Day of the Teacher 2011 Celebration

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 • 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Mission Bay High School

Coordinated by The Communications Department
Ceremony Proceedings

• WELCOME Richard Barrera

• PRESENTATION OF COLORS Mission Bay High JROTC

• PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mission Bay High ASB students

• OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM Isabella Hamman, Henry High student

• DAY OF THE TEACHER RESOLUTION Richard Barrera

• TEACHER AWARD INTRODUCTIONS Bill Kowba
  » Future Educator Scholars Tina Dyer & Mary Castleberry
  » National Board Certified Teachers Nellie Meyer
  » School Site Teachers of the Year Bill Kowba
  » Teacher of the Year Runners-up 2009 Teachers of Year:
    Bill Freeman
    Michael Crawford
    Philippe Poncey

• PRESENTATIONS OF THE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR
  » Elementary School Nancy Wooten, 2010 Teacher of the Year
  » Middle School Emalyn Leppard, 2010 Teacher of the Year
  » High School Ericka Senegar-Mitchell, 2010 Teacher of the Year

• SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS Program Sponsors

• CONCLUDING REMARKS Bill Kowba
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE Resolution
RECOGNITION OF MAY 3, 2011,
AS SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DAY OF THE TEACHER

WHEREAS, teachers work to open students’ minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge and dreams; and

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and demonstrate their love of learning in the classroom every day; and

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the success of more than 131,000 students in the San Diego Unified School District depends on the skills, knowledge and attitudes acquired while under the nurturing guidance of nearly 6,700 teachers; and

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District does hereby acknowledge the contributions of all dedicated teachers and recognizes May 3, 2011, as the Day of the Teacher and urges parents, students and the community to publicly show their appreciation for teachers and their contributions that improve our daily lives, our community and our futures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, California, at a public meeting thereof duly called and held this 3rd day of May 2011.

President

Vice President

Member

Member

Member

Superintendent
Welcome Reception & Menu

Co-sponsored by:

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Menu
Presented by: Garfield High School ROP Culinary Arts
Teacher: Arlyn Hackett

• Beef Empanadas with Chipotle Crema
• Pizza with Three Cheeses and Fresh Herbs
• Pizza with Homemade Turkey Sausage
• Pizza with Shrimp and Smoked Gouda Cheese
• Assorted Cream Cheeses with Fruit Fillings

Presented by: Morse High School ROP Culinary Arts — The Hungry Tiger Café
Teacher: Sara Smith-Piatt

• Lime Marinated Chicken Skewers with Avocado Creme
• Mushroom Strudel
• Lobster Strudel
• Brie and Roasted Pear in Filo with Raspberry Drizzle
• Spinach Crêpe Spirals
• Chard and Fresh Herb Quiche (fresh herbs from the Morse High garden)
• Cucumber Cups with Smoked Salmon and Lemon Mousse

Live Performance
Presented by: The Mission Bay High School Dixie Jazz Band
The Future Educator Scholars Program is a 21-year old program of the San Diego Education Fund. Future Educator Scholars are aspiring teachers who receive five-year scholarships, along with mentoring and counseling, in exchange for agreeing to teach in the San Diego Unified School District. Scholars are usually the first in their families to attend college and reflect the diversity of district schools.

2011 Future Educator Scholars

Christina Conley  
Patrick Henry High School

Karyn Coronel  
Morse High School

Dave Fillion  
CTA, Kearny Educational Complex

Diana Garcia  
Point Loma High School

Josie Gonzalez  
The Preuss School UCSD

Karissa Hendricks  
Patrick Henry High School

Edith Hernandez  
SCT, Kearny Educational Complex

Ashley Leslie  
Patrick Henry High School

Elizabeth Sanchez-Alvarez  
Point Loma High School

Jennifer Valle  
Crawford High School MVAS

Current Future Educator Scholarship Recipients

Marisela Aguirre  
Mira Mesa High School

Bianca Alvarado  
Morse High School

Thanh Thuy Cao  
High Tech High School

Ana Colio  
The Preuss School UCSD

Jessica Contreras  
Patrick Henry High School

Ronel Dalisay  
University City High School

Candice Davis  
Point Loma High School

David DeLeon  
Morse High School

Corey Dew  
Patrick Henry High School

Caroline Dillion  
University City High School

Alina Garcia  
Morse High School

Shayna Goodman  
High Tech High School
Future Educator Scholars Program 2011

Constance Jackson
Morse High School

Deven Rantz
Point Loma High School

Justin McFarland
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Lida Razavi
Patrick Henry High School

