

Twenty-two honored as Exceptional Person Award winners



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Each year the CUSD Special Education Community Advisory Committee sponsors an event to honor exceptional people who work with students with a variety of abilities.

They are nominated for Exceptional Person Awards as teachers, aids or volunteers by families in appreciation for the love and devotion they give to children, and are nominated by teachers and staff for their hard work, tenacity and creativity.

This year, 22 people were honored at March 25's Exceptional Person reception held in their honor. Supported by administrators, teachers, staff, friends and family, they were given plaques to remember the evening.

The Community Advisory Committee's 2009-10 Exceptional Person Awards winners are:

Buchanan Area: Rita Twet, Lisa Matson and Connie Ferreira, Garfield Elementary; and Dan Daniele, Century Elementary.

Clovis North High School Area: Matt Smith, Clovis North High; and Shirley Hales, Fugman Elementary.

Clovis High School Area: Marc Juteau, Clovis Elementary;

Dennis Bayless, Red Bank Elementary; Ella Shasky, Weldon Elementary; and Gloria Castillo, Clark Intermediate.

Clovis West Area: Miriam Norquist, Clovis West High; Claudia Graves, Pinedale Elementary; Mai Uyen Moss, Kastner Intermediate; and Melissa Montgomery, Maple Creek Elementary.

Clovis East Area: L. Johnson and Shelly Lynn, East High; Katherine Wa Reyburn Intermediate; Kendra Simon, Fancher Elementary.

District-wide: Traci M. CITI Kids-Century Elementary; Gary Waltz, District-wide; I. Prieto, Links; and Mindy R. Clovis Community Day School.



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Twenty-two honorees received 2010 Exceptional Person Awards, which are given by CUSD's Special Education Community Advisory Committee to recognize exceptional people who work with students with a variety of abilities.