

## **Claudia Castaneda Receives Blanche Chester Award**

**Claudia Castaneda**, a Kindergarten teacher at Montebello Gardens Elementary School, was honored with the Blanche Chester Award on Tuesday, May 21. Claudia received the award for her powerful advocacy for MTA members throughout the district. Claudia is pictured on the left, together with Lisa Quemada (MHS), who received the award in 2023.



## **2024-2025 MTA Executive Committee Installed**

The 2024-2025 Executive Committee was installed at Council on May 21 by Maureen Quiros Gray, President of the Teachers Association of the Norwalk-La Mirada Area (TANLA). Pictured above are David Navar (President), Jessica Zwaal (Vice President), Elizabeth Kocharian (Secretary), Melina Valenzuela (Support Services Director), Lisa Navarro-Gutierrez (Treasurer), Jeannette Alvarado (High School Director), Dena Guerry Henriquez (Adult Ed. Director), Andy Shinn (Intermediate Director). Not pictured: Alma Orta and Jessica Mejia (Elementary Directors).

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