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Every year the teacher associations in Orange County recognize teachers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and activism within their associations. These members are honored at the annual W.H.O. (We Honor Ours) Awards Banquet. On May 3, at the Center Club Orange County in Costa Mesa, GGEA recognized three members who are integral to the success of our Association.



Kristy Gladysz

Kristy is co-chair of GGEA's Special Education committee, serves as a site rep and serves on the SPED Task Force. She will be attending her first NEA RA this summer. She has been instrumental in assisting GGEA address issues affecting our SPED teachers and the students they serve.

Camie Walker

This fifth grade teacher serves GGEA by chairing the IPD committee and bringing trainings to our members. Through her IFT grant work, she has presented about our district and GGEA at state and national conferences. Camie is helping other GGEA members apply for IFT grants. This summer she will be a first time delegate to the NEA RA.

David VanHoorebeke

David serves as an Intermediate Segment Director for GGEA and has been a site rep for many years. As a Special Education teacher, he has served on the SPED Task Force and assists the GGEA SPED Committee. David was instrumental in initiating our negotiations for the Family Care Leave Act (AB 375).

President's Message

May 10, 2017 was California Day of the Teacher and National School Nurse Day. This is a special day for all of California to come together to honor the work of those who give back to their communities by working in public schools. Teachers affect children every day as they work their magic to shape their students' lives teaching many lessons that are not just academic. School Nurses care for a variety of children as they work their magic to heal, comfort and respond to our students' physical and mental needs. Teacher librarians work their magic by interacting with many students supporting their growth in all academic areas and encouraging the love of learning.



GGEA is proud to represent and honor our Teachers, School Nurses and Teacher Librarians. We appreciate your commitment to our public schools by working with your teams toward a common cause: our students. Your strength lies in the fact that you engage one another in your efforts to reach all children for whom you serve. You understand the student who has daily struggles or the one who wants to be a high achiever. You are patient with the one who has learning difficulties or the one who has all of the right answers. You show compassion for the student who doesn't seem to fit in or the one who is beloved by all. You see your students as individuals and reach out to them daily to make sure they succeed. You support each other's efforts to make your environment one that is encouraging and understanding.

Thank you for being the best you can be for each other, for your students and for GGEA. It is our pleasure to serve you as you serve our public schools!

Happy Day of the Teacher! ♥ *Happy School Nurse Day!*

On April 20, 2017 President Tina Gustin-Gurney was awarded the Silver Spoon Award by the Women's Division of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce. Each year a group of men and women are honored for their exemplary volunteer civic work. Recipients of the Silver Spoon Award are selected by their organization as the volunteer who has made the highest contribution of service to their organization and to the community.

Congratulations Tina!





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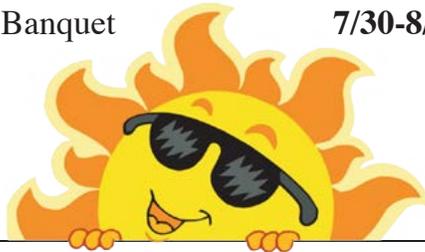
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Calendar of Events

5/23	Rep Council	6/13	No Meetings Scheduled
5/29	Memorial Day	6/20	Last Day for Students
6/06	Board of Directors	6/21	Last Day for Teachers
6/08	Retirement Tribute	6/30-7/05	NEA-RA Boston, MA
6/09	Installation Banquet	7/30-8/03	CTA Summer Institute



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Day of the Teacher Poster Contest

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TEACHERS MAKE LEARNING MAGICAL

Every year GGEA sponsors the Day of the Teacher poster contest to promote the positive influence teachers have on their students. Posters must be original student work and are judged on creativity, originality, appropriateness, and relationship to the theme. This year our theme was “Teachers Make Learning Magical.”

The following winners were recognized with certificates and prize money at the April Rep Council meeting. The Grand Prize poster, drawn by Emily Plasencia, from La Quinta, was reproduced and displayed at school sites and in the community. Congratulations to all of the talented artists who participated!



Congratulations to our winners!

