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\$2.3 Million Federal Grant Awarded to Long Island University, The School House, and AEC Inc. to Advance History & Civics Education

East Northport, NY – [September 30, 2025] — Long Island University (LIU), lead applicant and prime awardee, in partnership with The American Emergent Curriculum Inc. (AEC Inc.) and The School House (TSH), has been awarded the U.S. Department of Education’s American History & Civics—Semiquincentennial (AHC-S) grant, totaling \$2,319,415 over three years.

The initiative, formally titled “The Power of Patriotism: Educator and Student Seminars in American History & Civics—Honoring the Semiquincentennial,” will strengthen constitutional literacy, civic knowledge, and student engagement as the United States approaches its 250th year. Over the project period, the program will:

- Deliver 6 intensive national seminar cohorts (30+ hours each).
- Train 300+ educators and student leaders from 25+ school districts across 15+ states.
- Develop and disseminate 12 classroom-ready instructional experiences and 3 Civic Learning Resource Sets (CLRS).
- Reach more than 50,000 students through classroom implementation.
- Support the launch of 300+ student-led civic capstone projects nationwide.

The three partners play distinct but complementary roles: Long Island University provides governance, federal compliance, evaluation, and national dissemination; AEC Inc. develops and stewards the curriculum and AI-enabled digital platform for delivery and scaling; and The School House pilots seminar models, hosts in-person gatherings, and showcases the work as the live demonstration site.

“This is a landmark opportunity to help reimagine how civics and history are taught to children,” said Mimosia Jones Tunney, Founder of The School House and creator of the American Emergent Curriculum. “The Semiquincentennial is not just a commemoration—it’s a call to prepare the next generation of citizens. We’re proud to work alongside Long Island University and AEC Inc. to make that vision real.”

“Long Island University is honored to serve as the lead applicant for this important national initiative,” said [Insert LIU spokesperson name/title]. “By aligning LIU’s academic and research capacity with the innovation of The School House and AEC Inc., we are creating seminars that will equip educators and students to live out the responsibilities of citizenship.”

About The School House & the American Emergent Curriculum

The School House, based in East Northport, NY, is a pioneering independent school dedicated to child-first, screen-free, science-based pedagogy. Its American Emergent Curriculum (AEC) is designed to be a replicable, national model that empowers children to grow into creative, productive, and civically engaged citizens.

About Long Island University

Founded in 1926, Long Island University is a nationally recognized teaching and research institution. LIU prepares students to become leaders across disciplines and industries, and in this project serves as the federal lead and governance partner.

About American Emergent Curriculum Inc.

AEC Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the American Emergent Curriculum, an evidence-based, whole-child educational model. AEC Inc. operates the AI-enabled digital platform TSHAnywhere.org, supporting national delivery, evaluation, and scaling of curriculum resources.

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