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ENERGYUNITED AWARDS LOCAL TEACHER WITH \$100 GIFT CARD

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EnergyUnited is pleased to announce that Ms. Amy Dawson, teacher at Alexander Central High School, was chosen as one of five lucky winners as part of an Early Bird Incentive for the 2015 Bright Ideas education grant program. Ms. Dawson, along with hundreds of other teachers across the state of North Carolina, submitted their application on or before August 14 which qualified them to win a \$100 VISA gift card.

Maureen Moore, Communications Manager at EnergyUnited, presented Ms. Dawson with the gift card at her school earlier this week. "It was a joy to see the excitement in her face when we gave her the gift card," said Moore. "We know she will put it to good use." Ms. Dawson's grant application is titled 'Creating the Learning Commons' and falls under the curriculum area of Information and Technology.

Applications are still being accepted for the North Carolina Bright Ideas Program which funds creative, classroom-based learning projects. Teachers in K-12 public, public-charter, private and Christian schools can apply for up to \$2,000 anytime between now and September 18 at www.ncbrightideas.com. In 2014, nearly 100 teachers applied from many of the 19 counties that EnergyUnited serves and EnergyUnited is proud to share that they granted over \$40,000 in grants to 27 teachers. The Bright Ideas education grant program, sponsored by North Carolina's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, strives to improve education in classrooms across NC by awarding grants to educators for innovative projects.

For more information on the Bright Ideas program visit www.facebook.com/ncbrightideas.com or www.facebook.com/ncbrightideas.com or <a



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