

2019 Orange County Teachers of the Year

Finalists

Andrea	Calvo	Fullerton School District	Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts
Archana	Jain	Irvine Unified School District	Irvine High School
David	Pino	Capistrano Unified School District	Serra High School
Jodi	Young	Huntington Beach Union High School District	Huntington Beach High School
Kari	Tucker, Ph.D.	South Orange County Community College District	Irvine Valley College
Laura	Zellmer	Huntington Beach City School District	Ethel Dwyer Middle School

Semifinalists

Angelina	Avila-Perez	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Mabel Paine Elementary School
Carrie	Murillo	Tustin Unified School District	W.R. Nelson Elementary School
Darla	Merrill	Huntington Beach Union High School District	Coast High School
Grace	Kwon	Anaheim Elementary School District	Alexander J. Stoddard Elementary School
Joanna	Vandal	Tustin Unified School District	Tustin High School
Nelly	Tsai	Irvine Unified School District	Lakeside Middle School
Sandra	Lewis	Ocean View School District	Lake View Elementary School
Sherrie	Todorovic	Magnolia School District	Juliette Low School of the Arts
Susan	Peterson	Capistrano Unified School District	Niguel Hills Middle School
Teresa	Andrade	Orange Unified School District	McPherson Magnet School

Nominees - K-12

Alice	Prothero	Orange Unified School District	Orange High School
Amy	Van Cleave	La Habra City School District	Sierra Vista Elementary School
Amy	Tupa	Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Ensign Intermediate School
Andee	Dekofsky	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	La Paz Intermediate School
Angel	Lomeli	Orange County Department of Education	Harbor Learning Center
Carol	Cutkomp	Capistrano Unified School District	Tijeras Creek Elementary School
Caryn	Broesamle	Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Lincoln Elementary School
Celeste	Paul	Garden Grove Unified School District	Louis Lake Intermediate School
Colette	Gregorio	Westminster School District	Warner Middle School
Dayna	Whitman	Anaheim Union High School District	Sycamore Junior High School
Debra	Girgenti	Savanna School District	Twila Reid Elementary School
Derek	Marshall	Fullerton Joint Union High School District	La Habra High School
Emily	Bucago	Irvine Unified School District	Westpark Elementary School
Huy	Tran	Anaheim Union High School District	Orangeview Junior High School
James	Hahn	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Tuffree Middle School
Jamie	Malchak	Centralia School District	Danbrook Elementary School
Jeanette	Banuelos	Santa Ana Unified School District	McFadden Intermediate School
Jeannine	Verellen	Garden Grove Unified School District	Los Amigos High School
Jenifer	Krowel	Buena Park School District	Carl E. Gilbert Elementary School
Jennifer	Zarkades	Garden Grove Unified School District	Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School
Jenny	Hitchcock, Ed.D.	Anaheim Elementary School District	James M. Guinn Elementary
Kara	Johnson	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Trabuco Hills High School
Katherine	Amoukhteh	College and Career Advantage	College and Career Advantage
Kristen	Gober	Lowell Joint School District	Meadow Green Elementary School
Kristine	Conwell	Cypress School District	Frank Vessels Elementary School
Kyle	Walker	Anaheim Union High School District	Loara High School
Laura	Silver	Laguna Beach Unified School District	Thurston Middle School
Lisa	Valdes	Fullerton Joint Union High School District	La Sierra High School
Mackenzie	Nolan	Santa Ana Unified School District	Mitchell Child Development Center
Nasario	Solis	Coastline ROP	Coastline ROP
Niki	Buck	Fountain Valley School District	James H. Cox Elementary School
Patricia	Manning	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Rancho Canada Elementary School
Roger	Galvan	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Esperanza High School
Ronald	Ponce	North Orange County ROP	North Orange County Regional Occupational Program
Rosalia	Escutia	Santa Ana Unified School District	Seegerstrom High School
Ruth	Freedman-Finch	Los Alamitos Unified School District	Weaver Elementary School
Scott	Clark	Orange Unified School District	Portola Middle School
Steven	Orme	Brea Olinda Unified School District	Brea Canyon High School
Theresa	Ryan	Fullerton School District	Maple Elementary School

Nominees Community College

Catherine	Emley	Rancho Santiago Community College District	Santa Ana College
Donovan	Gaytan	Coast Community College District	Orange Coast College
Guy	Dadson	North Orange County Community College District	Fullerton College
Kelly	Carter	North Orange County Community College District	Cypress College
Kenneth	Lee	South Orange County Community College District	Saddleback College
Matthew	Stivers	North Orange County Community College District	North Orange Continuing Education
Michael	DeCarbo	Rancho Santiago Community College District	Santiago Canyon College
Scott	Taylor	Coast Community College District	Golden West College