



APPLE OF GOLD AWARDS NOMINATION

The Orange County
Hispanic Education Endowment Fund

A Fund of The Orange County Community Foundation, Irvine, CA

I. EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Elementary _____ Middle _____ High School _____

Most Promising New Teacher (5 years or fewer) _____

California Community College Instructor _____

Criteria: Exemplary teacher, mentor, role model, and inspiration to Hispanic youth. Teachers must have at least five years' teaching experience in Orange County and ten years in the profession; contributions to pedagogy, curriculum, peer leadership and evidence of impact on policy and practice.

II. EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

K-12 _____ Postsecondary _____

Criteria: Sustained position(s) of leadership (with 10 years in Orange County) with outstanding contributions to the advancement of educational opportunities for Hispanic youth in Orange County. Educational leaders are program directors, superintendents, principals, and policy advocates in community based organizations. Elected officials are not eligible.

Nominee _____

Home Address _____

City/Zip _____

School/Institution _____

E-mail _____

Phone: School (_____) _____ Home (_____) _____

Nominator and Title _____

School/Institution Address _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-mail _____

SUBMIT THIS FORM AND INCLUDE:

1. *Formal letter of nomination on letterhead*
2. *Candidate's resume*
3. *Two letters of support from colleagues, containing details and specifics*
4. *Optional: Testimonials from peers, parents and students, strengthening candidate's file*

MAIL BY MARCH 31 TO:

HEEF Apple of Gold Nominations
Orange County Community Foundation
4041 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 510, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Presentations to be made at HEEF Annual Awards Dinner

Apple of Gold Awards Selection Criteria

NOMINATION PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1 TO MARCH 31

Submissions should include:

- *Three documents minimum per candidate's file: a letter of nomination, two letters of support from supervisors or peers*
- *Nominee's current resume, including position/title/role, school, district, city*
- *Documentation of contributions to curriculum, policies and procedures, leadership may be included. School and local newspaper clippings on the candidate may be included*
- *Additional support letters from students and parents welcome.*

EXCELLENCE IN K-12 TEACHING

The nomination may be made by the candidate's principal or district superintendent or peers in educational leadership positions; letters of support should come from colleagues and other professional peers, parents and students. Nomination and support letters are followed up with a phone call to confirm the candidate's overall level of distinction. Other criteria in the selection process:

Time in Grade: Teachers who have taught in K-12 or community college for 10 years or more are given first consideration. It is acknowledged among educators that it takes time to establish a record that meets the award criteria for "exemplary teacher, peer mentor, role model." The new "Most Promising Teacher" category recognizes young teachers who are pursuing the California teaching credential or have recently obtained their credential and show great promise.

Contributions to pedagogy, curriculum design and peer leadership: Candidates must show evidence of professional contributions to school curriculum development, innovative teaching strategies, mentor teacher status, and student performance as well as intellectual drive for personal advancement/professional development. Also considered is the pursuit of on-going education (e.g., an advanced degree or certificate), and other opportunities taken to advance learning.

Overall impression: as outstanding teachers and role models for Hispanics, the nominee must show evidence of demonstrated achievements/endeavors to introduce aspirations for higher education to students. Additional areas: academic counseling, mentorship activities, sponsorship of student organizations, role in programs or events that enhance the educational experience and motivate students to continue beyond high school—impact as motivator for college preparation.

O.C. Geographic Representation: Goal to represent all areas of Orange County.

Marjorie DeMartino, Apple of Gold Awards Chair (949-824-4813)

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PREVIOUS APPLE OF GOLD AWARDEES

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2010

Patricia Rendon-Cardenas
Martin Luther King Elementary, Santa Ana
Vivian Bottino
Marco Forster Middle School, San Juan
Capistrano
Lin Lee, Valley High School, Santa Ana

2009

Kasey Klappenback, Heroes Elementary, Santa
Ana
Luis Ortiz-Franco, Ph.D., Chapman University
Rosa Harrizon, Padres Promotores de Educación

2008

Herminia Rodriguez, Valley High School, Santa
Ana
Arnold Guerra, III, Ph.D., Orange Coast
College, Costa Mesa
Patrick Yrarrázaval-Correa, Carr Intermediate
School, Santa Ana

