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A+ Education Foundation Awards Over \$84,000 in Grants to 64 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 over \$84,350 in grants to 64 Central Texas educators. With this year's grants, the A+ Education Foundation has awarded over \$1.1 million in grants since the program began in 2005.

“It is very exciting to be able to award these educators with grants to assist them with opening the new school year,” Georgia L. Johnson, A+ Education Foundation President, said. “They need our support more than ever as they find their ‘new normal’. The credit union was founded by a small group of teachers and honoring them with these grants for over a decade has been an exciting journey.”

Established in 2005, the A+ Education Foundation has awarded 1,142 educators with over \$1,117,850 in grants to fund innovative, inspiring, and engaging programs for their schools.

This year's winning grants will go toward:

- Materials to create innovative engineering designs and models
- A beekeeping program that teaches kids about ecosystems and food production
- Accessible technology for students with speech impairments and disabilities
- Equipment to create video games, film, and animation
- Creating a literacy library and publishing students' poetry in an anthology
- Funding construction and maintenance of a fully functioning food web system
- Establishing a classroom economy and taking culturally-rich virtual vacations

2021 Grant Recipients – By School District

Austin ISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Sonja Jimenez	Anita Uphaus ECC
Robert McVerry	Barbara Jordan ES
Rose Miller	Barrington ES
Marcela Sanz Blanco	Becker ES
Ana Portillo	Blazier ES
Amber West	Bowie HS
Jill Robillard	Clayton ES
Eric Roth	Clayton ES
Lisa Wenske	Clayton ES
Arnold Yanez	Covington MS
Angelique Dennis	Dawson ES
Madison Schnitker	Hill ES
Patricia Detrich	Kocurek ES
Diana McMillan	Mathews ES
Christine Barre	Oak Hill ES
Iliana Buzan	Oak Hill ES
Maria Fleming	Oak Hill ES
Crystal Lantu	Oak Hill ES
Shannon Mueller	Oak Hill ES
Beth Thornton	Oak Hill ES
Shaun Hopkins	Small MS
Jack Jeansonne	Small MS
Cyndi Larrimore	Small MS
Maureen Freeman	Travis Heights ES
Kimberly Harrison	Widen ES
Noelia Otero Oquendo	Wooten ES
Jennifer Marshall	Zilker ES
Kali Parsons	Zilker ES
Stacey Shapiro	Zilker ES

Burnet CISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Amanda Hunter	Bertram ES

Dripping Springs ISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Erin Segura	Dripping Springs HS

Florence ISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Cassandra Isbell	Florence MS
Navin Palicherla	Florence MS

Georgetown ISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Katelyn Baker	Village ES

Hays CISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Kristen Jurek	Kyle ES
Marisa Prunty	Kyle ES
Staci Perkins	Susie Fuentes ES

Killeen ISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Dina D'Amore	Reeces Creek ES

Lake Travis ISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Tiffany Thompson	Lake Travis ES
Debbie Miller	Rough Hollow ES

Leander ISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Roxanna Soto	Bagdad ES
Linda Hagen	Cedar Park MS
Lori Turner	Cedar Park MS
Mat Bartley	Danielson MS
Marissa Casares	Jim Plain ES
Jamie Fry	Steiner Ranch ES
Angela Mestemaker	Steiner Ranch ES

Manor ISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Liz Porter	Manor EELC

Pflugerville ISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Johnna Rister	Connally HS
Kristen Sutphen	Hendrickson HS

Round Rock ISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Maggie Bell	Cedar Valley MS
Stephanie Cooper	Chisholm Trail MS
Amanda Galindo	Deep Wood ES
Kristie Campo	Double File Trail ES
Jessica Cheyney	Double File Trail ES
Jenny Weaver	Great Oaks ES
Travis Walker	Pearson Ranch MS
Linda Kay	Ridgeview MS
Ellen Lukasik	Success HS

San Marcos CISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Joshua Keir	Miller MS

Taylor ISD	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Reagan Cain	Naomi Pasemann ES
Ashley Loeve	Naomi Pasemann ES

Other Schools	
<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>
Dama Hamrick	Gateway College Prep
Kelly Chapman	Meridian World School

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A+ Education Foundation was established and developed by A+ Federal Credit Union in 2005 to provide grants to professionally certified educators teaching pre-K through grade 12 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 is an award-winning institution with over 175,000 members throughout the community, over \$2.2 billion in assets, over 460 employees, and 22 branch locations. 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 educators. Learn more at aplusfcu.org.