<i>PreK</i>	<i>Hung Le</i>	<i>Clinton Corner</i>
<i>TK</i>	<i>Fatima Rangel</i>	<i>Violette</i>
<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Hailey Ruiz</i>	<i>Violette</i>
<i>1st Grade</i>	<i>Destinny Casillas</i>	<i>Riverdale</i>
<i>2nd Grade</i>	<i>Troy Tapusoa</i>	<i>Morningside</i>
<i>3rd Grade</i>	<i>Fatima Salgado</i>	<i>Violette</i>
<i>4th Grade</i>	<i>Kenny Nguyen</i>	<i>Sunnyside</i>
<i>5th Grade</i>	<i>Ashley Gonzalez</i>	<i>Clinton</i>
<i>6th Grade</i>	<i>Jocelyn Do</i>	<i>Anthony</i>
<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>My-Tien Tran</i>	<i>McGarvin</i>
<i>High School</i>	<i>Nikki Bui</i>	<i>Santiago</i>
<i>Grand Prize</i>	<i>Emily Plasencia</i>	<i>La Quinta</i>

CTA Chapter President's Lobby Day

On May 17, 2017 more than 100 local chapter presidents from all over California met with Lawmakers in Sacramento to discuss the California budget and key bills that have a significant impact on public education and the rights of our students and educators. Kendall Vaught, District M CTA Board Member and our local CTA Liaison, tweeted the following to our CA Legislatures...



kendall vaught
@ockav

Follow

I'm w/my @WeAreCTA colleagues at #CALeg now. Vote NO on #AB1220 & YES on #AB1360 #AB1478 #SB808 & #AB699. Our kids are counting on you!

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President Tina Gurney spending a busy day with fellow CTA members in Sacramento talking to aides of state lawmakers about charter school and temporary teacher bills. She also addressed the budget proposals and keeping Prop 98 funding. Tina met personally with assembly member Sharon Quirk-Silva, a former Fullerton elementary teacher.

Congratulations to the GGEA Jim Wicker Scholarship Recipients



Devyn Canedy, daughter of GGEA Member Heather Canedy (Murdy Elementary), will be graduating from Canyon High School with a weighted grade point average of 4.52. She will be working towards a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at the University of California, San Diego; afterwards she plans to earn her Master's Degree in Counseling.

During her high school career, Devyn flourished under her rigorous academic program while also juggling a plethora of extracurricular activities. Devyn has been a member of the Song Team for four years, and is currently the Captain of the team. She is also a Student Ambassador and the current Comanches Care Club President. Devyn's extracurriculars have also fostered opportunities for community service through organizations such as Relay For Life, Maximum Net Events, and the Junior Sisterhood program. Her Song Program Advisor writes of her, "Devyn is not only an excellent student, but she is an even better person. She is always engaging, pleasant, humorous, and fun to be around. More importantly, Devyn is a very modest person who cares more about helping others than her own personal achievements."

Bryan Hernandez is graduating from Santiago High School in June and heading off to UCI in the fall. He will be studying Sociology and plans to use his education to give back to the community. He has had to overcome many obstacles in his life. Coming from a low income and single parent family, Bryan has had to take on the role as "head of the family". Even with these obstacles he has big dreams. He dreams of creating an organization for young people that share similar backgrounds as his own. This organization will encourage and provide great tools to the kids and "eventually spread from city to city, county to county, and state to state. "



While attending Santiago, Bryan was on the cross country and track team. He became the Captain of the cross-country team in his freshmen year. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is involved in the French Club. He volunteers with the Buena Clinton True Neighborhood organization. Even with such a schedule he maintains a 4.1 GPA taking several AP courses along the way. One of his bittersweet memories was when visiting his dying cousin in the cancer ward he helped translate for a non-English speaking family. He made sure they knew what was happening to their loved one and how they could get outside help. Bryan is a true giver and I am sure we will be hearing great things about him and his dreams for all people to have access to help when they need it



Michelle Cardenas, a Rancho Alamitos Vaquero, is the perfect example of how diligence and dedication result in success. Michelle was recently selected as the RAHS AVID Senior Standout because of her commitment to challenging herself with advance classes and being a leader in the AVID program through peer mentoring and her positions on the AVID Board, where she is currently Co-President. Michelle was also a founding member of Women's League and participated in community service through Stand Up to Cancer Club. Michelle also found time to play basketball throughout her high school career, while maintaining a 4.10 GPA. This fall, Michelle will attend prestigious University of California, Berkeley, where she will study cognitive science to secure her dream of becoming a rehabilitation physician and begin the groundwork for a foundation that will help fund education opportunities for children in undeveloped countries and communities. GGEA looks forward to hearing about Michelle's future success!

