

THE IDEAS BEHIND THE SPARK

Spark Grant recipients and the projects they brought to life • 2021-2026

2021-2022

Canopic Jar Clay Project
Snow Nakajima — Mc Fadden Intermediate

Book Club Unit
Hannah Chapman — Saddleback High School

Century Mobile Art Gallery
Nena Kellar — Century High School

Digital Storytelling
Hugo Vazquez — Adult Transition-Saddleback

Dance Tap Class
Caitlin Roberto — Santa Ana High School

Social Studies Mural
Katrinka Sanborn — Santa Ana High School

United Sound
Raul Garcia — Segerstrom High School

Fly Us to the Moon
Jill Magruder — Carr Intermediate

Garden Business
Tyler Nilsson — Saddleback Adult Transition

Idyllwild Dance Retreat
Cyndi Hermann — Santa Ana High School

Storytelling at the Disney Imagination Campus
Jedediah Jack — Carr Intermediate

Gallery in the Halls
Maricela Pena — Lorin Grisct Academy

Digging Up Dinosaurs
Elaine Eddow — Jackson Elementary

SAHS Community Garden/Habitat Rehabilitation
Terry Schwinge — Santa Ana High School

Sketch Masters
Jill Herrera • Dalene Lawson • Veronica DeBruhl-Githens — Carver Elementary

Artsy Smartsy
Megan Githens — Heroes Elementary

STEAM Park by LEGO Education
Gina MacLean — Madison Elementary

Redefining Music Education at the High School
Ammy Beltran — Valley High School

Lots of Bots=Lots of Learning
Francisco Luis-Martinez — Lowell Elementary

Dem Bones Gonna Dance Around
Mallory Aquino — Carr Intermediate

Mendez Hotshots ROCKETRY Program
Lizette Cabrera — Mendez Fundamental

2022-2023

Wolf Garden
Katelynn Gonzales — Advanced Learning Academy (Intermediate)

Cleared for Takeoff
Israel Martinez — Carr Intermediate

Sea Floor Explorer Lab at the Ocean Institute
Charlie Poderoso — Carr Intermediate

A Voyage Through French History
Ernesto Figueroa — Century High School

3D Printing for Robotics Competitions
Alan Arslan — Century High School

Skateboard Art & Design
Suzanne Williamson — Godinez Fundamental High School

Roller Coaster Engineering at California Science Center
Cathy Nguyen • Ashley Klippel — Heninger Elementary

Magna-ficent Builders
Angelica Berber-Prado — Heroes Elementary

Buddy Field Trip
Nicole Hamamura — Madison Elementary

Design, manufacture & sell
Cliff Gerstman — Middle College High School

Let the Games Begin!
Laura Compton — Middle College High School

2022-2023 continued

Student Engagement in Small/Whole Group Activities
Hana Kim — Mitchell Child Development

Survival in the Wetlands
Jessica Morten — Monte Vista Elementary

Robotics
Denise Reynoso — Pio Pico Elementary

GROWING Minds
Karina Ramirez — Pio Pico Elementary

Expanding Learning In Science
Nicole Fernandez — Pio Pico Elementary

Kindergarten No Fear Coding
Alicia Tull — Pio Pico Elementary

Classroom Library
Alejandra Rubio — Romero-Cruz K-8th

Ethnic Studies Exploring Culture
Jared Mendez — Saddleback High School

Disney Youth Programs Imagination Campus
Dana Nguyen — Santa Ana High School AVID

Lasering Problems Away
Joshua Gagnier — Santa Ana High School

Young Builders Of K
Marlyessa Connole — Thorpe Elementary

Owl Pellets
Debra Lecuna — Thorpe Elementary

2023-2024

Discovery Lab VR
Jesus Silva — Monroe Elementary

SPED on the MOVE
Melissa Torres — Willard Intermediate

IB Science
Randy Perez — Saddleback High School

Enhancing IB MYP and DP Learning Through Virtual Reality
Heather LaBare — Saddleback High School

Virtual Graphic Design
Steven Ramirez — Century / CTE / VAPA

Time-Travel Designers: Building Ancient Rome's Virtual Reality Museums Together!
Jessica Sema-Bates — Advanced Learning Academy

Design & Modeling in the Virtual World
Jose Gutierrez — Lydia Romero Cruz Academy

Enhancing Science Learning through Virtual Reality
Michelle Leon — Villa Intermediate

Learning through the Eyes of Ancient Civilizations
Maria Gaytan Sarinana — Madison Elementary

2024-2025

Building Tomorrow's Entrepreneurs
Karina Gonzalez — Circulos High School

Building a Rich Reading Environment for 5th Graders
Ismat Yusof — Lincoln Elementary

Wild 3rd Grade Physics
Cristina Vicente — Martin Elementary

The Imagination Machine: Bringing students' words to life!
Patricia Rendon Cardenas — Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary

Big Buddies/Little Buddies Mentorship
Lindsay Yee — Madison Elementary

Instructional Coach
Ana Maria Becerra — Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary

Fluency Stations (team grant)
Michelle Molina — Lydia Romero Cruz Academy

2025-2026

Ocean Institute for AP Government
Abigail Hernandez — Advanced Learning Academy

Interactive Literacy & Math Sensory Centers
Ernesto Perez — Washington Elementary

Interactive Probability and Statistics
Jessica Andaya — Circulos ALA

Art-rageous Creations
Veronica DeBruhl-Githens • Dalene Lawson — Carver Elementary

Wild 3rd Grade Physics
Cristina Vicente — Martin Elementary

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