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## 2014-2015 Executive Committee Welcomed



Standing from left to right: Intermediate Director Andy Shinn (BGI), Vice President Margie Granado (BAE), President Lorraine Richards (MTA), Treasurer Guillermo Sandoval (MHS) and Adult Education Director Filiberto Arizmendi (MOA).

Seated from left to right: Elementary Director Kathy Arriola (WAE), Elementary Director Rita Galvan (CIS), Support Staff Director Sandra De La Cruz (BGI), Secretary Alma Orta (SUE), and High School Director Carmen Patlán (SHS).



Edgington (BAE), and Chris Low (MOI). A raffle was also held for Building Reps who attended five or more meetings this year. The winner was Hector Velasquez (MAI).

Immediate Past President Julian De La Torre (CIS) retired from the Executive Committee. CTA Director District L Tyrone Cabell honored him with a plaque. Julian was president in 2011-2013.



### Perfects!

Council held a raffle for the 9 Building Reps that had perfect attendance this year. The winners were Ed Guzman (MOI), Robin Ponce-

Election Results	
<b>CTA State Council Representative</b>	
*Margie Granado.....	112
**Irma Navarro .....	63
<b>SESSC Minority-at Large Alternate</b>	
*Kathy A. Reyes (MTA).....	892
Ardelia Aldridge (TAP).....	492
Colleen Nishikawa Alanis (MTA)...	431
* Indicates elected	
** Indicated first alternate	

## Celebrating 2014

### César E. Chávez Awards

CTA's César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program provides recognition for students and their teachers who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles by which César E. Chávez lived his life. This year two members of the Montebello Teachers Association have been selected to receive recognition.

**Leylanie Varela** is a student of **Diane Doris Kissas** (CCE) and won in the grade 3-4 division.

**Alma Govea** is a student of Silvia Liggins (EAI) and won in the grade 7-8 division.



*Congratulations Tracy Brendzel (BGF) for winning the Camino Federal Credit Union Employee of the Year (MTA). Tracy is shown here at the luncheon Monday, June 9 with President Lorraine Richards.*



## Important Update on *Vergara v. State of California* Lawsuit A Message from CTA President Dean Vogel



As expected, the judge ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in the *Vergara v. State of California* lawsuit and struck down all the statutes as unconstitutional. Take a look at the decision posted at [cta.org](http://cta.org) and [montebelloteachers.org](http://montebelloteachers.org). We believe today's decision is deeply flawed. Along with the State of California and the California Federation of Teachers (CFT), we will appeal the decision.

The manufactured education group Students Matter is hailing this as a big win and the news media will likely characterize today's decision as an immediate drastic change to Education Code. Please be reassured this is not the case! We will proceed with appealing the decision and a stay has been granted, meaning there will be no immediate change to current laws that will impact your employment.

All along we knew we had a strong case. Today's ruling by the questionable judge does not change that. The judge's ruling was scant, not based on evidence presented at trial. Our legal team is reviewing it now. There is nothing unconstitutional about due process rights for educators, a two-year probationary period, or experience-based layoffs. We know, firsthand, that experience enhances teacher effectiveness and increases student productivity at all grade levels. Both the law and the best interests of students are on our side.

### Message and Talking Points

Once again, talking points are posted at [cta.org](http://cta.org) and [montebelloteachers.org](http://montebelloteachers.org) that will help you talk to members about the case and today's developments.

### Letters to the Editor

We urge you to send in letters to the editor of your local newspaper by using the sample letters posted at [cta.org](http://cta.org) and [montebelloteachers.org](http://montebelloteachers.org).

### Twitter and Facebook

There is a lot of activity on the social networks. Log on to Facebook and friend the California Teachers Association to see the latest posts.

As we get more information about the decision we will post updates on the Vergara section of [cta.org](http://cta.org).

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