

REMEMBERING AN AGRICULTURAL ICON

Considered the “Mom of San Luis Obispo Farm Bureau” we honor the life and agricultural legacy of Marilyn Britton.



1939-2021

Marilyn didn't grow up in agriculture, but she dedicated her adult life to it. A fierce advocate of farmers, ranchers, and the world of California agriculture, she served as San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau Executive Director for thirty years. We at California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom gratefully acknowledge the memorial donations made in Marilyn's honor.

If food, farming, and California agriculture were a cause near and dear to your loved one's heart, consider making a donation in their memory. The California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom graciously accepts memorial donations to honor those you love. Simply check the box on the enclosed envelope and identify the individual you would like to honor. 🌱

Chickens on Sunset Blvd?

Los Angeles teacher Carrie Robertson says, “why not?”

“Agriculture is everywhere! I can guarantee students have experienced agriculture, no matter where they come from, and all you have to do is make the connection! Food, clothing, air, water, tourism, pets, health, technology, marketing, transportation...it's all around us, every day! You do not need to have a school garden or farm to provide rich and engaging agricultural experiences for your students,” said Paul Revere Charter Middle School teacher Carrie Lawson Robertson.



Although, Robertson does indeed have a school garden and farm, and in the most unlikely of places.

“I recently helped lead a major renovation and management of our entire school farm, located on Sunset Blvd. in Los Angeles!”

Motivated by mentors who introduced her to Ag in the Classroom resources, Robertson relies on a specific event to help her make ag come alive in her classroom.

“The Ag in the Classroom Annual Conference is by far my favorite event! I love bringing back videos and pictures to show my urban students what “real” agriculture looks like!” 🌱



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California Farm Day

“What a great learning experience, thank you!”

These seven words, from a Modesto teacher, exemplify what the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is all about. Our mission, to increase awareness and understanding of California agriculture among educators and students, was on full display during a recent April morning. This is when nearly 500 teachers and 16,000 students “tuned in” to our Virtual California Farm Day.



Utilizing the newest edition of our *What's Growin' On?* newspaper, which features the 99% Club (those commodities of which California produces 99% or more of the nation's output) viewers heard from farmers, growers, and presenters about how these specific commodities thrive in the golden state.

Prior to the event teachers received copies of the newspaper and classroom snacks so their students could literally taste and see their way through the presentations.

“Thank you so much for this opportunity! My students enjoyed learning the fun facts and seeing the orchards and listening to farmers. Our community used to be orchards, but not anymore, and we don't live close to farms. It was great to see how much California contributes to agriculture!”

Your donation makes ag come alive, in this case, for thousands of students across the state. Thank you! 🌱



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Imagine this... Ceremony Returns



The California State Capitol was a fitting backdrop for our first *Imagine this...* Story Writing Contest ceremony in three years!

Seven state-winning students made the trek to Sacramento to celebrate being published authors.

The day started with signing books, a lot of them! Each student autographed 100 copies of *Imagine this...* Stories Inspired by Agriculture book. Next, students participated in California Ag Day, complete with a tour of the state capitol where they got to see their names in lights on

All Aboard

New resource alert! California leads the nation in agricultural production, but that wasn't always the case. The Transcontinental Railroad transformed the golden state and connected the west with the rest of the nation. Our new interactive online resource Tracking the History of California Agriculture lets students explore how and why California became the agricultural leader it is today. With the click of the mouse or tap of the keyboard, students learn the historical role agriculture played in our society and economy, a role that continues

the Assembly floor. The ceremony concluded with each student reading their story aloud and being recognized by their state legislator.

Speaking of stories, this year's range from a feuding fridge of California commodities to a parasitic wasp who wants to save citrus (and the world) to how gardening triumphs over tragedy, and much more. California high school art students, some of whom also attended the ceremony, illustrated the stories to make California agriculture come to life. 🌱



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