

# Mary Wang

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Ms. Wang's classroom was lacking the materials needed to enrich her students' learning experiences. To address this problem, she created fundraising projects to purchase lab equipment and other essential supplies. This special effort, combined with Ms. Wang's continuous encouragement, provided the support her students needed to succeed.



*What are your motivations for teaching?*

“Too often in school, the emphasis is on the ‘right’ answer. However, more often than not in the real world, there is no ‘right’ answer. I teach because I want to create students who want to understand more and learn about different perspectives.”