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A+ Education Foundation Awards \$72,000 in Grants to 79 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 \$72,000 in grants to 79 Central Texas educators.

“I’m honored to be part of the A+ Education Foundation Board to support our educators,” Dennis Loftis, A+ Education Foundation Board Member and A+FCU Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, said. “The credit union was founded by a small group of teachers and helping them 70 years later is exciting.”

Started in 2005, the A+ Education Foundation has awarded 981 educators with over \$906,000 in grants to fund innovative, inspiring, and engaging programs for their schools.

This year’s winning submissions include:

- Introducing coding and robotics to students
- Building a classroom library
- Creating a sensory learning station



2019 Grant Recipients – By School District

Austin ISD		Austin ISD (cont.)	
Recipient	School		
Ana Portillo	Blazier ES	Michelle White	Zilker ES
Eric Roth	Clayton ES	Amber West	Fulmore MS
Lisa Wenske	Clayton ES	Anita Johnson	Kealing MS
Mary Bach	Cunningham ES	David Doerr	Akins HS
Angelique Dennis	Dawson ES	Carlen Floyd	Bowie HS
Maria Cruz	Houston ES		
Diana McMillan	Mathews ES	Bastrop ISD	
Claudia Neal	Mathews ES	Recipient	School
Jennifer Alonzo	Oak Hill ES	Deanna Bodine	Emile ES
Christine Barre	Oak Hill ES		
Lissa Bentley	Oak Hill ES	Florence ISD	
Melanie Brown	Oak Hill ES	Recipient	School
Iliana Buzan	Oak Hill ES	Navin Palicherla	Florence MS
Alma Cabrera	Oak Hill ES		
Alejandra Chavez	Oak Hill ES	Georgetown ISD	
Sameera Choudhury	Oak Hill ES	Recipient	School
Alexis Fredriksen	Oak Hill ES	Debra Hebert	Carver ES
Andrea Gonzalez	Oak Hill ES	Stephanie De Bear	Pickett ES
Jackie Grotrian	Oak Hill ES		
Maureen Hamburger-Bishop	Oak Hill ES	Hays CISD	
Joan Hamelwright	Oak Hill ES	Recipient	School
Kate Kanak	Oak Hill ES	Staci Perkins	Fuentes ES
Lori Komassa	Oak Hill ES	Martha Mendez-Trelles	Uhland ES
Shannon Messer	Oak Hill ES		
Lisa Moe	Oak Hill ES	Killeen ISD	
Kathi Peterka	Oak Hill ES	Recipient	School
Farzana Rahman	Oak Hill ES	Dina D'Amore	Reeces Creek ES
Jolynn Rettig	Oak Hill ES		
Giovanna Rolls	Oak Hill ES	Lake Travis ISD	
Kaitlin Sylvia	Oak Hill ES	Recipient	School
Alexandra Tarpley	Oak Hill ES	Rachael Atwell	Lake Travis ES
Beth Thornton	Oak Hill ES		
Maureen Freeman	Travis Heights ES	Leander ISD	
Sonja Jimenez	Uphaus Early Childhood Center	Recipient	School
Monique Parsons	Zilker ES	Roxanna Soto	Bagdad ES
Stacey Shapiro	Zilker ES	Deanna Perkins	Reagan ES



Lockhart ISD	
Recipient	School
Zandra Clay	Bluebonnet ES

Manor ISD	
Recipient	School
Maria Cruz-Stone	Oak Meadows ES
Rebekah Portillo	Oak Meadows ES

Pflugerville ISD	
Recipient	School
William Dopson	Connally HS

Round Rock ISD	
Recipient	School
Tiffany Pelzel	Blackland Prairie ES
Veronica Garcia	Bluebonnet ES
Julianne Bamford	Canyon Creek ES
Amber Barr	Deep Wood ES
Amanda Galindo	Deep Wood ES
Angie House	Deep Wood ES
Jessica Cheyney	Double File Trail ES
Tiffany Vogelmann	Double File Trail ES
Ginna Wimmer	Fern Bluff ES
Jessica Harlow	Great Oaks ES

Round Rock ISD (cont.)	
Jenny Weaver	Great Oaks ES
Kristie Campo	Joe Lee Johnson ES
Sharon Figueroa	Linda Herrington ES
Rebecca Knox	Live Oak ES
Diane Hance	Grisham MS
Bernadette DeLaGarza	Pearson Ranch MS
Shannon Sieber	Pearson Ranch MS

San Marcos CISD	
Recipient	School
Joshua Keir	Doris Miller MS
Graciela Garcia	San Marcos HS
Luis Sosa	San Marcos HS

Seguin ISD	
Recipient	School
Tommie Jackson	AJ Briesemeister MS
Samuel Parrott	AJ Briesemeister MS

Private Schools	
Recipient	School
Huckleberry Spear	Magnolia Montessori For All
Jacqueline Calloway	Altamira Academy

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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.

A+ Federal Credit Union was founded in 1949 by 50 Austin, Texas teachers. Seventy years later, A+FCU has over 160,000 members throughout the community, nearly \$1.6 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. A+FCU is proud to be celebrating their 70th Anniversary in 2019. Learn more at aplusfcu.org/70.