore Middle School in Racine*

- **Cynthia Jasper**  
  *Elder Financial Exploitation in Wisconsin*

For the first time in 2012, the $1000 grant was divided. A grant of $500 was awarded to Juliann Jones for her proposal to establish a school garden at Gilmore Middle School in Racine. Another grant of $500 was awarded to Cynthia Jasper of UW–Madison for her research proposal to study elder financial exploitation in Wisconsin.

### 2011

- **Carolyn Barnhart, CFCS**  
  *21st Century Learning in Wisconsin Secondary FCS Programs with FCCLA Chapters*

- **Catherine Lader**  
  *21st Century Learning in Wisconsin Secondary FCS Programs with FCCLA Chapters*

The 2011 grant was awarded to Carolyn Barnhart and Catherine Lader for their proposal to develop a tool to use with Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) advisers to examine FCCLA STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events in relationship to 21st century skills.

### 2010

- **Jeanne Schwass-Long, CFCS**  
  *A Wellness and Food Preparation Program for Developmentally Disabled Adults*

The 2010 grant was awarded to Jeanne Schwass-Long for her project proposal to develop and teach a series of wellness and food preparation classes for developmentally disabled clientele in the Stoughton community. Jeanne’s program was so successful that it generated outside funding to be continued.

### 2009

- **Mary Kaye Merwin**  
  *Developing and Implementing Child-Centered Learning Kits for Hispanic School-Age Children and Their Families*

- **Virginia Hall**  
  *Developing and Implementing Child-Centered Learning Kits for Hispanic School-Age Children and Their Families*
The 2009 grant was awarded to Mary Kaye Merwin and Virginia Hall for their project proposal to develop and implement child-centered learning kits to be used with Hispanic elementary school-age children and their families. The project was implemented in the Delavan-Darien School District in Walworth County, which has a 38.2% Hispanic population. The kits focused on consumer and family living skills.