Clarissa Morales
Morse High School

Irma Robledo
Marian High School

Erica Navarro
Point Loma High School

Hieu Tran
The Preuss School UCSD

Nicole Paschal
Point Loma High School

Tuyet Thi Tran
Crawford High School

Sabrina Pereria
Patrick Henry High School

Michelle Tran
Patrick Henry High School

Ismael Perez
Mission Bay High School

Thao Vo
Scripps Ranch High School

Amanda Peterson
Patrick Henry High School

Michelle Waldron
Madison High School

Sharita Peyton
Clairemont High School

Victoria Washington
Morse High School

Thanh Quach
Kearny High School

Jessica Williams
Lincoln High School
The San Diego Education Fund also administers the Mashin Scholarship Program. Two retired teachers, Virginia and Jack Mashin, left an endowment to fund 4-year scholarships for math and science majors.

### 2011 Mashin Scholars

- **Jhanell Kirkaldy**
  Crawford High School, MVAS

- **Ngoc Lam**
  Kearny High, International Business

- **Van Anh Pham**
  Kearny High, International Business

- **Rhona Sabatchi**
  San Diego School of Creative & Performing Arts

### Current Mashin Scholars

- **Biniam Ambachew**
  Mission Bay High School

- **Thayna DeSantiago**
  Serra High School

- **Jolie Doan**
  Hoover High School

- **Matthew Garrett**
  Mission Bay High School

- **Janet Gill**
  Mission Bay High School

- **Abraham Nguyen**
  Preuss School UCSD

- **Christina Nguyen**
  Crawford High School

- **Andrea McCorley**
  Crawford High School

- **Ahiram Rodriquez**
  Hoover High School
2010 National Board Certified Teachers

NBPTS is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization. It was formed in 1987 to advance the quality of teaching and learning by developing professional standards for accomplished teaching, creating a voluntary system to certify teachers who meet those standards and integrating certified teachers into educational reform efforts.

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Chollas-Mead Elementary School

