



## TRANSCRIPT

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### Title: 2021 Teachers of the Year Announcements

- [All] Surprise!

- [Woman] Shelley.

- What are you doing?

- [Woman] So we have a little change of plans for you today, and I'd like to introduce our county's superintendent of schools, Dr. Al Mijares.

- Did we surprise you, Shay?

- Mhmm .

- Shay Reardon, so, you are one of our top teachers in Orange County.

- [Man] What's up?

- Are you kidding? I'm like wait, I know some of these people!

- Congratulations! We are so excited, very thrilled to be here celebrating this special day with you. So you are one of six teachers of the year. We wish we could be there with you on your campus, and to hug you and greet you, and salute you in a very special way, but because of, my mask down here, because of the masks we're wearing, and this virus that's confronted us, we're constrained to this. Yeah, there you go. So, I hope that you will understand though, from the bottom of our hearts that, we love you, and this is a very important time for us to salute one of our greatest teachers.

- Oh, yes.

- So, thank you.

- Well, thank you very much.

- Oh, it's my mom and dad!

- [Woman] Oh my gosh.

- So excited! We won. They lived! They live on!

- But, this I think is even more special.

- [Allison] Ooh, oh my Gosh!

- Oh my gosh.

- [Woman] \$15,000.

- A check for \$15,000.

- It's been a mere token frankly, from all that you do. I know this is inexhaustible work as a teacher and, your work never stops.

- Congratulations, we are so happy that you were selected as finalists for our Orange County teacher of the year. You truly I think are representative of the best of the best in Orange County.

- [Gregory] Congratulations, Allison.

- Thank you!

- [Gregory] We're really proud of you, obviously, and not just for the great job you do, but you are such a learner yourself. We're really proud to watch you learn, and take on new ideas and put them into your classroom, and you help lead Benson because of that I think, so, congratulation. We're so so proud of you.

- Thank you, thank you.

- I'm in it for our kids of the future, right? Again, it just, I fell into teaching. And when I fell into the teaching, after going to Cal Paula being project based, I was like, I can do this. I know what I wanna do, and I know how I'm gonna lead my students. So, thank you for hearing through me, because I'm a doer. I wanna be planning and working with my kids.

- [Terry] Taking what it represents, is the impact you've had on so many people. There's no way to measure it.

- I'm not quite sure what to say. I'm amazed and shocked and honored to get this recognition, and really all the things you guys have said is just over and above what I think I've done. It's a great feeling I have right now. I'm really excited about this.

- [John] So well deserved, we're all so happy for you Shay. You're an amazing teacher, and I'm very very happy to be part of this celebration for you. Congratulations.

- Thank you John. Thank you

- Thank you.

- Worlds best principal right there. Emphasize my sister-in-law.

- She is an outstanding educator, and not only is she loved by her students and parents, she's regarded as a leader in our district. And I know from firsthand experience, that when you walk into her classroom, you just can't help to want to place your child in her class, because you know she will give your child the best education possible.

- Thank you so much.

- My entire family, all three of my daughters have graduated from there. One is going to tour UC Berkeley on Saturday, from Saddleback, so we have lots of success. The daughter that is just off the camera transferred from Saddleback to UCLA. The daughter that's not here transferred from Saddleback to USC. My husband went from Saddleback to Cal State Fullerton. We're all Saddleback devotees, and so to have this be a part of my family's legacy and experience is amazing, and we could not be more grateful to the institution, and to the Orange

County Department of Education. We're all Orange County natives, so just our gratitude is extreme for all of the educational institutions of Orange County, and we are just grateful. Thank you so much.

- I think educators like me have learned to grow and become the teachers that we are in the classroom, and with principals, parents, and family, we are inspired and we become better educators I think, day by day, so I wanna thank you, and I wanna acknowledge that I think that if I had not landed in Santa Ana as I did fresh out of UCI, I was hooked, and my family who expected me to go back to San Diego. I grew up as a border girl between San Diego and Tijuana. You know, it changed my life, so it has literally, so, I am who I am thanks to Santa Ana.

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