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Throughout our years as educators, my husband Carter Craigie, N3AO, and I have had many wonderful and amazing experiences. We have seen by their expressions when young people were eager to plunge into a new lesson, succeeded in an unfamiliar activity, or completed a particularly challenging assignment. The sense of pride students feel in these moments instills a desire for a lifetime of learning and opens their futures to infinite possibilities.

I have had these same experiences as an Amateur Radio operator and as President of the ARRL. Passing a first licensing test, making your first contact, completing Worked All States, or learning to solder your first kit are all part of each ham's journey in Amateur Radio. Talking with fellow hams across the country, I have discovered that excitement never fades. However, I find it particularly gratifying when I talk to a young person who is just beginning his or her lifetime journey in Amateur Radio.



Kay Craigie, N3KN President



Through ARRL's Education & Technology Program, you and I are bringing the excitement and joy of Amateur Radio to thousands of young people across the country. Every year, this program – funded through member donations – provides teachers with the knowledge, tools, and resources to bring technology-related lessons and activities into to their class-rooms.

Feedback from teachers who have participated in the Education & Technology Program is consistently positive and inspiring. And with the current educational emphasis on Science, Math, Engineering, and Technology (STEM), educators are even more excited about this one-of-a-kind program. No other organization offers educational resources focused on teaching young people the basics of STEM through wireless technology and Amateur Radio. Interest in this unique program is growing by leaps and bounds – since the Education & Technology Program began in 2000, more than 450 teachers have been trained in using wireless technology, basic electronics, and data analysis to help their students learn science- and math-related subjects. Along the with the core curriculum, young people also learn about Amateur Radio, often working with local clubs to make

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contacts (including with astronauts aboard the International Space Station!), experience satellite communications, and establish active school radio clubs.

The training institutes for teachers and grants for equipment for school activities are made possible by donors to the Education & Technology Program. My husband and I have been donors to this program since it began. Please join me in supporting

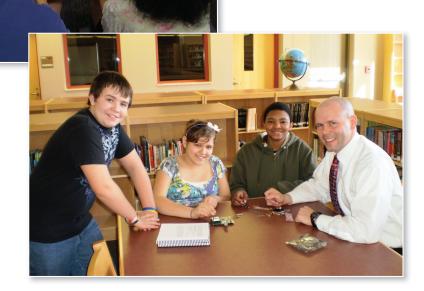
this outstanding program – and give more kids the opportunity to learn about wireless technology and experience the thrill of Amateur Radio. With your help, ARRL can continue this important work of training teachers and inspiring young people with Amateur Radio in their classrooms.

Thank you and 73,

Kay Craigie

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