

**Farmers Insurance® Awards \$500,000 in Educational Grants to Five Teachers Nationwide Throughout November, Farmers® surprised teachers in California, Hawaii, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Washington with \$100,000 Dream Big Teacher Challenge® grants to help fund classroom projects**

WOODLAND HILLS, Calif., Dec. 18, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Farmers Insurance® continued to invest in its commitment to educators across the country by surprising five teachers with \$500,000 in educational grants to help transform their schools and communities and better prepare students for the future.

Representatives of Farmers® partnered with local communities to surprise each teacher with their \$100,000 grant throughout the month of November following the close of a public voting period in October. Voters around the country were asked to determine the most intriguing, forward-looking proposals that will deliver better learning experiences for students. The five proposals that received the most votes were:

- Ms. Sherrie Johnson of Clinton High School in Clinton, Oklahoma; sponsored by Farmers Insurance Agent Valerie Miller
- Ms. Laura Holborow of John P. Stevens High School in Edison, New Jersey; sponsored by Farmers Insurance Agent Edward Van Eckert
- Mr. Ro Osano of Castaic Middle School in Castaic, California; sponsored by Farmers Insurance Agent Christine Gonzales
- Ms. TuesD Chambers of Ballard High School in Seattle, Washington; sponsored by Farmers Insurance Agent Elaine Eugenio
- Ms. Patricia Morgan of Stevenson Middle School in Honolulu, Hawaii; sponsored by Farmers Insurance Representative Bill Doherty

"It was an honor to surprise five deserving teachers with the funds to make their dreams a reality and witness the excitement of the students and members of the community," said Tu-Han Phan, managing lead of Thank America's Teachers® for Farmers Insurance. "Their ambitious visions truly inspired us and the voting public, which led to Farmers Insurance granting \$500,000 on initiatives ranging from a solar-powered greenhouse to bringing a student-run media program into the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

Through Thank America's Teachers, Farmers has awarded more than \$3 million dollars in educational grants since 2014. Farmers encourages all teachers to apply and will start accepting \$100,000 and \$2,500 proposals for the 2018 program beginning in mid-January. Visit [www.thankamericasteachers.com](http://www.thankamericasteachers.com) to learn more.

**About Thank America's Teachers**

Through Thank America's Teachers, Farmers has awarded over \$3 million dollars in educational grants since 2014. The public helps determine who receives the grants at ThankAmericasTeachers.com. Farmers awards 180 grants valued at \$2,500 throughout the year, in addition to the five \$100,000 Dream Big Teacher Challenge® grants, awarded at the end of this year.

**About Farmers Insurance**

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