



Southwest Teachers Association

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our **Site Teachers of the Year!** Thank you for all your hard work and dedication! We look forward to honoring you on **Tuesday, February 11, 2020** at Burress Auditorium.

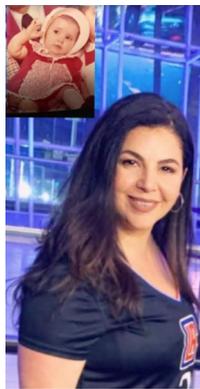


Site	Certificated
Bayside	Kayne Kuenzi
Berry	Edythe Solis
Central	Karina Rodriguez
Emory	Angelica Goulding
Imperial Beach	Erica Montoya
Mendoza	Adam Alegria
Nestor	Delia Uribe
Nicoloff	Angela Luna
Oneonta	Janette Sanchez
Pence	Mike Poteet
Sunnyslope	Michelle Portilla
VIP	Anna Peralta

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Masked Member Revealed



Thank you to those SWTA members who participated in November’s Masked Member contest. The adorably cute baby grew up to be our very own Noemi Salcedo, an Imperial Beach Charter 3rd grade teacher.

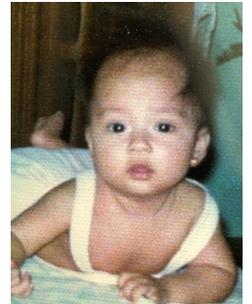
Congratulations to the winner Viri Moreno, an Imperial Beach Charter 1st grade teacher.



MASKED SWTA MEMBER

One of the new features in our SWTA newsletter will be the “Masked Member.” A mystery SWTA member will be highlighted. The objective is to use the baby picture and the clues in the write up to figure out the identity of the SWTA member. If your guess is correct, your name will be added to a drawing to win a \$10.00 gift card to either Starbucks or Target. The Masked Member’s identity will be revealed, along with the gift card winner in the next newsletter.

This brown-eyed beauty with an island girl flair is quite the quintessential **explorer**. She has been an exceptional and exciting educator in SBUSD since 1999 teaching grades **5th, 3rd, 4th and currently 1st**. Her classroom motto is “Make it a beautiful opps!” since students’ mistakes are welcome. Always willing to help out her fellow SWTA members and union, she is content without an official title. Once a member of a Hawaiian ukulele band, this musically inclined teacher has a sincere and soulful singing voice reminiscent of a **Filipina Gladys Knight**. Moreover, she loves listening and dancing to 90s R&B. One of her favorite songs is “**Hey Mr. D.J.**”. A woman of **GRACE**, this SWTA member loves Christian and Gospel music as well as reading the **Book of Isaiah**. Can you unmask this SWTA member?



Use your personal/home email to send your educated guess to pmlock@cox.net by Monday, February 3, 2020. Please put “SWTA Masked Member” in the subject line of your email.

KNOW YOUR CONTRACT

Article 10: Safety Conditions Of Employment

10.2 A unit member may suspend, for good cause, any pupil from his or her classroom for the day of the suspension and the day following. The unit member shall immediately report the suspension to the principal of the school and send the pupil to the principal for appropriate action. As soon as possible, the unit member shall ask the parent or guardian of the pupil to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension. A school administrator shall attend the conference if the unit member or the parent or guardian so requests. The pupil shall not be returned to the classroom from which he/she was suspended, during the period of suspension, without the concurrence of the unit member and the principal. A pupil suspended from a class shall not be placed in another classroom during the period of suspension.

10.4 A unit member may use such reasonable force as is necessary to protect himself/herself from attack, to protect another person, to prevent damage to property, to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others, or obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within the control of a pupil. Any time a unit member finds it necessary to use such force, he/she shall immediately report this incident to his/her immediate supervisor whether or not he/she considers this use of force as necessary to protect himself/herself or a pupil.

CTA

SCHOLARSHIPS

Dependent Children
 This program offers up to 35 scholarships of up to \$5,000 each to a dependent child of an active member of CTA, CTA/NEA-Retired or a deceased CTA member and be claimed as a dependent on the member’s current year’s IRS form.

Dependent Children in Honor of Del A. Weber
 This program offers one scholarship of up to \$5,000 to a dependent child (attending or attended continuation high school/alternative education programs) of an active member of CTA, CTA/NEA-Retired or a deceased CTA member and be claimed as a dependent on the member’s current year’s IRS form.

Members
 This program offers up to five scholarships of up to \$3,000 each to active members of CTA (including members working on emergency credential).

Student CTA (SCTA) Scholarship in Honor of L. Gordon Bittle
 This program offers up to three scholarships of up to \$5,000 each to active members of Student CTA (SCTA) and pursuing a career in public education.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

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WWW.CTA.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS

SWTA SUPERSTARS!

