

## KS BANK DONATES \$10,000 TO THE JOHNSTON COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Pictured from Left to Right: Earl W. Worley, Jr., Darla Peedin, Eric Brownlee, and Doug Cockrell

**(Smithfield, NC)** – KS Bank has donated \$10,000 to the Johnston County Education Foundation (JCEF) to assist their mission of supporting Johnston County Public Schools. The check was presented to Eric Brownlee, Chairman of the JCEF Board of Directors, and Darla Peedin, Executive Director of the foundation, by Earl W. Worley, Jr., President/CEO of KS Bank, and Doug Cockrell, Credit Analyst at KS Bank and member of the JCEF Board of Directors.

Earl W. Worley, Jr., President/CEO of KS Bank stated, “As a corporate member of the Johnston County community, we are honored to support the Johnston County Education Foundation in its mission to provide scholarship funding and teaching grants throughout our county. Our Executive Vice Chairman, Harold T. Keen, was instrumental in helping the foundation get its start in the early days of its existence and we want to continue our efforts to partner with the foundation as a way to honor all who had the vision to start the foundation.”

Executive Director of the Johnston County Education Foundation, Darla Peedin, said “Johnston County Education Foundation is honored to have the support of KS Bank. Their contribution will continue the mission of the foundation to support Johnston County Public Schools faculty, staff, and students. Together we will make every effort to make Johnston County public education an outstanding system.”

The Johnston County Education Foundation promotes innovation, involvement, and excellence in the public schools through the prudent administration of privately-funded program, grants, and

scholarships. They aim to be the primary partner of public education in Johnston County by supporting academic improvement and fostering excellence in teaching. Currently, the foundation administers between 60 and 80 scholarships to seniors across Johnston County Public Schools each year, and will offer multiple grant opportunities for teachers this fall to support their classrooms and special projects.

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