

**The North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching
Grant Information**

Connections Beginning Teachers' Program - \$57,954*

Initially funded by a grant from the Wachovia Foundation, NCCAT's Beginning Teacher's program, *Connections*, is a comprehensive induction program designed to provide high-quality, research-based professional development to retain, strengthen and support first-year teachers while addressing the needs of students in under-resourced school districts. In ten sessions conducted over the course of one school year, teachers work with a master instructor in critical areas including, positive and effective classroom management, differentiated instruction, brain-based instruction, total quality tools, the impact of poverty on children, and assessment. This funding serves Edgecombe, Johnston, and Martin counties.

Progress Energy Foundation - \$2,616*

The Progress Energy Foundation provided NCCAT with \$25,000 to expand its Environmental Education program by providing 24 teachers with the opportunity to attend a five-day professional development seminar focusing on sustainable energy and the environment.

Golden LEAF Foundation 2009 - \$78,995*

This \$174,000 grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation allows NCCAT to provide intensive professional development supporting teacher candidates pursuing the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification from high needs, Tier 1 counties. NBPTS teachers improve student learning; address high-needs students; prepare students with the skills they need to compete in the 21st century workplace; promote standards-based education, model successful teaching practices; work effectively with parents; and, build collaborative professional learning communities.

Duke Energy Foundation - \$8,760*

This \$12,500 grant from Duke Energy supports NCCAT in providing teachers with professional development in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Z. Smith Reynolds – *Connections* - \$119,735*

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Z. Smith Reynolds – *Connect to Your Future* - \$29,357*

NCCAT's *Connect to Your Future* seminar supports motivated beginning teachers in their 2nd or 3rd year of teaching by strengthening their knowledge base and classroom expertise, providing guidance from expert teachers, and building a network of peer support, ultimately reducing attrition rates among beginning teachers in school districts with high economically disadvantaged populations. With \$30,000 in support from ZSR, NCCAT provides a research-based, five-day residential seminar for 22 second and/or third year teachers from NC school districts designated as economically disadvantaged (Tier I).

*Balance as of 11/30/09