PVA EDUCATION FOUNDATION FY 2021 GRANT AWARDS

The Board of Directors of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) Education Foundation met in April to make final selections of grants for funding in FY 2021. The Board members reviewed the grants based on the following criteria:

- Peer Review Panel Score
- Consistency with the Foundation mission
- Impact on Veterans
- Funding available

Based on these criteria and significant discussion by the Board of Directors, six grants were selected for funding, totaling $229,569. These grants are funded by donations from PVA Chapters and National contributions, individual donations and bequests. For additional information about the funded grants or the PVA Education Foundation, please contact Lindsay Perlman, Associate Director of Research and Education at 202-416-7611 or Lindsayp@pva.org.

**Consumer, Caregiver and Community Education**

Marcalee Alexander, MD  
Sustain Our Abilities  
Birmingham, AL  
“Everlasting Love: A Series about Sexuality, SCI, MS, & ALS”  
$49,950

**Professional Development and Education**

Jeanne Zanca, PhD MPT  
Rachel Hibbs, DPT, BS  
Kessler Foundation  
University of Pittsburgh  
West Orange, NJ  
Pittsburgh, PA  
“Improving Personal Care Assistance For People with SCI Through Online Education”  
$49,989  
“Telehealth Wheelchair Service Provision Online Course”  
$49,630

**Research Utilization and Dissemination**

Kimberley Monden  
Regents of the University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN
“Adaptation and Dissemination of Spinal Cord Injury Physical Activity Guidelines”
$50,000

Conferences and Symposia

Brett Fling, PhD
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO
“11th Annual Gait and Balance Symposium in Multiple Sclerosis”
$15,000

Vijayshree Yadav, MD
Oregon Health & Science University
Portland, OR
“4th Annual Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Central Nervous System (CNS) Neuroimmunology Symposium”
$15,000