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OUSD Announces Teachers of the Year

ORANGE, Calif., February 22, 2010—The Orange Unified School District announced today the 2009-2010 District Teachers of the Year.

Teachers of the Year

Lauren Johnston
McPherson Magnet
First Grade

Andrew Castro
Cerro Villa Middle School
Algebra I/Drama

Stacy Castiglione
Villa Park High School
Theater Arts/English

Mrs. Johnston began her career in the Orange Unified School District in 2000 and has spent her entire career at McPherson Magnet as a first grade teacher. She is also a Nationally Board Certified Teacher. In addition, she holds a Professional Clear Multiple Subject Credential with CLAD Certification. Mrs. Johnston earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Movement and Exercise Science from Chapman University and a Master's degree in Reading from National University. "Mrs. Johnston cares deeply about her students and every moment she spends with them involves a lesson—even in her transitions," said McPherson principal Jeanne Bentley.

Mr. Castro began his teaching career in the Orange Unified School District at Taft Elementary School in 1999. He taught 4th grade and 5th grade GATE at Taft before coming to Cerro Villa Middle School in 2005 to teach Mathematics and Drama. He holds Clear Single Subject Teaching Credentials in Mathematics, English and Biology along with a Clear Multiple Subject Credential and a CLAD Certificate. He earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in Psychology from San Francisco State University. "Mr. Castro is all about the students. He has amazing dedication to the kids and he puts in a tremendous amount of hours," said Acting Principal Sue Baden.

Mrs. Castiglione began her teaching career in the Orange Unified School District in 2006 and has taught Drama and English during that time at VPHS. She also taught high school drama in Florida for two years. Mrs. Castiglione holds a Single Subject Teaching Credential in English and a Clear CLAD Certificate. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater and a minor in voice and dance from Florida State University. Prior to her teaching career she was a professional actress appearing in film, TV and theater. "Mrs. Castiglione has a number of strengths. She connects with her students, she is a people person and a creative instructor," said Villa Park High School Assistant Principal Jim D'Agostino.

Site Nominees for OUSD Teacher of the Year included:

School	Name
Anaheim Hills	Chris Tanioka
California	Sandra Bergeron
Cambridge	Amy Martin
Canyon Rim	Kimberlie K. Yee-Jung
Chapman Hills	Susie Spargur
Crescent	Catherine Feeney
Esplanade	Michelle Cole
Fairhaven	Bonnie Robinson
Fletcher	Ellen Lee
Imperial	Marietta Jones
Jordan	Lisa Green
Lampson	Radha Hablani
La Veta	Nancy Bower
Nohl Canyon	Pam Velez
Olive	Lori Saulten
Panorama	Jodi Adams
Prospect	Akira Mc Guire
Riverdale	Michelle Sakamoto- Burkhart
Running Springs	Karen Lejman-Morrissey
Serrano	Lu Ann Fisher
Sycamore	Paul Flores
Taft	Katie Higle
West Orange	Laura Urquhart
El Rancho Charter MS	Michael Alan Giorski
Portola MS	Michael Boucher
Santiago Charter MS	Kristi Peckham
Canyon HS	Jill Ellis
El Modena HS	Jonathan Pongco
Orange HS	Curt Thomas

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