

2016 Orange County Teachers of the Year

Finalists

Natalie	Carias	Orange Unified School District	Crescent Elementary School
Janis	Leach	Tustin Unified School District	Arroyo Elementary School
Lisa	Moloney	Huntington Beach City School District	Perry Elementary School
Sharon	Romeo	Santa Ana Unified School District	Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School
Karah	Street, Ph.D.	South Orange County Community College District	Saddleback College

Semifinalists

Autumn	Browne	Anaheim Union High School District	Brookhurst Junior High School
GinaMarie	Decker	Los Alamitos Unified School District	Rossmoor Elementary School
Alina	Filipescu	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Kraemer Middle School
Karen	Klimisch	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	El Toro High School
Brenda	Ochoa	Orange Unified School District	Villa Park High School
April Michelle	Ortiz	Anaheim City School District	Jefferson Elementary School
Brian	Ristow	Newport-Mesa Unified School District	TeWinkle Middle School
Alan	Shucker	Huntington Beach Union High School District	Ocean View High School
Kasey	Spencer	Anaheim Union High School District	Oxford Academy
Kelly	Talbot	Fullerton School District	Robert C. Fisler School
Paula	Venable	Irvine Unified School District	Portola Springs Elementary School

Nominees - K-12

Adriana	Alba	Garden Grove Unified School District	Garden Grove High School
Joe	Bahash	Orange County Department of Education	ACCESS Community School Program
Joanna	Burch	Fountain Valley School District	Robert Gisler Elementary School
Sharon	Campbell	Ocean View School District	Sun View School
Andrew	Carr	Westminster School District	Webber Elementary School
Cameron	Castañeda	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Yorba Linda Middle School
Sarah Markel	Cook	Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Whittier Elementary School
Kristin	Cowles	Laguna Beach Unified School District	Laguna Beach High School
Debi	Crain	Savanna School District	Holder School
Becky	Dougherty	Anaheim City School District	Price Elementary School
Rhonda Rae	Esparza	Lowell Joint School District	Macy Elementary School
Jennifer	Faulhaber	Centralia School District	Dysinger Elementary School
Mark	Fieldhouse	Anaheim Union High School District	Hope School
Johnny	Gonzalez	Tustin Unified School District	Arnold O. Beckman High School
Christine	Haley	Irvine Unified School District	Woodbridge High School
Jennifer	Jacobson	Capistrano Unified School District	Aliso Viejo Middle School
Adam	Kelley	Cypress School District	Clara J. King Elementary School
Gilbert	Kim	Buena Park School District	Gordon H. Beatty School
Patti	Linza	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	George Key School
David	Marquez	Fullerton Joint Union High School District	Sonora High School
Ellen Fields	McLeod	Garden Grove Unified School District	Bell Intermediate School
Jessica	Morris	Santa Ana Unified School District	Godinez Fundamental High School
Leslie	Murata	Brea Olinda Unified School District	Brea Junior High School
Cecilia Lopez	Murillo	Coastline ROP	Coastline ROP
Terra	O'Rourke	Magnolia School District	Robert M. Pyles Elementary School
Paula Elizabeth	Obermeyer	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Lake Forest Elementary School
Pamela	Olaveson	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Serrano Intermediate School
Desireé	Olivas	Santa Ana Unified School District	Garfield Elementary School
Deborah	Redenbaugh	Garden Grove Unified School District	Peters K-3 Elementary School
Seena	Rich	Huntington Beach Union High School District	Valley Vista Continuation High School
Dana	Riggs	La Habra City School District	Sierra Vista Elementary School
Lupe	Rodriguez	North Orange County ROP	NOCROP - Sonora High School
Bret	Russell	South Coast ROP	South Coast ROP
Susana	Sarmiento	Irvine Unified School District	Venado Middle School
Jay Henry	Turner	Orange Unified School District	McPherson Magnet School
Melissa	Washington	Capistrano Unified School District	Laguna Niguel Elementary School
Wendy	Washington	Capistrano Unified School District	San Clemente High School
Anthony	White	Fullerton Joint Union High School District	Buena Park High School

Nominees - Community Colleges

Stephen	Barnes, J.D.	Coast Community College District	Coastline Community College
Becky	Floyd	North Orange County Community College District	Cypress College
Craig	Rutan	Rancho Santiago Community College District	Santiago Canyon College