

Fantastic Ag Fact:

Mixed berries are popular super foods! They are packed with vital nutrients, such as antioxidants, that are important for good health.

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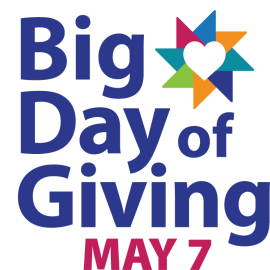
Students at Paradise Intermediate School in Butte County work on their 2019-2020 *Look at Agriculture... Organically* Grant project, "Paradise Garden Rebuild."



Big Day of Giving - May 7

The Big Day of Giving is an annual 24-hour community-wide giving movement and is on May 7, 2020. We are humbly asking that you consider the Agriculture in the Classroom when you're planning your donations.

Your support will help fund educational resources and hands-on activities for students in classrooms throughout California. It will also help us reach our mission to increase awareness and understanding of agriculture among California's educators and students. Our vision is an appreciation of agriculture by all.



Please visit bigdayofgiving.org/learnaboutag to schedule a donation and continue helping students learn where their food and fiber comes from so they can enjoy a healthy diet for the rest of their lives.



Registration is Open - Join Us!

2020 CA Agriculture in the Classroom Conference

September 24-26, 2020

Ventura, CA

By September, we'll need a break from Zoom and hope to come together safely to LearnAboutAg® with our friends from throughout the state!

Register now to attend the 2020 CA Agriculture in the Classroom Conference! Come and learn about the importance of educating our youth about food and fiber through all subject areas. The program at a glance and hotel accommodation information is now available!



We are so excited to announce our dynamic keynote speakers, Dr. Frank Mitloehner and Dr. Rose Hayden-Smith! We cannot wait for them to share their expertise with you on sustainable agriculture and victory gardens!

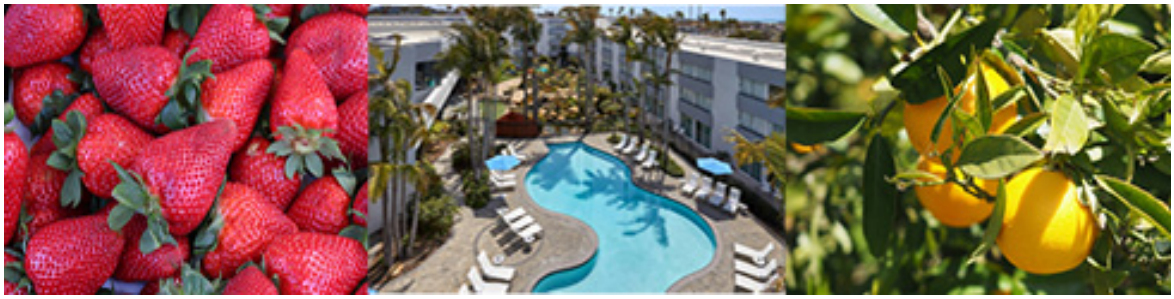
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[Be an Exhibitor](#)

[Host a 'Taste of California' Dinner](#)

 Teacher Feature

Rachel Rodriguez

Grades taught: 11-12

School: Inderkum High School

County: Sacramento County

1. How and when did you first learn of Ag in the Classroom?

My first experience with Ag in the Classroom was during my first year of teaching in 2016. My department chair was near retirement and was quickly passing me the mic with every opportunity. She introduced me to the *Imagine this...* program and I have been a part of it ever since.



2. How does learning about agriculture impact your students?

My inner-city students not only learn about agriculture, they live agriculture. The *Imagine this...* program allows art students to see that our food comes from more than just the grocery store. Their experience at Ag Day at the Capitol in Sacramento makes it possible for them to see life and opportunity outside of the concrete walls that surrounds them at school. Watching a plant grow from a seed brings a heightened awareness and allows the students to feel connected to something beyond their urban setting.

3. What is your favorite part of participating in the *Imagine this...* Story Writing Contest and why?

My favorite part of having my students work on the illustrations for the *Imagine this...* Story Writing Contest are the opportunities that are created for our youth to connect across neighborhoods and appreciate the agriculture industry that feeds so many people nationwide. Our students experience peace, love, unity, and safety while having fun and putting their creative talents on the front line.