Shelley Foster
Sequoia Elementary

Marlin Futrell *
Mark Twain High School

Patricia Ganley
Emerson-Bandini Elementary School

Eliza Getch
Fletcher Elementary School

Regina Gonzalez
Hawthorne CDC

Jessica Graham
Kearny High School SCT

Katie Grimes
Lindbergh Schweitzer Elementary School

Mary Leanne Hagadone
San Diego High School MVPA

Tinika Hagler
Kimbrough Elementary School

Karen Harris
Walker Elementary School

Krista Hayenga
Marston Middle School

Jorge Hernandez
Lincoln High School Center for Public Safety

Monique Hudson
Correia Middle School

Bev Hull
Adapted PE

Robert Hurt
San Diego High School LEADS

Andrew Jensen
Farb Middle School

JoAnn Johnson
ALBA High School

Bradley Johnson
Valencia Park Elementary School

Catherine Kagen
San Diego High School of Business

Nicolette Kimball
Lincoln High School Center for the Arts

Pam King *
Oak Park Music Conservatory

Kelly Kivett
Angier Elementary School

Christine Kiyama
Morse High School

Jeremiah Labrador *
Bell Middle School

Diane Larabee
Adams Elementary School

Susan Legler
ALBA Middle School

Candace Lopez
Baker Elementary School

Vivian Love
Point Loma High School

Luke Lundmark
Muirlands Middle School

Frances Mackenzie
Florence Elementary School

Denise Maggard
Whitman Elementary School

Trisha Magoon
Carson Elementary School

Tara Malm
Marshall Elementary School

* District Teacher of the Year Candidates
Site Teachers of the Year

Lisa Martin  
Jefferson Elementary School

Karla Martinez  
Pacific Beach Middle School

Don Masse  
Zamorano Fine Arts Academy

Valerie McGinn  
Balboa Elementary School

Desa McNulty  
Rolando Park Elementary School

Jerry Miller  
Cadman Elementary School

Marlo Milligan  
Lafayette Elementary School

Florence Mira-Menees  
Longfellow Spanish Immersion Magnet School

Anthony Molinaro  
VAPA Dept Elementary Instructional Music

Edward Moller  
Lincoln High School Center for Social Justice

Germaine Monell  
Foster Elementary School

Jessica Moore  
Chesterton Elementary School

Judith Morrin  
Toler Elementary School

Sarvnaz Naert  
Golden Hill Elementary School

Thomas Nusser  
Innovation Middle School

Jennifer Oakes  
Roosevelt Middle School

Tracy O’Brien  
Perry Elementary School

Corrine Ochs  
Pershing Middle School

Lori Parker-Breadmore  
Loma Portal Elementary School

William Pearson  
Standley Middle School

Khamphet Pease  
Wilson Middle School

Rachel Perez  
Clay Elementary School

Melissa Phillips  
Ibarra Elementary School

Lisa Popovich  
La Jolla Elementary School

Daniel Pugh  
Freese Elementary School

Sevanne Quinn  
Encanto Elementary School

Kendra Redfern-Madden  
San Diego Early Middle College

Juli Redmerski  
Doyle Elementary School

Dan Regas  
Mira Mesa High School

Yolanda Riquelme  
Sherman Academy

Terri Roseman  
Gage Elementary School

Suzie Rosenthal  
Nye Elementary School

Princess Rostrata-Jacobs  
Challenger Middle School

Felicia Ryder  
Wangenheim Middle School

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Linda Whinnery  
Normal Heights Elementary

Jamie White  
Torrey Pines Elementary School

Laura Williges  
Montgomery Middle School

Jonathan Winn *  
Crawford High School CHAMPS

Debora Wolking  
E.B. Scripps Elementary School

Diana Yemha  
Boone Elementary School

Gay Young *  
Kumeyaay Elementary School

Veronica Youso  
Rosa Parks Elementary School

James Meyers  
Clairemont High School

Stephanie Steiner  
CPMA Middle School

Barbara Waller  
John Muir School

* District Teacher of the Year Candidates
Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalists

Eulalia Castelo  
Porter Elementary School

Ron Evans  
Construction Tech Academy, Kearny Educational Complex

Don Masse  
Zamorano Fine Arts Academy

Molly Stewart  
Ocean Beach Elementary School

Caren Waller  
NCIA Youth in Transition (Home/Hospital Program)

Teacher of the Year Finalists

Susan Rosenthal  
Nye Elementary School

Princess Rostrata-Jacobs  
Challenger Middle School

David Weber  
The Preuss School UCSD
Gay Young
K-5th grade Science Teacher, Kumeyaay Elementary School
“Gay is an outstanding example of excellence in the classroom, leadership, commitment to teaching, and involvement in the community. Her passion for science, fun and engaging teaching style, and her phenomenal results in the classroom make her a stand-out among the best. Gay’s engaging tactics in science education serve as an example for all San Diego teachers. She is passionate about providing the best instruction possible and doing what is in the best interests of children. She collaborates closely with her peers on a regular basis and helps to promote a collegial atmosphere among staff.”
- Robyn Bernstein, District Teacher of the Year runner-up, 2010, Kumeyaay Elementary School

