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**California Credit Union Provides \$5,000 in Teacher Grants
To Benefit Educators & Students across Los Angeles County**

Glendale, CA – December 13, 2022 – Building solar powered ovens, starting a school radio station, and creating a drum circle program are just a few of the school projects receiving funding from [California Credit Union](#) through its Fall 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 across Los Angeles County. The credit union grants will fund a diverse range of programs illustrating the creativity and commitment teachers bring to their classrooms and communities.

“California Credit Union was founded to support the education community, and our grant program is one way we are continuing to support teachers as they work to engage and inspire their students through innovative programs,” said California Credit Union President/CEO Steve O’Connell. “We congratulate all of our grant recipients, and applaud the creative ways they are bringing learning to life for their students.”

The Fall 2022 California Credit Union Teacher Grant recipients include:

California Credit Union Grant Recipient	School	City
Melinda Dinsmore	Holmes Middle School	Northridge
James Hague	Gladstone High School	Covina
Tamara Johnson	Glendale High School	Glendale
Martin Kanshige	Armstrong Middle School	Sherman Oaks
Lynette Lucas	San Fernando Middle School	San Fernando
Hannah Mistry	Castaic High School	Castaic
Dia Rabin	Palms Elementary School	Los Angeles
Christopher Tolosa	Rose City High School	Pasadena
Yvette Valencia	Fairvalley High School	Covina
Jennifer Zapata	El Rincon Elementary School	Culver City



Northridge's Holmes Middle School Teacher Melinda Dinsmore (center) and Principal Kim D'Alousio (right) receive a grant from California Credit Union Senior School & Community Development Officer Mariam Nasiry. The grant will be used to create a school-wide composting program run by 6th-8th grade students.

Photos of all recipients can be found [here](#).

Since the creation of the program in 2012, California Credit Union has awarded \$165,000 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 Los Angeles, San Diego, 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. More information is available at ccu.com.

About California Credit Union

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