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Poplar Bluff teachers displayed "ingenuity" in their recent grant proposals to the Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation, according to officials, bringing home four of seven \$500 grants dispersed throughout an 11-county region.

Winners included: Shayln Copas of the Middle school with a project entitled 'Eat to succeed! Using life skills and cooking lessons to explore the world;' Hilary Taylor of Junior High with the project 'Reaching gifted minds through robotics;' Karen Harris of PBHS with 'Cell structures and processes;' and Jennie Randolph of the High School – 'Understanding Shakespeare.'

The MRTF presented 98 grants totaling \$49,000 to teachers representing 14 regions of the state this month. Association members scored the proposals.

Pictured: (Left to right) Anne Moyer, MRTA Region 12 vice president; special education teacher Shalyn Copas; James Barnhill, Butler County unit president; science teacher Karen Harris; John Moyer, MRTF board member; communication arts teacher Jennie Randolph; R-I Superintendent Dr. Scott Dill; communication arts teacher Hilary Taylor; and Linda Surber, Butler County unit vice president.

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