Britney Sandoval
8th grade Physical Science Teacher, Lewis Middle School
“Ms. Sandoval goes way beyond her job description, exhibiting a passion, undying determination, and a sense of humor that makes her one of our students’ all time favorite teachers. Britney is a hands-on type teacher who always incorporates many different mediums and keeps her students engaged and excited with her innovative teaching style. Britney clearly has a gift for teaching as she masterfully adapts curricula and teaching styles to fit the needs of her more challenged learners. Britney is a person who you can count on to “tell it like it is”. She will always give you her honest feedback with a positive and productive idea for improvement. This is just one of the many reasons that Britney is regarded as a respected and valued member of our learning community.”
- Brad Callahan, principal, Lewis Middle School

David Evers
9th-12th grade Physics and Film Studies Teacher, San Diego High School of International Studies
“David’s intelligence, enthusiasm, work ethic, integrity, wit and wisdom have earned him the respect and esteem of students, colleagues, parents and community members. The success that his students have in their academic endeavors is a testament to his remarkable skills as a teacher. His classroom is a true laboratory of learning and he uses technology, instructional media, direct instruction, projects and group work to develop students’ understanding of very difficult concepts. In ours, a small high school full of exceptional teachers, David shines among his peers.”
- Kirk Ankeney, principal, San Diego High School of International Studies
Mark Alcorn
Lee Elementary School

In college, Mark Alcorn planned to become a computer scientist. That all changed after he worked as a teacher’s aide in an elementary computer lab. There he gained experience working with K-5 students and found a way to apply his problem-solving skills in a school environment. At the University of California, San Diego, Alcorn’s courses included Pre-Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences. He then switched paths and attended San Diego State University where he received his Bachelor’s Degree in Liberal Studies and his Multiple Subject K-8 Clear Credential, then in 2000, earning a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction with an Emphasis in K-8 Mathematics Education.

Alcorn’s career has taken him from Kennedy, Zamorano and Jackson elementary schools to his current school site, Lee Elementary. After nearly 21 years of teaching experience, he has established a core belief in the value of building a positive relationship between a teacher and each student. Everyday, he creates an environment where his students feel respected and important. Walking into his classroom, one can immediately sense the respect that he and his students have for each other. He takes the time to work with students individually to help them solve difficult math problems. He modifies curricula and emphasizes a variety of problem-solving techniques which allow his students access to solving problems and learning to do so for themselves.

“If students believe that you care about them, they will give you permission to hold them accountable.”
- Mark Alcorn

“Access” is the key to his success with compelling students to take on work and become more responsible for their own education. Alcorn believes his greatest contribution in the classroom has been helping struggling students to turn around with the newly found self-confidence that they can and will achieve.

With his success in the classroom, Alcorn shares teaching techniques and advice with both new and experienced teachers. As Teacher of the Year, he plans to promote a strong collaborative effort among teaching professionals, fostering discussions about best practices so that we can raise the level of instruction for all students. He states, “As teachers, we form positive relationships with our students. We not only provide models for them to grow into, but also provide the link to motivate them to give their best.”

Please join San Diego Unified in congratulating Mark Alcorn and his family on his selection as 2011 Elementary School Teacher of the Year.
Jean Chalupsky
Marshall Middle School

Jean Chalupsky launched into her teaching career after being passed over for a librarian position at Jerabek Elementary. Instead, she was offered a position as an instructional aide. Teachers and administrators soon noticed something special about Chalupsky - her infectious enthusiasm for books and for sharing them with students. Teaching Tuck Everlasting to her first group of students cemented the thought in Chalupsky’s mind that she was destined to teach. During her nearly 19 years at Jerabek, she worked her way up through several positions, from instructional aide to student teacher to visiting teacher, and finally to classroom teacher. Since 2008, she has taught eighth grade Seminar English at Marshall Middle School.

It’s a privilege to take a backseat in Chalupsky’s classroom, observing middle school students absorbed in a discussion about the latest act of The Crucible. She doesn’t necessarily lead her lessons. Rather, she starts a conversation with her students, poses a problem, and allows students to forge the path to the solution. She returns the control for thinking and learning back to her students, provoking serious thought and discussion. Her students carry that skill throughout the rest of their academic careers.

Chalupsky’s love of literature is not confined to the classroom. She currently serves as vice president of the Carmel Mountain Ranch Friends of the Library.

