



Building Growth Mindset with STEM

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You may recall that earlier this school year, Jessica Ehlinger, the 2017 Clay County Teacher of the Year, shared how incorporating STEM into her classroom has created and supported growth mindset development opportunities for her students. If you would like to re-read that article you can access it [here](#).

After Jessica shared her experience with us, she had the opportunity to collaborate with the Online Learning Specialist in her district to create this [video](#). Watch how Jessica's facilitation of STEM challenges with her young learners creates a culture where students learn to struggle and persevere.



How do you create opportunities for struggle and perseverance in your classroom? Please share through email and twitter and remember to include #FloridaMindset.

Best,

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Students & Educators Honored at 2017 Black History Month Reception

On February 15, Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott hosted the annual Black History Month Reception at the Florida Governor's Mansion. This year's theme was "A Recognition of the Role of African-Americans in Shaping Florida Today," and the student art and essay contest winners, along with the Excellence in Education educator award recipients, were honored during a special celebration.

The art contest was open to all Florida students in grades K-3, and the following winners were awarded \$250:

- Hailey Kate Soto, Orange County
- Christian Dunnon, Palm Beach County

In the essay contest, one winner was selected from an elementary, middle and high school. The following student essay winners received a four-year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation:

- Isabel Alvarez, Miami-Dade County
- Destiny Stewart, Leon County
- Nathalie Sieh, Pinellas County

Nominated by students and peers, each of the following teachers received \$1500, provided by Volunteer Florida as Excellence in Education award recipients:

- Kimberly Rostick, Hillsborough County
- Michael Burton, Escambia County
- Makeda Brome, St. Lucie County

To view photos from the Black History Month Reception, click [here](#).