

Education

Local teachers selected for 2026 Henrion Multicultural Fund

BY ERA STAFF

Three Oldham County Schools teachers have been selected as recipients of the 2026 Henrion Multicultural Fund for Teachers, a grant that has supported educators' travel abroad since 2017.

This year's recipients, Marilyn Croak of Oldham County High School, Alaina Green of North Oldham High School, and Ryan McAllister of South Oldham High School, will each use the award to fund international travel during summer break.

The Henrion Multicultural Fund is designed to broaden teachers' cultural horizons and, in turn, enhance students' cultural understanding and spark their curiosity about the wider world.

The grant supports certified classroom teachers in traveling to a foreign country to experience different cultures through independent exploration, formal programs, or university study. The hope is that first-hand experience gives teachers a personal perspective they can bring back directly to their classrooms.

MARILYN CROAK — OAXACA, MEXICO

Marilyn Croak, a Spanish teacher at Oldham County High School, will travel to Oaxaca, Mexico to take part in a week-long cultural immersion program centered around the



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RYAN MCALLISTER



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MARILYN CROAK



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ALAINA GREEN

beginning of the Guelaguetza, an indigenous festival with deep roots in Oaxacan tradition.

The program includes a traditional cooking class, a chocolate-making course, a black pottery class with a local Zapotec family, and a visit to Monte Albán, one

of Mexico's most significant archaeological sites.

For Croak, who grew up in and later returned to teach in Oldham County, the trip fills a gap in her department's collective experience. Mexico comes up throughout the Spanish curriculum, but no one on the team has experienced the country firsthand. The immersive setting also offers a welcome opportunity to sharpen her Spanish language skills in real, natural contexts.

ALAINA GREEN — LONDON, ENGLAND

Alaina Green, an English teacher at North Oldham High School, will travel to London and the surrounding area, with planned side trips to Oxford, Cambridge, and Chawton.

Her itinerary is centered on professional development in research, with plans to visit the Bri-

tish Library and British Museum and apply for reading room passes at both institutions. Additional stops include the Tate Modern, Tate Britain, the Ashmolean in Oxford, the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, and the research institute of the Jane Austen Society in Chawton.

Green believes students benefit when their teachers bring a broad view of the world into the classroom, and she intends to supplement her time at formal institutions with time spent in local neighborhoods, seeking out the kind of everyday cultural understanding that only comes from being present in a place.

RYAN MCALLISTER — VIENNA AND SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Ryan McAllister, Band Director at South Oldham High School, will travel to Vienna and Salzburg, two cities central to the history of classical music.

In Vienna, he plans to visit museums and sites connected to composers including Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert and Strauss, and attend live performances at venues including the Musikverein, the Wiener Konzerthaus and the Vienna State Opera. In Salzburg, he will visit Mozart's birthplace and other historic sites throughout the city.

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Photo courtesy of Kenwood Station Elementary

Evelyn Deptola, left, and Ryan Young were both KET Young Writer's Contest winners this year.

Wild Weather In Kentucky

Sunny, snowy, rainy,
That's Kentucky's weather.
Springing flowers, raining showers,
They all fall together.

Hail that is aggressive,
Lightning makes a frown.
Thunder is loud and a little excessive,
The clouds rumble all around.

Summer fun and fall leaves fall,
Weather's a Willy Wonka surprise.
One day it's snowing, then warm after all,
You never know under Kentucky skies.

Photo courtesy of KET

"Wild Weather in Kentucky," a poem by Ryan Young that won second place in the 2026 KET Young Writer's Contest.

Kenwood Station students win KET Young Writer's Contest

BY ERA STAFF

Two Crestwood students who both attend Kenwood Station Elementary were recently named as winners of the 2026 KET Young Writer's Contest.

Evelyn Deptola won first place in the "Graphic

Novel" elementary-level contest with her submission, "Hanna the Banana."

Ryan Young won second place in the "Poetry" elementary-level contest with his submission, "Wild Weather in Kentucky."

Their submissions can

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NOTICE TO OLDHAM COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Amy B. Alvey, Oldham County Clerk, pursuant to KRS 424.330, announces that the 2025 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the Oldham Era on **July 2, 2026**. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during normal business hours as follows at the Oldham County Clerk's office located at 100 West Jefferson Street, Suite 100, La Grange, Kentucky, 40031.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Thursday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

This list may also be inspected on the County Clerk's website. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is <https://oldhamcountyclerk.ky.gov/>.

The tax sale will be held on **August 6, 2026** beginning promptly at **9:00 AM**. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's Office by the close of business on July 27, 2026. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the amount of deposits that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills at the County Clerk's office any time prior to the tax sale. Please Note: **All payments must be physically received in the Clerk's office, in full, prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception.** If you cannot pay by the August 6, 2026, 9:00 AM deadline, contact the County Attorney's office at 222-7342 to set up a payment plan. The Oldham County Clerk requires that all payments for delinquent taxes be made in the form of cash, bank certified check or approved credit card. There may be an additional fee charged for the use of a credit card. The amount finally due on each bill may differ from the amount indicated on the list and website. Some delinquencies, although they have been advertised, will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504 (10)(b). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's office at 222-9311.

An additional fee will be added to each tax bill for advertisement cost.

Signed,

Amy B. Alvey

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