

Takahashi Takes Excellence in Teaching Award

Sharlene Takahashi (MOA) won the *Excellence in Teaching Award* at the California Council for Adult Education (CCAЕ) Conference Saturday, May 2.



For 35 years Sharlene has been an outstanding educator, teaching multi-level ESL classes and currently teaching Citizenship.

Sharlene began her teaching career in elementary school, and commented that, "I liked teaching, but I didn't love it. When I got into Adult Education, I just loved it."

Montebello Gardens Elementary Earns Prestigious Award

The National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) honored Montebello Gardens Elementary School with the 2009 National Excellence in Urban Education Award at a ceremony Thursday, May 7 in San Diego. The criteria for judging included the following.

1. Non-Selective Admissions
2. Urban Location:
3. Low-Income Student Population
4. Adequate Yearly Progress
5. High Attendance Rates
6. High Proficiency Rates
7. Small Achievement Gap
8. High Graduation Rate
9. Proportionate Enrollment in Special Programs
10. Few Suspensions/Expulsions
11. Other Evidence of Strength

More information on the award and the organization is available at www.ncust.org.

Nomination Open for ...

State Council & Elementary Director

Intermediate Director Susan Jauregui (EAI) will retire this June and take advantage of the PARS incentive. Although her Executive Committee term is expired, she continues to hold a seat on the CTA State Council. The Elementary Director position is also open.

Nominations will close at Council Tuesday, June 9. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. at La Merced Intermediate School. Eligible members may be nominated in one of three ways: (1) complete the petition (available at the MTA office), (2) nomination on the floor of Council, or (3) via the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee can be contacted through the MTA office.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Gloria Cunningham (WIE), Rosie Rueda (MGE) and Ron Ceballos (LMI).

Elementary Director - term expires June 2010

State Council Representative - term expires June 2010

Elections will be held in September 2009.

Christina Retana Is Rotary Teacher of the Year

The Rotary Club of Montebello named Christina Retana (WIE) Teacher of the Year at a luncheon Wednesday, May 13.



Christina was also honored by United States Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, California Senator Ron Calderon, and Montebello Mayor Rosie Vasquez.

The Montebello Teachers Association Proudly Presents

Extraordinary Times, Extraordinary People

A Celebration to Honor our 2009 Retirees
Friday, June 12, 2009

Pacific Palms Resort, Industry Hills, CA
7:00 p.m. Social 8:00 p.m. Dinner

\$52 per person before May 29, \$57 after

Carlos Alfaro—BGI
Stephen Anderson—SHS
Thomas Axworthy—SUI
Paul Baviello—SHS
Andrea Bodnar—BGH
Linda Boyle—LMI
Sharon Brannon—MOA
Diane Carter—JGE
Joel Castillo—Ind. Study
Alice Castillo—GWE
Gloria Chavez—SUE
Dorothy Chu—SUE
Roberta Cope—CCE
Frank Corrales—VHS
Maria Cortez—EAI
Alicia Diaz—MPE
Dale Dollins—LMI
Marshall Estrada—BGA
Martha Fierro Romero—WIE
Angelina Flores—MOI
Beatriz Flores—GWE

Doreen Flores—WAE
Wendy Francev—ROP
William Freedland—MHS
Ruben Garcia—SUI
John Garza—BGI
Cary Hall—MAI
Susan Hancock—MPE
Cherolyn Hart—MOI
Randie Hayward—SHS
Charlene Hentz—MOA
Michelle Hess—BVE
Wilhelm Hirsch—Ind. Study
Susan Jauregui—EAI
James Jay—BGI
Ricardo Jimenez—BGH
Patti Jo Kaye—MOI
Leslie Kilts—WIE
Roy Michael King—SHS
Dorothy Kolb—WIE
James Kreutzer—BGI
Juliana Lara—JGE

Dorene Lau—MAI
Adele Levy—VHS
Sally Lodwick—LMI
Michael Lopez—BGH
Susan Loya—MAI
Tobias Manzanares—MHS
Mary Lynn McMillan—BGH
Luisa Merino—MOA
Regina Myers—WAE
Sylva Minassian—SHS
Victor Morales—BGI
Susan Morvan—MOI
Delores Munro—MHS
Benjamin Negrete—SHS
David Newell—BGH
Roy Nilsson—MHS
Judy Odou—MAI
Roberta Olafson—LME
Lynn Pearson—D.O.
Anthony Perez—BGH
Rosalba Perez—BVE

Donald Petrushkin—SHS
Frank Rainis—MHS
Cynthia Ramirez—SHS
Barbara Revueltas—MHS
John Richardson—JGE
Rosalie Robles—LME
Elehie Roth—BGA
Gloria Stabeck—MAI
Mary Stephens—MGE
Ellen Stevens—SHS
Frances Strong—MOI
Cheryl Suit—WIE
Sharlene Takahashi—BGA
Harvey Takasugi—BGI
Jean Tanaka—MOI
Kay Torres—SHS
Frederick Torres—LMI
Chizuko Toyama—WIE
David Twamley—BGH
Craig Wright—BGH

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Please reserve _____ seats at \$52 each if paid before May 29, 2009 or \$57 each if paid after (check enclosed).

Please indicate which retiree you would like to sit close to: _____

NOTE: There are 10 per table. Return before **June 5, 2009** Please list names of guests:

