

Farmers Insurance® Surprises Six Teachers Across the Country with \$100,000 Grants from Thank America's Teachers Program®
Six Teachers out of 15 Finalists Awarded Educational Grants Through Thank America's Teachers Dream Big Teacher Challenge®

WOODLAND HILLS, Calif., Dec. 8, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Throughout November and December of 2016, Farmers Insurance has been surprising teachers across the country with the news that they were awarded \$100,000 to help transform their schools and communities and provide opportunities to help students succeed.

In October, each of the six winners competed for votes from the American public to be crowned winners of the Farmers Insurance Dream Big Teacher Challenge®. The six winners will use the awarded \$100,000 to bring their individual proposals to life and make their schools better places to learn and grow.

The winning teachers are:

- Mrs. Paula Hase of Wausau East High School in Wausau, Wisconsin; Sponsored by Farmers Insurance Agent Mark Larson
- Mrs. Kristen Swaggart of Pendleton High School in Pendleton, Oregon; Sponsored by Farmers Insurance Agent Craig Christenson
- Mr. Seth Brady of Naperville Central High School in Naperville, Illinois; Sponsored by Farmers Insurance Agent Mary Wlodarsk
- Mrs. Cheryl Burchett of Beaumont Magnet Academy in Knoxville, Tennessee; Sponsored by Farmers Insurance Agent Shannon McCulloch
- Mrs. Melissa Toohey of KIPP Ignite Academy in Los Angeles, California; Sponsored by Farmers Insurance Agent Michael Ruiz
- Mr. Rob Webb of Pequea Valley High School in Kinzers, Pennsylvania; Sponsored by Farmers Insurance Agent Trudy Grove

"It was an honor to surprise these deserving educators with the funds to make their dreams a reality and witness the excitement of the students and members of the community," said Kelly Weiser, managing lead of Thank America's Teachers for Farmers Insurance. "Their stories truly inspired us and the public who voted for their proposals, and we know that the grants will help promote endless opportunities for current and future students."

Through Thank America's Teachers, Farmers® has given away more than \$1,000,000 to educators in 2016 and the public helps determine who receives the grants at www.ThankAmericasTeachers.com. Farmers awards 180 grants valued at \$2,500 throughout the year, in addition to the six \$100,000 Dream Big Teacher Challenge grants. Farmers will start accepting \$100,000 and \$2,500 proposals for the 2017 contest in mid-January.

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