Thomas Nguyen is graduating from Bolsa Grande High School with a 3.95 GPA and plans to become a nurse and eventually a nurse practitioner after attending the University of California, Los Angeles receiving a degree in Pre-Human Biology and Society. Thomas feels this focus not only allows him to utilize his strengths in the sciences but also to realize his dream of bridging the separation between the practical and the human aspects of medicine. Thomas is well on his way to seeing to others' needs as evidenced in the hundreds of hours he has already volunteered through his activities in the Associated Student Body, Key Club (a Kiwanis service club), Men's League (a service organization), the Red Cross Club and the youth ministry program at St. Columbans Church. Mr. Rob Engel, a teacher and GGEA member at Bolsa Grande High School, has had several years to observe Thomas in his many activities and expresses his admiration for Thomas this way, "Once in a great while a person comes along who will change the world merely by his presence, character, hard work, firm ethical beliefs and altruism. Thomas Nguyen, in my humble opinion, is that such person." Thomas has also played two years on the boys' basketball team and four years on the volleyball team. Who is his role model? His mom. "She's everything," he says with a big smile.



Katherine Foster, daughter of GGEA member Mark Foster (McGarvin Intermediate), is graduating from Fountain Valley High School with an impressive weighted GPA of 4.61. She will also be receiving her diploma with a State Seal of Bi-literacy in Spanish. Katherine will be attending USC, her dream school, to major in industrial engineering. Katherine's interest in this field stems from her love of physics and math and her two-year involvement with the Engineering Club at her school. This versatile student not only has talent in the sciences, she was co-captain of the FVHS Varsity Golf Team and has been a member of the Concert Choir and Troubadours Chamber Ensemble. As a Troubadour she has been a part of vocal performances at community events throughout the year. If being involved at her school doesn't keep her busy enough, she also has trained in karate for ten years and earned her black belt in 2015. It is in this area where she gives what time she has left to help train beginner karate classes and assist with karate tournaments. Katherine's AP Calculus teacher stated, "She is clearly a motivated and hard-working person who has proven throughout her high school years

to be an outstanding academic student, a caring member of the local community, and a leader among her classmates." Now Katherine is ready to embrace the next stage of her life by becoming a well-rounded college student.

Sarah Tomuta has been a proud Rancho Alamitos Vaquero for four years, but come fall this Simon Scholar will begin her college career as a Bruin at UCLA, where she will be studying Comparative Literature and English Rhetoric. Although English was not her first language, according to Sarah, her "writing skills and love for literature began at an early age as a way to quench [her] thirst for knowledge and adventure." Her passion for the written word is evident in many aspects of her life, including taking honors and AP English courses, and being integral in resurrecting the school newspaper through her role as a writer and editor-in-chief. Sarah is also very passionate about her volunteerism through her church, where she is a Sunday school assistant and involved in the youth ministry and girls choirs. This busy young woman even finds time to work as a tutor to help save money for college, all while maintaining a 4.15 GPA. Her dedication to her education and motivation to succeed will pave the way for her future endeavors, including traveling to impoverished countries and teaching students the importance of education. GGEA is proud to award Sarah with this scholarship.



CALL FOR ARTICLES!

Are you or your colleagues doing something fabulous at your school site? We would love to hear about it! The Advocate Team is looking for articles about YOU, our GGEA teachers and your students. We want to spread the word about the fantastic teaching, events, and successes happening at all the schools across our district. Please email your stories, articles, ideas, and photographs to ADVOCATE@ggea.org by **June 9, 2017**. We can't wait to hear from you!

On May 1, 2017 the GGEA Special Education Committee hosted a workshop regarding the instruction of exceptional students. **Karen Taylor, CTA Special Education Trainer**, provided a presentation about teacher responsibilities and rights as part of an IEP team, practical strategies to support special education students in your classroom and how teachers can appropriately meet legal standards and student needs effectively.

P.S. Send us photos from your after school activities, school site special events, and classroom lessons and we will post them on our **GGEA Facebook page!**



Welcome GGEA New Members!

Helen Lund

Marie Waits

*We are so happy to have you
as part of the GGEA family!*

