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Michael Jurkowski receives the Helen Villaume Education Enrichment Grant

Honesdale, PA – The Board of The John and Helen Villaume Foundation has announced the selection of one of the recipients of the 2015 Helen Villaume Education Enrichment Grant Award.

Mr. Michael Jurkowski, a high school science teacher at Honesdale High School, received an award of approximately \$3,700.00 from Villaume Foundation board member Rev. William Samford. This grant will be used for an educational tour of St. Croix. Mr. Jurkowski will then organize and coordinate a 7-10 day trip to be offered to students of Honesdale High School. To promote the trip, Mr. Jurkowski will create flyers and presentations, a program itinerary and detailed agenda to be used on the trip. While on the trip students and teachers will be able to participate in collecting, observing, analyzing and recording data as well as explore technology usage, resource conversation and unique ecosystems and wildlife that inhabit the island. This opportunity offers the students a hands-on educational opportunity which cannot be experienced in a traditional classroom environment.

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 was created 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 Services Division, 717 Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431, or by phone: 570-253-8507 or email: trust@waynebank.com

PHOTO CAPTION-LEFT TO RIGHT: Michael Jurkowski, Honesdale High School science teacher accepts the check from Villaume Foundation Board Member, Rev. William Samford.

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