SWTA Superstar that is what you are

Coming from afar, reaching for the stars

Helping kids succeed and achieve their dreams

As you rely on each other, uh-huh

While striving together, uh-huh

Jessica “Dr. J. not of NBA fame” Denton is an “above the rim” game changer SWTA Superstar. Teaching 3rd grade at Mendoza since 2013, Jessica earned a Bachelors in English with a minor in Theater Arts from USD, and a teaching credential /M Ed from UCSD. Equipped with an array of information, Jessica applied to substitute teach in SBUSD, but secured an impact teaching position at Mendoza before teaching at Nicoloff for two years. After returning to Mendoza, she pursued a Doctorate in Leadership Education K-12 from USD. Her dissertation focused on English Language Learners and cultural relevant teaching which enhanced her abilities as an educator. Jessica states, **“I have the confidence in my skill set and knowledge to trust my own decision to empower my students to succeed.”** A trained dancer in ballet, jazz and tap since the age of 4, she solidify her craft at the **Amazing Grace Conservatory**, a Los Angeles performing arts program co-founded by Wendy Raquel Robinson, an actress from BET’s **The Game** and **The Steve Harvey Show**. Having her father and father-in-law pass away from cancer before the age of 50 lead to a curiosity about herbal healing. This inspired Jessica to be conscious about food ingredients and preparations. Now a vegan, she shares many of her tasty recipes on Facebook. Besides cultivating her culinary skills, Jessica spends time with her husband, Joshua, a Nicoloff alumnus and their four-legged baby, “D.J.”, a cocker spaniel poodle mix. Jessica’s endless tenacity and talents make her **a true SWTA Superstar!**



Instilling the art of caring, civility and compassion in her students at VIP, Ana Molina is a charismatic and courageous SWTA Superstar. She grew up in Logan Heights which at the time was a low-income and predominately Hispanic area. Ana felt secure and content in her neighborhood. So, the decision to bus her to attend Muirlands Junior High and La Jolla High’s magnet programs was momentous. Ana was timid yet she did not succumb to her fears. She rose to the occasion, excelled and gain exposure to different views helping her appreciate and have empathy for others. Ana states, **“It made me grow as a person because it was a diverse experience and it made me become more open-minded.”** After high school, Ana worked in accounting in Miramar until she started a family. Once her daughter became preschool age which was twenty five years ago, she became a parent volunteer at VIP which led to a noon-time supervisor position at Sunnyslope. Katy Roberson, VIP director at the time, saw Ana’s potential and questioned her about her familiarity with special needs individuals. Ana’s younger sister, Nora has Down syndrome so she knew the challenges firsthand. Ana worked as a SPED instructional assistant at VIP and at Imperial Beach. Diligence and cleverness helped Ana secure the coveted VIP teacher position she has held for more than two decades. She states, **“My job in Early Child Education is important because I help children build a strong base/foundation for their early development. I am mostly satisfied to make a difference in early detection and intervention with at-risk students.”** Ana holds an AA and certificate in Early Childhood from Southwestern College and a BA in Early Childhood from National University. On days off, Ana spends time with her sister Nora, her three children Giovanna, Omar and Andres and her grandbabies Caesar and Alice. Ana’s inner strength and beauty makes her **a true SWTA Superstar.**



Claudia Loaiza-Sanchez is a versatile, intelligent, passionate SWTA superstar who became a permanent VIP teacher in 1996. While at Sweetwater High she ran track with Gail Devers of Olympic Gold, and attended Chula Vista Beauty College at 16 earning a cosmetology license. After high school graduation, she worked as a hairdresser to pay for community college. She received a certificate in air transportation adding travel agent to her resume. Hired as an instructional assistance in San Diego City Schools for K-3, she juggled three jobs before volunteering, subbing and teaching in SBUSD. Claudia’s investment in young children led to an AA in Early Childhood Education and a children center permit from Southwestern; a BA in Early Childhood Education from National University plus a M. Ed in Early Childhood and a director’s permit from Grand Canyon University. Claudia states, **“I am such a believer in early ed because it is exciting for me to set a strong first educational foundation for my students. When you set that foundation it will follow them for the rest of their lives which is why my job as an early childhood educator is so crucial.”** Claudia comes from a family of educators. Her maternal grandmother was a teacher in Mexico, and her two siblings are educators. Claudia’s sister teaches in National City, and her brother, Rene Loaiza teaches at Pence. Claudia’s children Brianna and Brandon are pursuing careers in education. Claudia’s husband, John who she met when they both worked at **Uppercuts** was a school bus driver who worked with SPED students for 20 years. Family time is vital especially with her mother, 77 and her father, 80. Claudia’s vigor makes her **a true SWTA Superstar.**



HASHTAGS

#SchoolsAndCommunitiesFirst
#FundOurSchoolsNow
#CloseTheLoophole

WEBSITES

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CTA.org/TaxFairness