

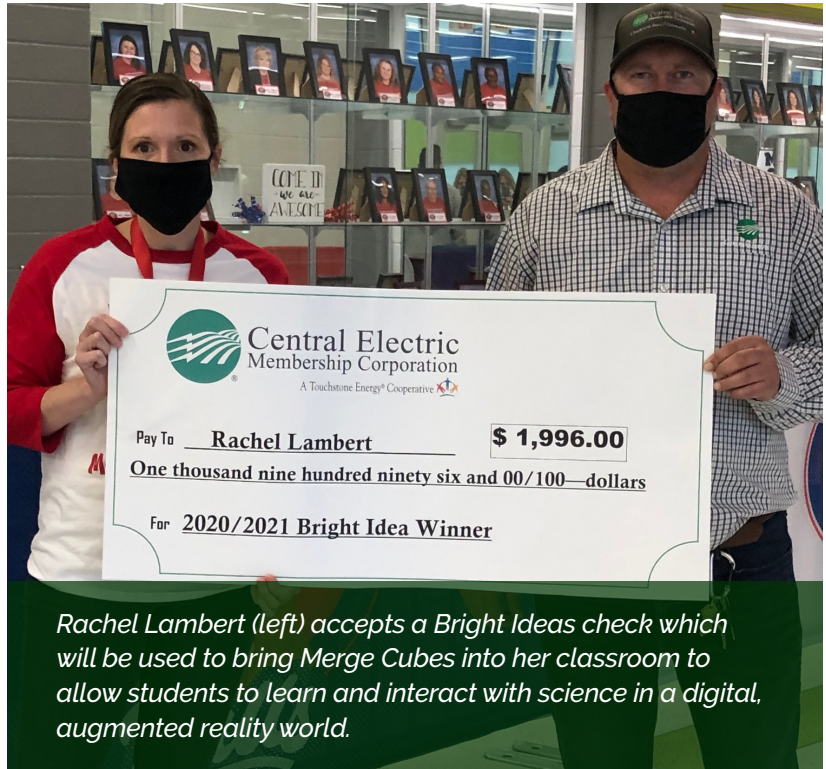


## Supporting local teachers and students

Central Electric is continually looking for ways to support the communities we serve. One way is by annually awarding Bright Ideas grants to local educators. The program helps support engaging and innovative classroom projects.

This year, the co-op awarded \$15,000 to 13 educators, who were selected by an independent panel of judges. Over 3,100 students in our communities will be positively impacted as a result. Since 1994, North Carolina's electric cooperatives have awarded more than \$12.9 million to educators across the state. Congratulations to the following 2020 Bright Ideas grant recipients:

- Kim Collazo, Sandhills-Farm Life Elementary
- Linda Collura, W.B. Wicker Elementary
- Audrey Crissman, Benhaven Elementary
- Dillon Crockett, Southern Lee High
- Kelsey Crowley, Southern Lee High
- Karen Jeremiah, Pittsboro Elementary
- Elaine Labate, Horton Middle
- Rachel Lambert, McDeeds Creek Elementary
- Jo Ann Lawler, Deep River Elementary
- Michael Markofski, Ascend Leadership Academy
- Kelley Spahr, B.T. Bullock Elementary
- Misty Lee Thompson, SanLee Middle School
- Edward Walgate, Northwood High



*Rachel Lambert (left) accepts a Bright Ideas check which will be used to bring Merge Cubes into her classroom to allow students to learn and interact with science in a digital, augmented reality world.*

The application process for Bright Ideas grants will reopen for interested educators in April 2021. For more information on Bright Ideas grants, visit [CEMCPower.com](http://CEMCPower.com) or [NCBrightIdeas.com](http://NCBrightIdeas.com).