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## *Middle School Teacher Helps Bring Science Alive in Video Project*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University alumna Sybil Faulkner-Carter Landreth is one proud teacher, after finding out her eighth grade science class at Rockingham County (N.C.) Middle School is one of only seven finalists across the nation in a science competition. Rockingham County Middle School was the only district in the North Carolina who qualified.

After submitting a video and advancing through the initial qualifying round, Landreth's class presentation about her approach to teaching on ancient cures and modern medicine was selected into the Science WoRX – Make My Lab WoRX Contest list of finalists. The winner of the grand prize will receive an additional \$5,000. The finalist's videos are featured on Facebook, where public voting is ongoing through midnight May 28.

"I'm asking for everyone's help," said Landreth. "We need votes. I really want my kids to win, so our dream of \$5,000 to purchase science equipment for our school can become reality and provide students the opportunity to learn hands-on in an upgraded lab."

Since finishing at Gardner-Webb in 1986 with BS and MA degrees in middle school education, as well as concentrations in science, Landreth has dedicated over 26 years to the teaching profession (21 in the Rockingham Co. School District). According to her colleagues, Landreth's approach to teaching is helping expose her students to new perspectives on health and science.

"The kids call me the mad scientist," chuckled Landreth.

Astellas Pharma US, Inc., the group behind Science WoRx, is a research-based pharmaceutical company committed to playing an active role in science education. They strongly believe that by doing so they can help drive medical innovation in the future. They are based in Japan with a U.S. headquarters located in Illinois.

If you would like to view the video and cast a vote in support of Landreth's class – visit [facebook.com/scienceworx](http://facebook.com/scienceworx). You must be a member of Facebook in order to participate.

More information is available online through the Rockingham County Schools website, [rock.k12.nc.us](http://rock.k12.nc.us), or at [scienceworx.org](http://scienceworx.org).

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