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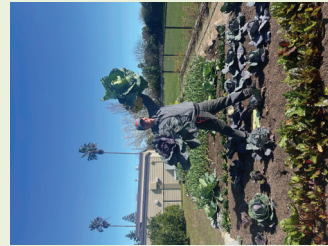
Outstanding Educator And the Award Goes to...

Kevin Jordan brings agriculture into the classroom with a bang! "We transformed our campus by replacing turf grass with an orchard, a thriving vegetable garden, and pollinator gardens. Commodities from the gardens are prepared and served at our on-campus café, open to the public," he explained.

For the past 14 years, Kevin Jordan has taught horticulture to students with special needs at Leo Palmiter Junior and Senior High School in Sacramento. This has profoundly impacted his school.

"Students who struggle academically, emotionally, and behaviorally can discover a bounty of success when performing hands-on work in the garden and classroom," said Kevin.

Desperate to learn dynamic ways to bring agriculture into the classroom, Kevin discovered Agriculture in the Classroom, and the rest is history. "I not only learned from this organization, but it connected me with people who share my passion for bringing agriculture from farm to school. I've attended multiple AITC conferences and utilized their free resources, both incredible catalysts that help evolve and improve my program." Your donation can help support Kevin and other teachers who want to bring agriculture into their classrooms.



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hands on agriculture

GROWING...WITH YOUR SUPPORT.

Decades of Dedication

Judy Culbertson, long-time executive director of California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, has retired. We are thankful for her four decades of dedication to increasing awareness and understanding of agriculture among California's educators and students.

Judy's 43-year tenure started in 1980 with an apple orchard field trip for San Francisco teachers! The organization then blossomed into a free, full-curriculum package for educators with resources in every subject that align with education standards.



Judy's passion was educating teachers and students about where their food, fiber, and fuel come from. It was with this passion that she helped conceptualize the creation of a mobile website that will allow users to see the top commodities in the county in which you are traveling up and down the highways of California. The mobile website lets users identify and explore top specialty crops and learn about growing practices, nutrition,

history of, and recipes utilizing each commodity. This resource will pilot with 4th grade in the coming year.

Please consider donating on behalf of Judy's legacy project tied to this exciting resource! Judy envisions posters highlighting the mobile app to populate rest stops throughout the Golden State. Can you help make that happen?

Finally, we welcome Becca Whitman, previous Ag in the Classroom board member, as our new executive director. We are thrilled to have her leading the team through the next chapter of increasing agriculture literacy.

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Imagine this... Story Writing Contest

Introducing the 2024 *Imagine this...* Story Writing Contest winning authors. Seven students in grades 3-8 were celebrated at the California State Capitol this March to acknowledge this outstanding achievement.

The writing contest, going on its 30th year, encourages students to write creative tales (fiction or nonfiction) about California agriculture, while high school art students throughout the state illustrate the stories.

The result is a book written and illustrated by students, for students (of any age).



This year's stories explore the importance of the great horned owl, giant sequoia trees, and the water cycle as well as topics such as raising cattle, sheep and chickens, to growing peaches.

Encourage the 3-8 grade students in your life to participate. The story submission deadline is November 1, annually. 🌱

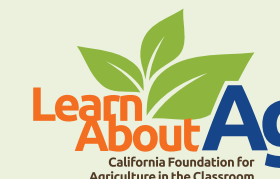
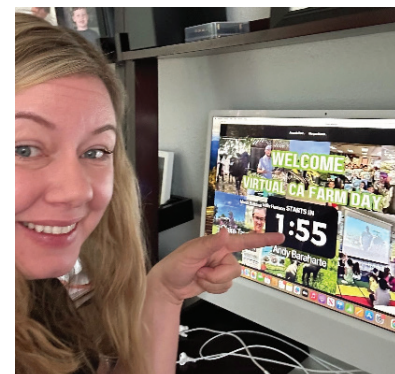
Farm Day Success

Let's talk numbers! We had nearly 600 teachers, representing more than 21,000 students, register to watch our virtual California Farm Day.

The event centered around the latest edition of the *What's Growin' On?* newspaper, with its "Fields of Innovation" theme. Students learned about driverless tractors, drones in action, beef genetics, bees, robotic harvesters and more.

The hour-long event was a combination of pre-recorded segments and live guests, where students could ask questions. Ask they did, a whopping 446 questions came through, making it clear that students and teachers are hungry for agriculture education.

Want to watch the show? See it by scanning the QR code. 🌱



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