

## Introducing the Nominees for the 2024 MTA Blanche Teacher Advocate Award



**Crystal  
Banda  
(SHS)**



**Claudia  
Castañeda  
(MGE)**



**Wihgelmy  
Gavino  
(MGE)**



**Angie  
Guzman  
(LMA)**

This year, four members of the Association have been nominated for the Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award: Crystal Banda, Claudia Castañeda, Wihgelmy Gavino, and Angie Guzman.

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 online. Simply go to [MontebelloTeachers.org](https://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 online until Thursday, April 18th at noon.** A committee of past Blanche Chester winners will determine the winner. The announcement will be made at the May Rep Council meeting. The winner will receive a plaque and a check for \$500.



## Site Applications for MOUs Are Due April 22!

The District and the Association have developed a joint memorandum of understanding (MOU) form for banking minutes.

### [District and Association Submit One Form One Time](#)

There is one form for both the Faculty Club Chairperson and the site Principal to complete and return to District office or the MTA Office. **The form will be shared between the District Office and the MTA Office.** **MOU requests are due Friday, April 22.** Forms and additional support materials are available at [MontebelloTeachers.org](https://MontebelloTeachers.org). The Director of Educational Services (x. 7929) at District Office is also available to answer questions.