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### **Lukens Awarded Westby Leadership Award and the Ron & Ann Anstrom Scholarship for English, Math or Science Instructors**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Robert Lukens, of Wishek, N.D., has been awarded the Ron & Ann Anstrom Scholarship for English, Math or Science Instructors from the North Dakota United Foundation for the 2015-16 year, and the Joseph A. Westby Leadership Award. Lukens will receive a total cash award of \$3,000 for his master's degree in Science Education.

The Ron & Ann Anstrom Scholarship Program is intended to assist individual English, math or science instructors to improve their qualifications by attending summer school or engaging in graduate level courses during the regular academic year, online courses or extension courses that are part of a graduate program. The Joseph A. Westby award was established by the former executive director of the North Dakota Education Association (NDEA) and recognizes the need for staff and members to pursue leadership-training opportunities.

Lukens is currently a fourth-grade teacher in Wishek, and an active member of North Dakota United. He's studying for a master's degree in Science Education at Montana State University. His goal is to be able to affect students at all levels by becoming certified in science.

North Dakota United is the state's largest professional association of public educators and employers. Membership includes over 11,000 K-12 school teachers and support staff, higher education faculty and staff, city, county and state employees, retirees and students pursuing a degree in education. The purpose of the NDU Foundation is to promote educational excellence and quality public service in North Dakota. The Foundation's goal is to aid educators, public servants and students in achieving greater educational success. The Foundation accomplishes this by providing to individual educators, public servants and college student various grants and scholarships designed to enhance their skills.

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