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Announcing Texas Campus Innovator Awards Inaugural Recipients *Educate Texas Awards \$120,000 to Four Schools Demonstrating Excellence in Teaching*

DALLAS, TX—Educate Texas was proud to announce the first recipients of the Texas Campus Innovators Awards. There were four awards granted which resulted in a total investment of \$120,000 to high-performing Texas teachers at the following schools:

- **G.W. Truett Elementary**, *Advancing Campus Excellence Award Winner*
- **Marine Creek Collegiate High School**, *Early College High School Campus Award Winner*
- **Rowlett High School P-TECH**, *Pathways in Technology Early College High School Campus Award Winner—Presented by Texas Mutual*
- **Young Women’s Leadership Academy**, *Texas Science Technology Engineering and Math Award Winner.*

The Texas Campus Innovators Award was established to recognize excellence in teaching among Educate Texas’ network of campus partners for each school model. Each awardee received \$30,000 to invest in needed resources for classrooms, teacher recruitment and retention, professional development, and teacher incentives. The honorees were recognized during the Cotton Bowl Foundation-College Football Playoff Foundation BIG DAY Presentation at the University of North Texas at Dallas, as a part of the CFP Foundation's [Extra Yard for Teachers Week](#), on September 20.

“We are excited to congratulate all recipients of the Texas Campus Innovators Award,” said Chris Coxon, managing director of Programs at CFT’s Educate Texas. “The campuses, men, and women recognized this year set the standard for excellence in education. We thank them for their commitment to serving students and ensuring that young people have a successful future”.

Educate Texas works directly with more than 560 schools throughout the state to implement data-driven strategies to improve the quality of teaching and to support students on a path to success in the workforce. The campus partners fall into four categories for award consideration based on these types of innovative school model implementations: Accelerating Campus Excellence (ACE), Early College High School (ECHS), Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH), Texas Science—*Presented by Texas Mutual*, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (T-STEM).

“The last couple of years have compounded challenges for teachers and students,” said Jackie Sekiguchi, community affairs manager for Texas Mutual. “We’re proud to provide support to organizations that are committed to enhancing teaching and learning in the classroom, and we hope this funding will go a long way in continuing the efforts to building a skilled workforce for a stronger Texas economy”.

Teachers are the most important school-based factor in student success. A workforce of qualified teachers relies on a comprehensive professional pipeline to prepare, support, and retain educators. The Texas Campus Innovator Award aids in that effort and was made possible by our partners – Cotton Bowl Foundation, College Football Playoff Foundation, and Texas Mutual.

About Educate Texas

Educate Texas, an initiative of Communities Foundation of Texas, is a trusted change agent in Texas education, working through programs and policies to ensure every Texas student is prepared in the school, in the workforce, and in life. Since 2003, Educate Texas has partnered with school districts, institutions of higher education, businesses, community and civic organizations, state agencies, and policymakers to strengthen the public and higher education systems for all Texas students. Learn more at edtx.org. Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/educatetexas), Twitter (twitter.com/educatetexas) or LinkedIn (linkedin.com/showcase/educate-texas/).

About Communities Foundation of Texas

Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT)’s vision is thriving communities for *all*. CFT works locally and across the state through a variety of charitable funds and strategic initiatives. The public foundation professionally manages 1,000 charitable funds for individuals, families, companies and nonprofits in addition to powering several key initiatives such as [Educate Texas at CFT](#), [W. W. Caruth, Jr. Fund at CFT](#) and CFT’s North Texas Giving Day. CFT has awarded more than \$2 billion in grants since its founding in 1953. Learn more at cftexas.org. Follow us on

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About Cotton Bowl Foundation

The Cotton Bowl Foundation, the official foundation of the [Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic](#), serves North Texas by supporting programs that improve opportunities for underserved youth with the vision of making an impact on those who play the game, attend the game and support the game. Since 2016, the Cotton Bowl Foundation has awarded more than \$2 million in grants and financial support benefiting non-profit organizations in the surrounding communities. To learn more, visit CottonBowlFoundation.org and follow the Cotton Bowl Foundation on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [TikTok](#).

[About College Football Playoff Foundation]

The CFP Foundation is the community-engagement arm of the College Football Playoff, supporting education across the country. The CFP Foundation's primary cause platform, Extra Yard for Teachers, is dedicated to elevating the teaching profession by inspiring and empowering teachers in four focus areas: resources, recognition, recruitment, and professional development. The CFP Foundation utilizes multiple partnerships to execute its initiatives and support positive educational outcomes. To learn more, visit cfp-foundation.org and follow Extra Yard for Teachers (@CFPEXtraYard) on social media.

[About Texas Mutual]

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