4. Do you have any advice for other teachers on implementing art and agriculture into their classroom?

Students of this generation are accustomed to instant gratification. Students want to see results and they want to see them fast. Starting with a dixie cup and two sunflower seeds, my students now continue to build anything they can plant a seed in. From ceramic vessels to reclaimed wooden flower beds, our urban garden continues to grow. The students take pride in watching over it as green leaves begin to cover a small corner of the concrete patio attached to my classroom. While succulents have been the leaders in our garden, we are still working towards knowledge and education so the students can have fresh snacks as we learn how to grow fruits and veggies. Starting with a package of seeds, your students can experience a world beyond their imagination.

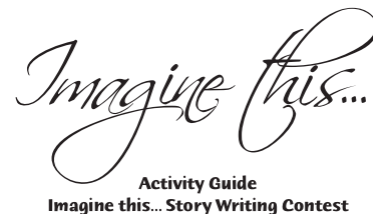
Featured Resource

Imagine this... Activity Guide

The *Imagine this...* Activity Guide was developed to assist teachers in incorporating the *Imagine this...* Story Writing Contest into their classrooms.

The six different activities are aligned to CA Content Standards and are designed to engage students in all parts of story development and constructing their story. Students will also learn the importance of reading and writing while learning about their connection to agriculture.

Now is a great time to incorporate *Imagine this...* into your classrooms! Have students start working on their stories now and submit November 1.



[Download your copy today!](#)

Grant Feature

White-Reinhardt Resource Grants

**The American Farm Bureau Federation
for Agriculture has two**

grant applications available now!

Applications are now available for the **Fall 2020 White-Reinhardt Grants** for agriculture literacy projects. These \$1,000 grants are intended to create or expand upon existing agricultural literacy programs. The grants are done in partnership with a local county or state Farm Bureau. Applications are due May

30.

[Click here for more information](#)

Applications are also available for the White-Reinhardt Resource Grants. This grant provides funds for 50 educators to purchase agriculture literacy materials through the Ag Foundation online store. Applications are due June 30.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Looking for more grant opportunities? Check out Ag in the Classroom's upcoming opportunities!

[Look at Agriculture... Organically Grants:](#)

Applications Open July 1 - August 31

[Literacy for Life Grants:](#) Applications Open August 1 - October 1

[Taste and Teach Grants:](#) Applications Open August 5 - August 23



It is more important now than ever to make students' education interesting and applicable to their daily lives. During this time of distance learning, we have started a new campaign, #LearnAboutAg@Home! Every day at 10 am, we share fun and educational ag-tivities that can be enjoyed at home. Ag-tivities will range from Beefing Up Math to Making Recycled Paper and everything in-between!

Our goal is that these activities and resources will help your students continue to LearnAboutAg®! We hope these are helpful to your classroom and that you will follow along!

Blog: learnaboutagathome.wordpress.com

Facebook: facebook.com/learnaboutag

Twitter: twitter.com/LearnAboutAg

Instagram: instagram.com/learnaboutag

Community Events

Please confirm the Educator and Students events are still happening before you plan to attend because so many public and education events have been, and continue to be, cancelled and/or postponed.

If you are looking for digital activities to do with your class, check out our [#LearnAboutAg@Home](#) campaign! Fun, educational, and standard-aligned activities are added each day!

Event Name and Description	Event Location	Event Date
Teachers' Ag Seminar Discover different ways to bring agriculture into your classroom by learning hands-on experiences from local farmers and ranchers. The seminar will include presentations, tours, activities and free resources for your classroom. Registration is \$60 before June 1 and \$75 afterwards. Contact kernag_ed@yahoo.com for a registration form.	Bakersfield, CA	July 13-15, 2020
Life Lab Workshops Life Lab has trained tens of thousands of educators across the nation! Sign up today for one of their many workshops, spring through summer!	Santa Cruz, CA	Upcoming Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 23-24 • September 11 • September 24-25 • October 24

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Help us continue providing programs and materials that create an awareness and understanding of agriculture among California's educators and students. Make a [donation](#) today!

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