

Local Educator Earns National Award

(KAIR)--An Atchison County educator earns national honors, named as a recipient of the 2017 Henry Ford Teacher Innovator Award.

Wanda Small is an instructor at the Atchison County Community Elementary School where she teaches Project Based Learning STEAM classes, according to the USD 377 website.

The Muscotah resident is one of ten educators selected to receive the grand prize honor, which includes what the Henry Ford website calls “an Innovation Immersion Experience” at the Dearborn, Michigan-based Henry Ford, described as “a large indoor and outdoor history museum complex and National Historic Landmark.”

The award includes round-trip airfare, accommodations, behind-the-scenes tours with curators, and a recognition ceremony.

According to the Henry Ford website, the Teacher Innovator Award is presented to educators who “demonstrate ingenuity and resourcefulness, who approach teaching and learning creatively, and who are using the classroom to inspire innovation, creativity, problem solving, and critical thinking.”

Along with the ten grand prize winners, ten educators from across the nation are also recognized with first place honors.

Small's selection, along with the others earning the award, was announced Monday.

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