

Paula Brockman Among Six Teachers Nationally to Win Educational Grants from Farmers Insurance

Boise, Idaho (December 1, 2015) – Farmers Insurance® announced today Paula Brockman, of Lowell Scott Middle School in Boise, is one of six winners in the \$100,000 Dream Big Teacher Challenge as part of the company's Thank America's TeachersSM program.

Brockman will use the \$100,000 Dream Big Teacher Challenge grant to build an outdoor learning center that includes interpretive learning stations sparking each student's creativity and curiosity. The outdoor learning center will feature a greenhouse and extended garden area, a fish farm station, a circular seating area for group lessons both covered and uncovered, and other creative spaces.

"It was incredible to see Boise, Meridian and the whole Treasure Valley, and in fact, the entire state step up and come together to help Paula win the \$100,000 Dream Big Teacher Challenge grant," said local Farmers Insurance agent, Fred Kesler.

The Thank America's Teachers program, launched at the 2015 Farmers Insurance Open, enables people everywhere to say thank you to teachers who made an impact on their lives. In addition to awarding 180 grants valued at \$2,500 throughout the year to recognize the great work that teachers do every day, Farmers took the program one step further by developing the Dream Big Teacher Challenge, offering teachers a chance to compete for six \$100,000 educational grants. In total, Farmers will award teachers across the country more than \$1 million in educational grants in 2015.

"Farmers encourages teachers from around the country to continue to dream big and start thinking about proposal ideas for next year's \$2,500 and \$100,000 grant opportunities, which will be open for submission as early as January," said Kesler. "Also, anyone can visit ThankAmericasTeachers.com to thank a teacher. It takes less than two seconds."

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