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Farmers Insurance® Awards $500,000 in Educational Grants to Five Teachers Nationwide

Farmers® surprised teachers in Hawaii, Indiana, Maryland, New York and Texas during November and December with five $100,000 Dream Big Teacher Challenge® grants to help fund classroom projects

WOODLAND HILLS, Calif., Dec. 19, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Farmers Insurance® brought 2018 to a close by surprising five deserving teachers with $500,000 in educational grants to help transform their schools and communities while better preparing students for the future as part of the Thank America's Teachers® program.

Representatives of Farmers® worked with local communities to surprise each teacher with their Dream Big Teacher Challenge® $100,000 grant during the months of November and December following a public voting period that ended in early November. Voters around the country were asked to determine the most intriguing, forward-looking proposals that would deliver better learning experiences for students. The five proposals that received the most votes were:

- Ms. Lisa Artusi of Kennedy Academy in South Bend, Indiana; sponsored by Farmers Insurance agent Lu Ann Shaffer
- Ms. Shaye Atwood of Tarver-Rendon Elementary School in Burleson, Texas; sponsored by Farmers Insurance agent Joe Jenkins
- Ms. Jill Barnes of Valley Elementary School in Jefferson, Maryland; sponsored by Farmers Insurance agent Christina Di Bari
- Ms. Jamie Metivier of Tanglewood Elementary School in South Glen Falls, New York; sponsored by Farmers Insurance agent Justin Rickson
- Mr. Zachary Morita of Niu Valley Middle School in Honolulu, Hawaii; sponsored by Farmers Insurance representative Melanie Joseph

"It was an honor to surprise five visionary teachers with the funds to help make their dreams a reality and share in the excitement of the students, faculty and community members," said Tu-Han Phan, managing lead of Thank America's Teachers for Farmers Insurance. "Their ambitious proposals truly inspired us and the voting public, which led to Farmers Insurance granting $500,000 to support classroom projects ranging from a mobile literacy clinic to one of the nation's only elementary school agriculture curriculums."

Through Thank America's Teachers, Farmers has awarded more than $4 million dollars in educational grants since 2014. Visit www.thankamericasteachers.com to learn more.

About Thank America's Teachers

Through Thank America's Teachers, Farmers® has invested more than $4 million dollars in educational grants since 2014. Teachers are invited to submit proposals to receive $2,500 and $100,000 grants at ThankAmericasTeachers.com.

About Farmers Insurance

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