

Press Release

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Outstanding Educator of the Year announced



Jessica Eves, a San Diego TK-6th grade teacher was named California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom Outstanding Educator of the Year at the 106th California Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA.

Eves classroom, which is part garden and part kitchen, teaches students to grow and nurture plants and then bring those crops into the cooking classroom to prepare simple recipes.

“When students understand agriculture, it influences how they eat. It helps them understand how much goes into making their food, inspiring them to want to make good food choices,” Eves said.

Eves also runs a Junior Master Gardener program that teaches students agricultural concepts, including fertilizing, irrigation, and propagation, ultimately selling their seedlings at a local farmers market. [Watch Eves story here.](#)

The Outstanding Educator award is made possible by the Oreggia Family Foundation.

Additional meeting highlights included the presentation of \$5,000 from Nationwide to California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom to support agricultural literacy.

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The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members. The California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, a California Farm Bureau affiliate, is a nonprofit reaching more than 30,000 educators each year while increasing awareness and understanding of agriculture among California students.