2007

Sharon Quirk, Richman Elementary, Fullerton
Sharon Saxton, Santa Ana HS, Santa Ana
Susan Balas, Loara HS, Anaheim
John Hernandez, Ph.D., Santiago Canyon
College
Bishop Jaime Soto, Diocese of Orange

2006

Janet Gonzalez, Arnold O. Beckman High
School, Irvine
Lorraine Gerard, Segerstrom Fundamental High
School, Santa Ana
Laura Rubio, Century High School, Santa Ana
David Pagni, CSU Fullerton, Educational
Leadership

2005

Massiel Perez, Alexander J. Stoddard School,
Anaheim
Sonya Germann, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Elementary, Santa Ana
Fernando Ortiz, Ph.D., Santa Ana College

2004

Jan Violette, English and Math Teacher, Dana
Hills HS, Dana Point
Adela Lopez, Coordinator, Ethnic Studies, Social
Sciences Division, Fullerton College
Silas H. Abrego, Ed.D., Associate Vice
President for Student Affairs, California State
University, Fullerton

2003

Ruben Martinez, Santa Ana, Education
Advocacy
Kathleen Sabine, Ed.D., Santa Ana Unified
School District, Educational Leadership
Juan Lara, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine,
Educational Leadership

2002

Martha Herrera, Centralia School, Buena Park
Hortensia Modregon, Cypress College
Rolando Sanabria, Fullerton College
Consuelo Valencia Scheid, Anaheim City School
District
Jaimeson Sonne, Saddleback High School, Santa
Ana

2001

Sandi Ortiz Ishii, George S. Patton Elementary,
Garden Grove
Maria Avitia Freeman, Costa Mesa High School,
Costa Mesa
Mary K. Forman, Cypress College, Cypress
Norma Valenzuela, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Elementary School, Santa Ana
Sara Lundquist, Ph.D., Santa Ana College, Santa
Ana

2000

Lisa Castillo, Cypress High School, Cypress
Manuel Colon, Katella High School, Anaheim
Marcial Jorge, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Elementary School, Santa Ana
John Acuña, Santa Ana College
Sylvia Alva, California State University, Fullerton

1999

Irma Hornung, Thomas Jefferson Elementary,
Anaheim
Robert Torres, Loara High School, Anaheim
Antonio Valle, Sonora High School, La Habra
Mary Castellanos & Marguerite Albañez, Santa
Ana College, Santa Ana
Therese Mosqueda-Ponce, Cypress College,
Cypress
Armando R. Ruiz, Irvine Valley College, Irvine

1998

Linda Aguirre, South Junior High School,
Anaheim
Victoria Groskreutz, TeWinkle Middle School,
Newport-Mesa
Manuel Hernandez, Valley High School, Santa
Ana
John Licitra, Irvine Valley College
Gerald Padilla, Fullerton College

1997

Phyllis Perez, Villa Park High School, Villa Park
Manuel Espinosa, Valley High School, Santa Ana
Toriann Lee, Brea Olinda High School, Brea
Angelina Veyna, Santa Ana College, Santa Ana
Helen Preciado-McClure, Coastline Community
College, Fountain Valley
Don Wise, Santiago High School, Garden Grove
Enriqueta Ramos, Rancho Santiago Community
College District

1996

Jill McWhertor, Wilson Elementary, Costa Mesa
Larry Espinoza, Santa Ana High School, Santa
Ana
Connie Pettijohn, Dana Hills High School, San
Juan Capistrano
Amigas de la Cultura, Garden Grove Unified
School District
Alva Lefevre, Shorecliffs Middle School, San
Juan Capistrano
Enrique "Kiki" Zuniga, Fullerton College,
Fullerton

1995

Celeste Myers, Las Positas Elementary, La Habra
Bea Dillehunt, Marco Forster Middle School,
San Juan Capistrano
Mel Sanchez, Santa Ana High School, Santa Ana
Lupe Trujillo Fisher, Westminster School District
Amin David, Los Amigos of Orange County,
KinderCaminata
Manuel N. Gómez, University of California,
Irvine

1994

Gloria Carrillo, Trabuco Hills High School,
Mission Viejo
Nydia Hernandez, Pio Pico Elementary, Santa
Ana
Victor Zuniga, C.E. Utt Middle School, Tustin
William Vega, Coast Community College
District
Teresa Farias, Saint Joseph Ballet
Manuel Esqueda, Serafines de Orange County