

Grants boost math and science teaching

Mathematics and Science Partnership grants, totaling close to \$4 million, were awarded to six New Jersey colleges and universities who successfully competed for the grants, made available under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Approximately 350 Garden State math and science teachers of students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to enhance their abilities through programs funded by the grants.

The grants are given under the consideration that educators who complete scientifically based professional development can do more to improve student achievement in math and science.

The institutions receiving grants include:

- Rutgers University, \$649,303
- William Paterson University, \$616,673
- Stockton College of New Jersey, \$646,910
- Stevens Institute of Technology \$672,781
- Rowan University, \$675,000
- Montclair State University, \$675,000

Educators participating in the year-long project will begin with a two-week summer institute, followed during the school year with mentoring and additional coursework. School districts partnered with the universities to apply for the funding. Each district developed its own application process for identifying teachers to participate in the program.

For more information on the program, visit www.ed-msp.net.



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