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### **Surry County School System Educational Foundation Showcases Innovation in Action**

The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation showcased instructional innovation in action Tuesday evening, October 22, 2019, at the Dobson First Baptist Church Fellowship Center during its Teacher Showcase and Donor Appreciation Dinner. The Foundation hosts this event annually to highlight the novel projects implemented in Surry County School System classrooms because of the generous funding of the Foundation's Enhanced Learning Mini-Grant program.

Ten educators and numerous students demonstrated and explained the innovative projects they are utilizing in classrooms because of the funds received from the Foundation's Enhanced Learning Mini-Grant program during last year's mini-grant cycle. Students eagerly shared how the projects enhance their learning, and demonstrated how the projects are used in their classrooms. Moreover, other teachers had the opportunity to view the projects and get ideas for projects they would like to implement in their classrooms.

Ms. Wanda Bowman, visual arts teacher at Central Middle School, and sixth grade student, Miss Allison Wilmoth presented on "The Science of Art", explaining how Ms. Bowman uses science and science experiments to teach students art techniques. When asked how the science lessons have impacted her learning in art, Allison remarked, "I was confused when I saw the experiments. I thought, isn't this supposed to be art class? Because of the experiments, I have learned about art in a whole new way."

Dr. David Shockley, President of Surry Community College, was the guest speaker for the event. Dr. Shockley stated, "The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation is providing relevance to students so they may see how what they are learning applies to their world." Dr. Shockley commended teachers and the Foundation for supporting learning and helping students to inform

their opinions of themselves. “We need to provide options for teachers, children, and parents to explore what is available to them in Surry County. Surry Community College is proud to partner with Surry County Schools because we are all in this together to preserve the quality of life we are fortunate to enjoy in Surry County.”

At the conclusion of the program, Chairman, Mr. John Priddy thanked donors, supporters of the Foundation, and Mrs. Ashley Mills who serves as the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation Liaison. Chairman Priddy also thanked the Surry Central High School Culinary Arts students for catering the delicious meal provided.

The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation is committed to investing in education, and impacting the lives of students through educational experiences inside and outside the classroom as well as investing in our teaching professionals. For more information about the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation, please contact Mrs. Ashley Mills at (336) 386-8211 or visit [scsfoundation.org](http://scsfoundation.org).

Pictured are: Allison Wilmoth Presenting on the Science of Art

Wanda Bowman and Allison Wilmoth showcase their artwork to donors

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