



2025 Orange County Teachers of the Year

Finalists

Cassandra	Cabrera	Santa Ana Unified School District	Mendez Fundamental Intermediate
Keisha	Cosand	Coast Community College District	Golden West College
Rosie	Harshman	Huntington Beach Union High School District	Huntington Beach High School
Jordanna	Jahn	Garden Grove Unified School District	James Irvine Intermediate School
Joseph	King	Anaheim Union High School District	Hope School
Kathryn	Mayfield	La Habra City School District	Arbolita Elementary School

Semifinalists

Shannon	Chastain	Laguna Beach Unified School District	El Morro Elementary School
Matthew	Clinton	Savanna School District	Twila Reid Elementary School
Michelle	Cruz	Fountain Valley School District	Isojiro Oka Elementary School
Kristen	Donavan	Irvine Unified School District	Woodbridge High School
Norma	Hernandez	Capistrano Unified School District	Viejo Elementary School
Ji Sun	Kim	Garden Grove Unified School District	Faylane Elementary School
Jeffrey	Picou	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	El Dorado High School
Thalia	Rodriguez	Santa Ana Unified School District	Martin R. Heninger Elementary School
Margot	Tyson	Irvine Unified School District	University Park Elementary School
Jennifer	Yennie	Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Corona del Mar High School

Nominees- K-12

Rachel	Aguerrebere Coleman	Lowell Joint School District	Macy Elementary School
Jeffrey	Bernier	North Orange County ROP	La Habra High School
Lisa	Brooks	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	La Paz Intermediate School
Regina	Calvente	Anaheim Elementary School District	John Marshall Elementary School
Sherilyn	Cammarato	Irvine Unified School District	Venado Middle School
Casey	Campbell	Capistrano Unified School District	Don Juan Avila Middle School
Kylie	Campion	Private School	Capistrano Valley Christian Schools
Juan	Carlos Alvarez	College and Career Advantage	Career and College Advantage
Bobbie	Connor	Orange County Department of Education	Harbor Learning Center South
Lorena	Dickson	Buena Park School District	Carl E. Gilbert Elementary School
Eric	Dykes	Huntington Beach Union High School District	Westminster High School
Kristen	Ervin	Anaheim Elementary School District	Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
Nathan	Goodrich	Santa Ana Unified School District	Century High School
Lisa	Haygood	Los Alamitos Unified School District	Lee Elementary School
Elizabeth	Hind	Anaheim Union High School District	Oxford Academy
Sarah	Hoffman	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Glenknoll Elementary School
Amanda	Klaus	Fullerton Joint Union High School District	Buena Park High School
Jessica	Koehler	Orange Unified School District	Serrano Elementary School
Andrea	Lopez	Orange Unified School District	Yorba Middle School
Gina	Martinez	Cypress School District	Frank Vessels Elementary School
Conor	McAlinney	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Trabuco Elementary School
Melani	Meekhof	Tustin Unified School District	Tustin Memorial Academy
Valerie	Messano	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Rancho Canada Elementary School
Theresa	Miguel	Garden Grove Unified School District	John Marshall Elementary School
Georgina	Mojica	Fullerton School District	Raymond Elementary School
Heather	Perry	Ocean View School District	Harbour View School
Kristin	Pirotin	Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Woodland Elementary School
Timothy	Reed	Anaheim Union High School District	John F. Kennedy High School
Monique	Rico	Coastline ROP	Coastline ROP
Aaron	Riekenberg	Fullerton Joint Union High School District	La Habra High School
Patricia	Roman	Orange Unified School District	Fairhaven Elementary School
Julia	Soto	Charter School	Oxford Preparatory Academy
Janet	Steinmetz	Brea Olinda Unified School District	Brea Olinda High School
Michelle	Strickland	Magnolia School District	Dr. Jonas E Salk Elementary School
Aimee	Valle	Centralia Elementary School District	Danbrook Elementary School
Quynh-Tram	Vu	Westminster School District	Demille Language Academy
Teresa	Ward	Huntington Beach City School District	Dwyer Middle School
Abbey	Zinsser	Tustin Unified School District	Tustin High School



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Nominees- Community College

Ziza	Delgado Noguera	North Orange County Community College District	Fullerton College
Kirk	Domke	North Orange County Community College District	Cypress College
Sanjai	Gupta	South Orange County Community College District	Irvine Valley College
Maryam	Rezai	North Orange County Community College District	North Orange Continuing Education
Kiana	Tabibzadeh	South Orange County Community College District	Saddleback College
Justin	Tolentino	Rancho Santiago Community College District	Santa Ana College
Roberta	Tragarz	Rancho Santiago Community College District	Santiago Canyon College