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**North Island Credit Union Provides \$5,000 in Teacher Grants
To Benefit Educators & Students across San Diego County**

San Diego, CA – June 22, 2022 – Creating an egg drop STEAM challenge, developing multi-cultural art & reading curricula, organizing a Girl Boss young entrepreneur program, and creating a multi-disciplinary nature journaling project are just a few of the teacher dream projects funded by [North Island Credit Union](#) through its Spring 2022 Teacher Grant program.

As part of its commitment to help educators create innovative learning opportunities for their students, the credit union has provided 10 grants of \$500 each to underwrite class projects in San Diego County. The credit union grants will fund a diverse range of programs illustrating the creativity and commitment teachers bring to their classrooms and communities.

The Spring 2022 North Island Credit Union Teacher Grant recipients include teachers across San Diego County:

North Island Credit Union Grant Recipient	School	City
Christine Cecil	Fulton K-8 School	San Diego
Caitlin Cradic	Rancho Elementary School	Spring Valley
Amy Cutchin	San Pasqual Elementary School	Escondido
Bitra Farid-Mohebati	Valley Center Middle School	Valley Center
Carla Hancock	Aseltine School	San Diego
Sarah Hillard	Millennial Tech Middle School	San Diego
Lora Josic	Classical Academy	Vista
Rosanne Nightingale	Coastal Academy	Oceanside
Christiane Noirez-Tingley	Curie Elementary School	San Diego
Heather Wolzen	Magnolia Elementary School	El Cajon

“The creativity and passion of these grant programs inspire all of us. We congratulate each of these educators who are so committed to finding new ways to excite, support, and connect with their students,” said North Island Credit Union CEO Steve O’Connell. “After 90 years of supporting the education community, we never fail to be amazed at the dedication our teachers bring to their students, and wish all of them success in bringing these projects to life.”



Millennial Tech Middle School Teacher Sarah Hillard (center) and the Girl Boss Club girls receive a teacher grant from North Island Credit Union Sr. School and Community Development Officer Nancy Banuelos. This group of young entrepreneurs is taking over their middle school by creating and selling their own goods, including dog bandanas, aprons, earrings, cellphone accessories and more.

Photos of all North Island Credit Union Teacher Grant recipients can be found [here](#).

Since the creation of the program in 2012, the credit union has awarded \$155,000 in teacher grants to support innovative learning projects. Up to 20 grants are awarded bi-annually in the spring and fall. Any full-time classroom teacher in San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside County can apply for a grant for a program that has clearly defined learning objectives tied to students' academic needs, displays creativity in education, and targets a significant number of students.

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