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**Villa Park High School and McPherson Magnet Teachers Awarded \$5,000 Grants**

ORANGE, Calif., March 8, 2010—Pam Quiros, Library Media Specialist at Villa Park High School, and Greg Miller, mathematics teacher at McPherson Magnet School, were each awarded \$5,000 grants through SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union's Education Foundation. Quiros and Miller were both selected from a pool of over 400 applicants.

Quiros will use the funds to increase library circulation with the purchase of 240 new books. She said, "The kids get excited and energized about reading new material. This grant will help us purchase the latest fiction."

VPHS principal Ed Howard complemented Quiros, a 2008 recipient of Orange Unified Teacher of the Year, on breathing life into the school's library media center. "Pam has done wonders with our library. It's a great place for kids and adults. It has come a long way," he said.

Miller's project, "Transponders for Formative Assessment," will become a reality with the purchase of two classroom sets of student responders.

"I am always looking for better methods to assess my students," commented Miller. "The responders allow students to answer simultaneously and the data syncs with my PowerPoint presentations. From there, I can easily assess all the students to make sure that they have answered. That data helps drive my instruction."

The 2009-2010 Education foundation grants were completed and submitted by teachers prior to the winter recess.

*The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA*

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