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LOCAL TEACHER AND ENERGYUNITED BRIGHT IDEAS GRANT WINNER HONORED AS TAR HEEL TEACHER OF THE WEEK

STATESVILLE, N.C.- EnergyUnited is proud to announce that local teacher Kimberly Brown of Alexander Central High School is being honored on a statewide level as a Bright Ideas Tar Heel Teacher of the Week. EnergyUnited nominated Brown in recognition of her dedication to students and for winning Bright Ideas education grant funding from the cooperative for the project entitled “Science Outside of the Box.”

“We are privileged to work with many outstanding teachers through our Bright Ideas education grant program, and Kimberly Brown consistently goes above and beyond to make a difference for students,” said Maureen Moore, communications manager for EnergyUnited. “It is an honor to recognize Kimberly for her hard work and to be able to thank her for the positive contribution she makes in our community.”

Brown is one of only 26 teachers statewide to receive the Tar Heel Teacher of the Week designation this school year. She will be recognized on air during the Tar Heel Sports Network’s radio broadcast of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill men’s basketball game versus Virginia on Feb. 2. Brown will also be featured on the Bright Ideas website at www.NCBrightIdeas.com from February 2-8. She, along with the 25 other Tar Heel Teacher of the Week honorees, will also receive a plaque commemorating their achievement, as well as tickets to a UNC game.

EnergyUnited accepts Bright Ideas education grant applications from teachers for creative classroom learning projects at www.NCBrightIdeas.com every year from April through September. The Tar Heel Teacher of the Week and Bright Ideas education grant programs are examples of North Carolina’s electric cooperatives’ commitment to community.

About the Bright Ideas Education Grant Program:

The Bright Ideas education grant program, sponsored by North Carolina’s Touchstone Energy cooperatives, strives to improve education in North Carolina classrooms by awarding grants to Tar Heel teachers in grades K-12 for innovative, classroom-based projects that would not otherwise be funded. Since the program began in 1994, about \$9.1 million has been given to educators for more than 8,800 projects benefitting well over 1.6 million students.

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