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A+ Education Foundation Awards \$126,000 in Grants to 91 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 \$126,000 in grants to 91 Central Texas educators. With this year's grants, the A+ Education Foundation has awarded over \$1 million in grants since the program began in 2005.

“This year has been a challenging one for educators,” Georgia Johnson, A+ Education Foundation President, said. “But they are resilient and we are excited to see what comes from these grants. It is our honor to give back to schools in this way, and we are so excited to have passed the \$1 million mark for the program.”

Established in 2005, the A+ Education Foundation has awarded 1,078 educators with over \$1,033,500 in grants to fund innovative, inspiring, and engaging programs for their schools.

This year's winning submissions include:

- Technology to help teach dyslexic students
- Building a diverse classroom library
- Social and emotional learning and facilitation training for educators
- Helping young students learn simple programming with robots and other tools
- Creating a schoolyard habitat for butterflies and outdoor classroom for preschoolers

2020 Grant Recipients – By School District

Austin ISD	
Recipient	School
Chuck Harris	Austin HS
Bob McVerry	Barbara Jordan ES
Theresa Chapa	Becker ES
Marcela Sanz Blanco	Becker ES
Ana Portillo	Blazier ES
Carlen Floyd	Bowie HS
Jennifer Atkinson	Brentwood ES
Courtney Rock	Clayton and Mills ES
Eric Roth	Clayton ES
Lisa Wenske	Clayton ES
Janet Rucka-White	Dawson ES
Magan Grill	Gullett ES
Maitri Shah	Hill ES
Sarah Salazar	Linder ES
Diana McMillan	Mathews ES
Kenneth Rogers	McCallum HS
Rita Cooper	Murchison MS
Iliana Buzan	Oak Hill ES
Alejandra Chavez	Oak Hill ES
Maria Fleming	Oak Hill ES
Jackie Grotrian-Chedsey	Oak Hill ES
Maureen Hamburger Bishop	Oak Hill ES
Kate Kanak	Oak Hill ES
Lori Komassa	Oak Hill ES
Shannon Messer	Oak Hill ES
Lisa Moe	Oak Hill ES
Alexandra Tarpley	Oak Hill ES
Beth Thornton	Oak Hill ES
Stacey Underwood	Oak Hill ES
Elaine Stark	Palm ES
Nadya Bailey-Pérez	Perez ES
Maureen Freeman	Travis Heights ES
Sonja Jimenez	Uphaus Early Childhood Center
Noelia Otero Oquendo	Wooten ES
Claire Cooper	Zilker ES
Jennifer Marshall	Zilker ES
Jan McLendon	Zilker ES
Monique Parsons	Zilker ES
Michelle White	Zilker ES

Bastrop ISD	
Recipient	School
Stacie Norman	Cedar Creek MS
Deanna Bodine	Emile ES

Eanes ISD	
Recipient	School
Jackie Uselton	Westlake HS

Florence ISD	
Recipient	School
Navin Palicherla	Florence MS

Georgetown ISD	
Recipient	School
Amanda Partida	McCoy ES
Amy Heil	Wagner MS
Colleen Montez	Williams ES

Hays CISD	
Recipient	School
Delia Hernandez	Green ES
Marisa Prunty	Kyle ES
Martha Mendez-Trelles	Uhland ES

Hutto ISD	
Recipient	School
Debbie Garthwaite	Norman ES
Alicia Cochran	Veterans' Hill ES

Killeen ISD	
Recipient	School
Blake Gearhart	Maude Moore Wood ES
Dina D'Amore	Reeces Creek ES

Lake Travis ISD	
Recipient	School
Debbie Hagood	Rough Hollow ES
Tiffany Pelzel	Serene Hills ES

Leander ISD	
Recipient	School
Veronica Cammon	Camacho ES
Linda Hagen	Cedar Park MS
Tracy Knippelmier	LEO
Tana Kisselburg	Plain ES
Jane Schenck	Special Education
Gayle Chin	Stiles MS

Round Rock ISD continued	
Ginna Wimmer	Fern Bluff ES
Jenny Weaver	Great Oaks ES
Diane Hance	Grisham MS
Linda Steidel	Jollyville ES
Linda Kay	Ridgeview MS
Alexandra Peoples	Spicewood ES
Jayson Sherman	Walsh MS

Manor ISD	
Recipient	School
Sheryl Holmes Rivera	Decker MS
Chelsea Young	Decker MS
Elizabeth Williams	Manor ES
Maria Cruz-Stone	Oak Meadows ES
Madeleine Voltin	Oak Meadows ES
Gayle Winfrey	Shadowglen ES

San Marcos CISD	
Recipient	School
Marcus Haygood	Crockett ES
Diana Garcia	DeZavala ES
Joshua Keir	Doris Miller MS
Jessica Botello	Rodriguez ES

Pflugerville ISD	
Recipient	School
Diane Sikkenga	Barron ES
Amber Ham	Connally HS
Lisa Bracken-Squires	Parmer Lane ES

Seguin ISD	
Recipient	School
Tommie Jackson	AJ Briesemeister MS
Samuel Parrott	AJ Briesemeister MS
Delia Molina	Ball Early Childhood Center

Round Rock ISD	
Recipient	School
Veronica Garcia	Bluebonnet ES
Debbie Chavez	Cedar Ridge HS
Meg Jameson	Chisholm Trail MS
Kristie Campo	Double File ES

Private Schools	
Recipient	School
Mary Ziolkowski	Cathedral School Saint Mary
Joyce Allen	KIPP Austin College Prep
Huckleberry Spear	Magnolia Montessori For All

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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. Over seventy years later, A+FCU has over 168,000 members throughout the community, over \$1.9 billion in assets, over 460 employees, 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.