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First year science teacher from Henry M. Jackson High School excited to teach science

STEM teacher, Brielle Kemis, receives Teaching Tools grant from educational foundation

Brielle Kemis knew she wanted to teach science and was one of 50 recipients who previously received a \$5,000 AFCEA Educational Foundation STEM Teacher Scholarship (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association). These grants go to undergraduate, graduate and credential or licensure students preparing to teach science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects in U.S. middle or secondary schools.



Principal Dave Peters (right), Assistant Principal Kevin Rohrich and STEM Science Curriculum Specialist surprised Kemis and her students on Thursday — explaining to all why she was getting the \$1,000 check and congratulating her. Students applauded her achievement, and, of course, are interested to know how the money will be used.

As a first year science teacher at Henry M. Jackson High School, Kemis has also earned a \$1,000 AFCEA STEM Teaching Tools grant. She will receive a \$1,000 check each year for three years because she is teaching a STEM subject. Kemis can use these grants to fund hardware and software, other classroom tools, field trips, STEM-focused clubs and other activities aligned with student learning

"JHS is continuing to advance as a STEM school and this grant shows the dedication that our teachers have in continuing to offer great experiences to our students. We are lucky to have Brielle in our building and look forward to continuing to work with her as she advances in her career," said Assistant Principal Kevin Rohrich.

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