She has made a positive impact on the Scripps Ranch community since she began working in education in 1989. Her love for her community was reciprocated in a deep and personal way when her beloved husband, Hans Wichary, was killed in a biking accident in 2004. The Scripps Ranch community rallied around Chalupsky and her daughters, Marlie and Britta, and helped them through this most difficult time.

Chalupsky’s personal experiences have had a great impact on her teaching philosophies and techniques. By helping her students to draw their own personal connections to works of literature, she creates a more fulfilling and impactful learning experience for them. She has an innate ability to make students feel unique, instilling in them the knowledge that with hard work and perseverance, they can and will succeed.

“She reminds us all of the importance of being the best person you can possibly be. She doesn’t preach it, nor does she force it upon you,” says a former colleague at Jerabek. “Instead, she leads through example, showing us all how much more enjoyable life can be if we show more compassion to one another.”

Chalupsky earned a B.A. in English from San Diego State University, her teaching credentials from National University and was a candidate for an M.A. in American Literature at San Diego State University. San Diego Unified congratulates Jean Chalupsky and her family on her selection as 2011 Middle School Teacher of the Year.
Teacher of the Year at the High School Level

Jonathan Winn
School of Community Health & Medical Practices (CHAMPs), Crawford Educational Complex

Within two years at his first teaching position, Jonathan Winn found himself discouraged and uninspired. He quit his job, cleaned out his retirement account and left for Thailand to teach English, vowing to never come back. After three months, he did return to San Diego and during a chance encounter in a substitute teaching position at Crawford High, Winn found what he had been searching for – consistent and powerful instruction, complete student engagement, and high test scores. He found all of these things in Carl Munn’s freshman algebra class, full to the brim with low-income, non-English speaking, minority students. Now, after four years at Crawford CHAMPs, Winn is finally living his teaching dream.

Winn has developed a high voltage classroom atmosphere that has done what some would say is impossible: he has inspired high school students to get excited about math. His calculus classes are the most popular on campus and it’s easy to see why. He is standing just outside his first period classroom yelling at the top of his lungs, his voice reverberating across campus, “HOW DOES THAT GO?” He’s not so much yelling at his students as yelling for them, exhorting them to shout out the answer to a complex calculus problem, in unison. A few minutes later, he is dressed in a wig and a white ruffled shirt, playing 18th-century mathematician Gottfried Leibniz doing calculus in Paris. Later in the 90-minute class, he puts on a drum major’s hat and exchanges drum beats and claps with his students, getting them to feel the power of their unity.

While Winn’s antics are entertaining, he says they are part of a collection of proven techniques to get the most from his students, who are beginning to show results. About 80% of seniors who have gone through Crawford’s math curriculum program have received at least one acceptance letter to a four-year university.

Winn’s influence and enthusiasm for teaching aren’t limited to the classroom. He is the advisor for the Crawford Yoga program, the school’s American Civil Liberties Union and Crawford’s chapter of Mu Alpha Theta (MAΘ) – the national high school and two-year college mathematics honor society. He also serves as an assistant baseball coach and helps raise money to bus students to testing centers for their AP and SAT exams. However, his extracurricular activities don’t diminish the time and energy he puts into teaching.

“While Jonathan makes his students work hard for their successes, he works equally as hard preparing himself to teach them,” said Timothy Allen, executive director of the Carlston Family Foundation, an organization dedicated to recognizing and celebrating outstanding teachers. “Each of his lessons are carefully and thoughtfully planned, one building upon the other. His dedication to both his profession and to his students is clearly evident and much appreciated by his students.”

Winn earned his B.A. in Mathematics, with an emphasis in Secondary Education, from Keene State University. Among his many accomplishments, he has recently earned acclaim as “Masterful Teacher” by the George Lucas Educational Foundation, whose website Edutopia.org, features him for “making calculus cool.” San Diego Unified congratulates Jonathan Winn and his family on his selection as 2011 High School Teacher of the Year.

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