

2017 Orange County Teachers of the Year

Finalists

Steven	Bautista	Rancho Santiago Community College District	Santa Ana College
Matthew	Bidwell	Anaheim Union High School District	South Junior High School
Kristine	Clarke	Capistrano Unified School District	Dana Hills High School
Courtney	Smith	Tustin Unified School District	Tustin Memorial Academy
Raquel	Solorzano-Dueñas	Anaheim Union High School District	Western High School

Semifinalists

Alicia	Abifadel	Orange Unified School District	Yorba Middle School
Angelica Casas	Barrios	Anaheim Elementary School District	Benito Juarez Elementary School
Jean	Chen-Wu	Cypress School District	Arnold Elementary School
Michael	Despars	Fullerton Joint Union High School District	Fullerton Union High School
Jenny	Franke	Anaheim Elementary School District	Adelaide Price Elementary School
Dinah	Ismail	Orange County Department of Education	ACCESS/College and Career Preparatory Academy
Jennifer	Luchesi	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Mabel Paine Elementary School
Henry	Miller	Irvine Unified School District	Sierra Vista Middle School
Melissa	Price	Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Adams Elementary School
Zachariah	Samarin	Tustin Unified School District	A.G. Currie Middle School
Steve	Sewell	Irvine Unified School District	Irvine High School

Nominees - K-12

Kim	Adams	Laguna Beach Unified School District	El Morro Elementary School
Tracey	Anderson	Fullerton School District	Acacia Elementary School
Michelle	Brady	Huntington Beach City School District	Huntington Seaclyff Elementary School
Naida	Cabrera	La Habra City School District	Las Lomas Elementary School
Greg	Carlson	College and Career Advantage	San Juan Hills High School
Jodi	Casella	Magnolia School District	Dr. Albert Schweitzer Elementary School
Ricky	Castro	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Valadez Middle School Academy
Jill	Chavez	Brea Olinda Unified School District	Mariposa Elementary School
David	Cho	Garden Grove Unified School District	Bolsa Grande High School
Christy	Covington	Orange Unified School District	Serrano Elementary School
Valerie	Del Carlo	Garden Grove Unified School District	John A. Murdy Elementary School
Dean	Delgado	Anaheim Union High School District	Cypress High School
Lisa	Diecidue	Fountain Valley School District	Isojiro Oka Elementary School
Janet	English	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	El Toro High School
Rosie Dunnigan	Geck	Huntington Beach Union High School District	Marina High School
Hannah	Geddy	Huntington Beach Union High School District	Edison High School
Rachel	Gil	Santa Ana Unified School District	Raymond Villa Fundamental Intermediate School
Stacie	Grooters	Irvine Unified School District	Culverdale Elementary School
Heather	Guay	Buena Park School District	Arthur F. Corey School
Lisa	Hoover	Capistrano Unified School District	Las Flores Middle School
Brian	Johnson	Fullerton Joint Union High School District	La Habra High School
Troy	Kubly	Capistrano Unified School District	George White Elementary School
Rey	Lejano	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Yorba Linda High School
Nancy	Ljunggren	Orange Unified School District	Canyon High School
Bret	Lynes	Los Alamitos Unified School District	McAuliffe Middle School
Michelle	Manley	Westminster School District	Clegg Elementary School
Lori	Manz	Ocean View School District	Mesa View Middle School
Colleen	Mathews	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Rancho Santa Margarita Intermediate School
Tim	McFadden	Newport-Mesa Unified School District	TeWinkle Middle School
Roy	Morrison	North Orange County ROP	Valencia High School
Amanda	Ocampo	Centralia School District	G.H. Dysinger Elementary School
Sandra	Pennett	Santa Ana Unified School District	Heroes Elementary School
Alyson	Saieva	Lowell Joint School District	Olita Elementary School
Helen	Seigel	Santa Ana Unified School District	Godinez Fundamental High School
Amy	Slevcove	Savanna School District	Cerritos Elementary School
Rochelle	Tennis	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Cielo Vista Elementary School
Jeanne	Tsuruta	Garden Grove Unified School District	Walter C. Ralston Intermediate School
Linda	Wingfield	Fullerton School District	Nicolas Junior High School
Hayato	Yuuki	Coastline ROP	Estancia High School

Nominees - Community College

Rebecca	Beck	South Orange County Community College District	Irvine Valley College
Claire	Cesareo	South Orange County Community College District	Saddleback College
Annamaria	Crescimanno	Coast Community College District	Golden West College
Denise	Foley, Ph.D.	Rancho Santiago Community College District	Santiago Canyon College
Candace	Lynch	North Orange County Community College District	School of Continuing Education
Regina Dell	Rhymes	North Orange County Community College District	Cypress College
Farah	Sogo, Ph.D.	Coast Community College District	Orange Coast College
Jo Wen	Wu, Ph.D.	North Orange County Community College District	Fullerton College