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## **A+ Education Foundation Awards \$77,000 in Grants to 86 Area Educators**

Austin, TX – The A+ Education Foundation, a philanthropic arm of A+ Federal Credit Union (A+FCU), continues its commitment to education by awarding \$77,000 in grants to 86 Central Texas educators.

“It is a great time to be a student in Texas Public Schools,” Karla Moyer, A+ Education Foundation Board Member, said. “I am proud to be on the A+ Educational Board to recognize and support our teachers who go above and beyond for our young people.”

Started in 2005, the A+ Education Foundation has awarded 902 educators with over \$834,000 in grants to fund innovative, inspiring, and engaging programs for their schools.

“We continue to be impressed by the submissions,” Kerry Parker said, who is A+FCU CEO and A+ Education Foundation President. “We are honored to support educators who encourage student learning with hands-on, interactive programs.”

This year’s winning submissions include:

- Global STEM Projects
- Students writing creative papers and online books
- Students using professional tools to create products to go from storyboard/concept model to digital film



**2018 Grant Recipients – By School District**

<b>Austin ISD</b>		<b>Bastrop ISD</b>	
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
Jill Robillard	Clayton ES	Heather Huffman	Bluebonnet ES
Lisa Wenske	Clayton ES	Deanna Bodine	Emile ES
Crysta Wohleb	Cowan ES	Jaime Williams	Emile ES
Cynthia Rodriguez	Harris ES	Alethea Maldonado	Cedar Creek HS
Maitri Shah	Hill ES	<b>Dripping Springs ISD</b>	
Sheila Wessels	Hill ES	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
Diana McMillan	Mathews ES	Brandis Smoland	Sycamore Springs ES
Claudia Neal	Mathews ES	<b>Florence ISD</b>	
Eric Roth	Nan Clayton ES	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
Christine Barre	Oak Hill ES	Marisa Mejia	Florence ES
Lissa Bentley	Oak Hill ES	<b>Georgetown ISD</b>	
Monica Garcia	Oak Hill ES	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
Jackie Grotrian	Oak Hill ES	Sheila O'Leary	Village ES
Maureen Hamburger-Bishop	Oak Hill ES	Jennifer Frank	Wagner MS
Rena Hernandez	Oak Hill ES	<b>Hays CISD</b>	
Amanda Hunter	Oak Hill ES	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
Lori Komassa	Oak Hill ES	Yvonne Schneider	Barton MS
Kerry Osio	Oak Hill ES	<b>Hutto ISD</b>	
Kathi Peterka	Oak Hill ES	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
Farzana Rahman	Oak Hill ES	Sharon Case	Ray ES
Jolynn Rettig	Oak Hill ES	Kelly Hong	Cottonwood Creek/Veterans Hill ES
Kaitlin Sylvia	Oak Hill ES	Angela Hartman	Hutto HS
Alexandra Tarpley	Oak Hill ES	Andrew Haub	Hutto HS
Stacey Underwood	Oak Hill ES	<b>Killeen ISD</b>	
Ben Reymond	Sunset Valley ES	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
Maureen Freeman	Travis Heights ES	Dina D'Amore	Reeces Creek ES
Marta Maupin	Travis Heights ES	<b>Lake Travis ISD</b>	
Noelia Otero-Oquendo	Wooten ES	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
Monique Parsons	Zilker ES	Lindsey Reeves	Serene Hills ES
Stacey Shapiro	Zilker ES	<b>Leander ISD</b>	
Michelle White	Zilker ES	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
Kiel Kietlinski	Crockett HS	Diane Rausch	Block House Creek ES
Ronny Risinger	LASA HS	Kristen Phipps	Camacho ES
Valerie Zhong	LASA HS	Elizabeth Cole	Parkside ES
		Rebecca Rainey	Steiner Ranch ES



<b>Lockhart ISD</b>		<b>Round Rock ISD (cont.)</b>	
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>		
Jennifer Lickert	Plum Creek ES	Stephanie Kolaczowski	Forest North ES
<b>Manor ISD</b>		Jessica Harlow	Great Oaks ES
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>	Jenny Weaver	Great Oaks ES
Daisy Aguirre	Oak Meadows ES	Deena Wolff	Great Oaks ES
Valerie Barnes	Oak Meadows ES	Holly Allen	Herrington ES
Maria Cruz-Stone	Oak Meadows ES	Kristie Campo	Joe Lee Johnson ES
Madeleine Voltin	Oak Meadows ES	Tiffany Pelzel	Joe Lee Johnson ES
<b>Pflugerville ISD</b>		David Jurecka	Laurel Mountain ES
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>	Rebecca Knox	Live Oak ES
Amber Ham	Connally HS	Karen Collins	Pond Springs ES
<b>Private Schools</b>		Debbie Santineau	Purple Sage ES
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>	Diane Hance	Grisham MS
Emily Kuiper	Immanuel Lutheran	Kathryn Patschke	Grisham MS
Andrea Carter	Rawson-Saunders	Sheryl Rank	Grisham MS
<b>Round Rock ISD</b>		Randi Chaverria	Round Rock HS
<b>School</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	Ellen Lukasik	Success HS
Alma Barrera	Bluebonnet ES	<b>San Marcos CISD</b>	
Veronica Garcia	Bluebonnet ES	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
Alice Garza	Bluebonnet ES	Diana Garcia	De Zavala ES
Sarah Kamas	Claude Berkman ES	Joshua Keir	Miller MS
Jessica Cheyney	Double File Trail ES	<b>Seguin ISD</b>	
Ginna Wimmer	Fern Bluff ES	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>
		Samuel Parrott	A.J. Briesemeister MS

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A+ Education Foundation was established and developed by A+ Federal Credit Union in 2005 to provide grants to full-time pre-K through 12th grade educators to assist in reaching their educational goals. These grants help fund programs and training for educators in the communities served by A+FCU. To find out more information, including how to support Central Texas educators, visit [aplusfcu.org/grants](http://aplusfcu.org/grants).

A+ Federal Credit Union was founded in 1949 by 50 Austin, Texas teachers. Over 69 years later, A+FCU has 146,000 members that include not only educators, students, and their families, but other members of the community as well, over \$1.4 billion in assets and 22 branches. A+FCU continues to have close relationships with local schools and provides free financial education curricula for educators, engaging financial education presentations for students, real-life money management simulations for youth, high school branch locations and unique financial products designed for teachers. Learn more at [aplusfcu.org](http://aplusfcu.org).