



# CONTACT

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## Juneteenth Is a Federal Holiday

On June 18, 2021, President Biden declared June 19<sup>th</sup> as the National Juneteenth Day of Observance:

In accordance with the observance, no work will be scheduled June 20, 2022. Further, any employee who was required to work June 18, 2021 is entitled to a “floating holiday”. For more information on your eligibility, contact your administrator or Virginia Gutierrez (Human Resources).

## Blanche Chester’s Legacy Is Honored March 15

As a teacher with the Montebello Unified School District from 1962 to 1989, Blanche Chester became an active member of the Montebello Teachers Association. She was president from 1974 -1976. She represented the Association at the California Teachers Association, meetings and attended Board of Education meetings regularly to advocate for teachers. As a result of her voice, the Board created a spot on the agenda to hear teachers' concerns.



The Association’s Teacher Advocate is named in her honor. Blanche will be honored by the [AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Saturday, March 19](#). Seating is limited and registration is required.

## Presenting Your 2022 Blanche Chester Advocate Award Nominees

*Selection Will Be Based on Your Input*

This year, three members of the Association have been nominated for the Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award: Lu Cruz (CCE), Norma Gonzalez (JGE), and Reina Quan (SUI). The winner will be determined based on the testimonials, anecdotes, and stories members provide regarding our very special nominees. You can submit testimonials for Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Nominees on-line. **Simply go to [MontebelloTeachers.org](#) and complete the form for any or all of the nominees.**

This honor is awarded to individuals who demonstrate strong Bargaining Unit member advocacy at their site and throughout the Association. Nominees and supporters of nominees are invited to submit testimonial thoughts on-line until **Monday, April 25**. A committee of past Blanche Chester winners will determine the winner. The announcement will be made at the May 18 Council meeting. **The winner will receive a plaque and a check for \$500.**

*Lu Cruz*



*Norma Gonzalez*



*Reina Quan*

