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Our Community Bids Farewell to Marcella Calderon



Board Member Marcella Calderon passed away Sunday, January 1 following a prolonged battle with cancer. A celebration of life was held Saturday, January 14 at the Applied Technology Center. The Board of Education has sixty days to decide whether to appoint a replacement for Marcella until the next regular election November 2014 or to hold a special election.

Nominations Are Open

Time to Select the 2012 Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate

Simply complete the form below and return it to the MTA office by **Friday, February 24**. This honor is awarded to individuals who demonstrate strong Bargaining Unit member advocacy at their site and throughout the Association. All nominees will be asked to complete an application and statement. In addition, the nominator will be asked to gather individual testimonials from colleagues on behalf of the nominee.

The Executive Committee will select three Blanche Chester finalists, who will be announced at the April 24 Council meeting. There will be one finalist each from the three levels: pre K-grade 4, grade 5-grade 8, and grade 9-adult. A committee of former Blanche Chester winners will determine the winner among the finalists. The announcement will be made at the May 15 Council meeting. *So take a moment and complete the form below and recognize an outstanding advocate.*

BLANCHE CHESTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Paul McKernan..... 1992	Lois Wankovsky..... 2002
Patricia Knapp..... 1993	Pat Tonelli..... 2003
Robin GrayBallard..... 1994	Betty Kirschner..... 2004
Karen van der Baan..... 1995	Sharon Ramirez 2005
Linda Moran..... 1996	Marcia Ugalde..... 2006
Maria Cortes..... 1997	Walt Lowery..... 2007
David Lebow..... 1998	Horacio Perez 2008
Frank van der Baan..... 1999	Elizabeth Gasca..... 2009
Mary Dupuis..... 2000	Terry SalasOrtiz..... 2010
Juan Gastelum..... 2001	John Slevin..... 2011
JoAnn Barro..... 2001	

Nominate An Outstanding Teacher Advocate for the Blanche Chester Award Return to the MTA office no later than Friday, February 24

I nominate _____ Site _____ for the Blanche Chester Award.
(Current Members of the 2011-2012 Executive Committee and previous winners are not eligible.)

Name _____ Email _____ Site _____ Extension _____

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DUTIES OF DELEGATES TO THE NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

1. Each delegate will be expected to arrive in Washington, DC in time to insure registering as an official delegate to the Representative Assembly (R.A.) with both the California delegation and the NEA.
2. Each delegate will be expected to attend all caucuses of the California delegation. Normally the caucus begins at 7:00 a.m. daily. Delegates must be registered with the California delegation to participate in the caucus. Delegates are expected to remain through the convention.
3. Each delegate shall attend all business meetings of the R.A.
4. Each delegate is strongly encouraged to attend NEA Budget Committee hearings, Resolutions Committee hearings, Bylaw Committee hearings, speeches by prominent national figures, etc.
5. Each delegate should take into consideration MTA Council policy when voting.
6. Each delegate is encouraged to participate fully in all activities of the California delegation.
7. Each delegate, state and chapter, will be expected to sit with his or her Service Center Council delegation on the R.A. floor or to inform the appropriate person where he or she will be seated. This is to insure communication regarding R.A. business and/or personal emergency information of concern to the delegate, as well as to verify attendance.

I understand that, as a delegate of the Montebello Teachers Association, my attendance is being directly funded by membership dues. I hereby, accept my responsibility to carry out the above all of the above specified duties.

Signature

Date

MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION NEA-RA DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

2012 NEA-RA CONVENTION WASHINGTON, DC

ANY NEA MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE TO SEEK A DELEGATE POSITION

Name School Site

Address Apt. #

City State Zip

Home Phone School Ext.

Social Security Number Gender M F

Status:

Ethnic Group:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class Room Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Black |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic |

TERM: One Year Two Year

I am a candidate for a State Delegate position also.

YES NO

If yes, and I am elected to both MTA and State Delegate positions:

- I will be a MTA Delegate
- I will be a State Delegate

Completed declaration of candidacy form due

Friday, February 24, 2012.

This form must be completed in full and signed. Incomplete forms will be considered invalid. Fax to: (323) 722-0543, US Mail or deliver to: MTA Office, 918 W. Whittier Blvd., Montebello, CA 90640, scan and email at Montebello_teachers@earthlink.net.

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