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Congratulations to the 2008 Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Finalists! David Newell (BGH), Horacio Perez (BGI), and Cathie Reed (JGE) were named this year's finalist at Council May 20. The past Blanche Chester winners select the honoree from the three finalists. The honor will be bestowed at the June 10 Council.



CTA NAMES SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to Gerry Giberti (FPA)! His children both earned scholarships from CTA again!
 David Giberti \$1,000 (MLK)
 Angela Giberti \$2,500 (CTA)

State Law Guarantees Teachers Have the Final Word on Grades

The California Education Code protects teachers' rights to grade students.

When grades are given for any course of instruction taught in a school district, the grade given to each pupil shall be the grade determined by the teacher of the course and the determination of the pupils grade by the teacher, in the absence of clerical or mechanical mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, shall be final.

§ 49066

If a parent, student, or administrator challenges a grade the teacher has the right to defend the grade. An Association representative should always be present at such a challenge.

Teachers Responsible for *Failure Notices*

Classroom teachers are directly responsible for notifying parents of possible failing grades. Whenever it becomes evident to a teacher that a student is in danger of failing a course (D or F grade), the teacher must arrange a conference with the student's parent/guardian or send the parent/guardian a written report (failure notice.) In all cases the notification must come prior to the assignment of the grade.

The teacher's responsibility for failure notices is stated in California Education Code 49067 and Montebello Unified School District Administrative Regulation 5121 (a).

Election Results

Vice-President

Julian De La Torre* 295
 Horacio Perez..... 220

Secretary

Elizabeth Gasca* 526

Elementary Director

Alicia K. G. Diaz* 347
 Alma Orta..... 172

High School Director

Gilbert Gomez* 325
 Ryan Rice..... 265

Adult Education Director

Elvia De La Cruz* 494

CTA State Council Representative

Ed Guzman* 272
 Alicia K.G. Diaz..... 157
 Irving Bartikofsky..... 143

* Indicates Elected

MTA RETIREMENT

BANQUET 2008

You served and our students scored!!!

Retirees

- Guadalupe V. Angeles (WGE)
- Claudia P. Benson (RPS)
- Afrodite Bils (SHA)
- Elaine Chan (FRE)
- Marilyn Cohen (MOI)
- Marsha Ehlers (MHS)
- Marilyn R. Fant (LMI)
- Joan Fleming (LMI)
- Sandra Lee Gasper (PHE)
- Gloria Gates (FRE)
- Glenda J. Gould (Sp Ed)
- Jose Luis Guajardo (CCE)
- Tere Hirsch (MOI)
- Dale E. Homan (LMI)
- Janice U. Hurtado (CalSafe)

Retirees

- Judith Jimenez (EAI)
- Cheryl L. Johnson (LME)
- Janice L. Kahlenberg (LMI)
- Sherril M. Kehl (SHS)
- Katherine Kilgore (BGH)
- George P. Lightholder (BVE)
- Janice Nakahara (LMI)
- Sharyn U. Okamura (LMI)
- Catherine Olguin (SHS)
- Carol R. Phillips (BGH)
- Patricia L. Pierce (WAE)
- Martha R. Thomas (WAE)
- Vicki L. Yesseyian (JGE)
- Daniel Zavala (MHS)

The persons listed above are retirees who have expressed an interest in attending the 2008 MTA Retirement Banquet. These are not all of the retirees of the class of 2008. If your name is on this list in error or if you were omitted in error, please contact us at (323) 722-5005.

Please return this portion to :MTA Office, 918 W. Whittier Blvd., Montebello, CA 90640

Yes, I will attend the banquet. Please reserve _____ seats at \$40 each (check enclosed).

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

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