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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 – November 28, 2023 – Creating a mindfulness planetarium, building solar powered lanterns, starting a Maker Space and launching an entrepreneur program are just a few of the school projects receiving funding from North Island Credit Union through its Fall 2023 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 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.

“We are honored to continue our commitment to San Diego schools and students through our Teacher Grant Program,” said North Island Credit Union President & CEO Steve O’Connell. “The energy and passion of these educators is remarkable as they outlined creative ways to support hands-on projects that inspire their students. We wish these teachers continued success in their classrooms.”

The Fall 2023 North Island Credit Union Teacher Grant recipients include:

North Island Credit Union Grant Recipient	School	City
Angela Beckwith	High Tech Elementary Explorer	San Diego
Sonja Donahue	CVLCC Elementary School	Chula Vista
Marisol Duenas	Logan Memorial Ed Campus High School	San Diego
Edwin Gough	Mount Everest Academy	San Diego
Jedzida Herron	La Mirada Elementary School	San Ysidro
Tan Huynh	Integrity Charter School	National City
Brian McKinney	e3 Civic High School	San Diego
Shelby O'Reilly-Gronke	High Tech High Media Arts	San Diego
Katherine Velliquette	Launch Virtual Academy	San Diego
Teresa Youssefi	Loma Verde Elementary School	Chula Vista



High Tech Elementary Explorer Teacher Angela Beckwith (left) receives a grant check from North Island Credit Union VP, Regional Manager Therese Caballes. The grant will be used to fund a classroom space design project for 1st grade students.

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

Since the creation of the program in 2012, the credit union has awarded \$185,000 in teacher grants to support classroom programs. 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. More information is available at northisland.ccu.com.

About North Island Credit Union, a division of California Credit Union

California Credit Union is a federally insured, state chartered credit union founded in 1933 with assets over \$4.5 billion, nearly 200,000 members and 24 retail branches. The credit union serves community members and businesses in the California counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura as well as school employees throughout the state. The credit union operates in San Diego and Riverside Counties as North Island Credit Union, a division of California Credit Union. The credit union offers a full suite of consumer, business and investment products and services, including comprehensive consumer checking and loan options, personalized financial planning, business banking, and leading-edge online and mobile banking. California Credit Union is certified as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) with a Low Income Designation, offering inclusive products and services to build financial stability in our underserved communities, including a checking account certified as meeting the Bank On National Account Standards. Visit northisland.ccu.com for more information or follow the credit union on Instagram® or Facebook® @northislandcu.

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