

Fall 2022 Opportunity Fund Awards

Dr. Allen Parrish, Assistant Professor of Music

Dr. Parrish will receive \$5,500 to conduct a Community Brass Band Seminar to train area high school and college student musicians to create successful New Orleans-style brass bands. The seminar will bridge the divide between students knowing how *to play* an instrument and knowing how to *use that skill* for public performance. This project creates opportunities for the students as well as enriching the cultural experiences for our community.

Dr. Jeremy Bell, Assistant Professor of Education

The Opportunity Fund is contributing \$8,500 to Dr. Jeremy Bell's SciMAT Lab project. SciMAT stands for science, math assistive technology; the project will be a state-of-the-art laboratory providing students in multiple programs access to assistive technology materials and will also provide professional development to local school districts through current partnerships with the intent to expand to additional districts.

Dr. Carlton Kilpatrick and Dr. Kenna Veronee, Assistant Professors of Music

Dr. Kilpatrick and Dr. Veronee will use their Opportunity Fund award of \$2,200 to offset travel costs for students to attend the Texas Music Educators' Association annual conference, the largest conference of its kind in the United States. These students will be actively engaged with area K-12 students in their final year of study and will continue to impact thousands of students with the knowledge and connections gained by attending this conference.

Dr. Jennifer Hoh, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy

With approximately \$16,000 from the Opportunity Fund, Dr. Jennifer Hoh, her colleagues from the ULM College of Pharmacy, and their PharmD students are implementing LEARN - Louisiana Educational Awareness for Rescue Needs – in high schools across the state. While most young people understand the importance of calling 911, engaging them in preparedness training can increase recognition of a serious event and prevent it from becoming life-threatening.

Dr. William McCown, Professor of Psychology

Dr. McCown will use the \$2,985 Opportunity Fund award to purchase hardware and software to create a Behavioral Research Lab for Online and Off-campus Students. Through this Lab, hundreds of online, dual-enrollment, and off-campus students will now be able to design their own faculty-sponsored research projects, participate in virtual research teams and statistically analyze and interpret their results for the larger scientific community under close faculty supervision.

Dr. Darrion Flunder-Jenkins, Assistant Professor of Precision Agriculture and Unmanned Aircraft System Management

With \$4,165 from the Opportunity Fund, Dr. Flunder-Jenkins will continue the Sky Breakers Drone Workshop which is offered to our region's middle and high school students. With assistance from ULM's current UASM and Agriculture students, Dr. Flunder-Jenkins covers the fundamentals of drone flight operations, as well as exploring the applications of drones in fields including geosciences, biology, health studies, film, construction, marketing, and atmospheric sciences.

Dr. Leigh N. Hersey, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Dr. Hersey's \$6,680 Opportunity Fund award will be used to continue the Women Take FLIGHT program, Fostering Leadership to Increase Growth in Higher-ed Teams.