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## Debra O'Connor receives the Helen Villaume Education Enrichment Grant

The Board of The John and Helen Villaume Foundation has announced the selection of one of the recipients of the 2016 Helen Villaume Education Enrichment Grant Award.

Ms. Debra O'Connor, a Special Education teacher for Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Wallenpaupack Area School District, received an award of approximately \$4,924.00 from Villaume Foundation board members Rev. William Samford and Lewis J. Critelli. This grant will be used for a 3 week teaching trip in the Cook Islands of the South Pacific through the Global Volunteers Program. Ms. O'Connor will then prepare a PowerPoint presentation of the 3 weeks she spent working with the children of the Cook Islands. This valuable information regarding the culture, educational values, and traditions of the people and educators of Rarotonga, Cook Islands will be shared with her peers and co-workers.

The John and Helen Villaume Foundation established grants to provide Wayne County teachers with a unique opportunity to enhance, expand or experiment in their areas of certification, thereby enriching and improving the achievement of their students.

The John and Helen Villaume Foundation, established by Honesdale natives John and Helen Villaume, is dedicated to benefit charitable, religious, scientific, literary and educational programs within Wayne County. Since its inception, the Foundation has made awards totaling over \$1,000,000.00 with Wayne Bank managing the account in the Wealth Management and Trust Services Division of Wayne Bank.

Additional information about the Foundation and grant applications may be obtained from: The John and Helen Villaume Foundation, c/o Wayne Bank Wealth Management and Trust Department, 717 Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431; by phone: 570-253-8507; or email: trust@waynebank.com.

PHOTO CAPTION-LEFT TO RIGHT: Rev. William Samford, Villaume Foundation Board Member, Debra O'Connor, Elementary Special Education teacher at Wallenpaupack Area School District and Lewis J. Critelli, Villaume Foundation Board Member.

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