

Excellence in Teaching Awards

2004



Lucia Maria Boyer

*Sixth and Eighth Grade Science Teacher
Zane Middle School*

“She motivates students to learn through her wonderful sense of humor, her encouragement to accomplish the seemingly unattainable feat, and her sincere belief that each has the ability to be successful.”

–Catalina Nocon, Principal

Patrick Clancy

*Science Teacher
McKinleyville High School*

“Patrick has that indefinable ‘teacher magic,’ that ability to reach out to students of all abilities, to get them interested and involved.”

–J. Richard Lewis, retired teaching colleague



Anne Harris

*Restaurant Occupations Teacher
Arcata High School/Humboldt Regional Occupational Program*

“Anne Harris has proved herself to be more than a teacher, she is an amazing mentor to countless students . . . helping them shape their goals and futures in any way she possibly can.”

–Nick Crawford, former student and graduate of Le Cordon Bleu de Paris



Bernie Levy

*Special Day Class Teacher
Zane Middle School*

“Mr. Levy worked on bringing out the best in my boys, and they started to achieve in positive ways.... It takes a special type of teacher to teach effectively special education/special day students. Mr. Levy has that special quality.”

–Jim Snow, foster parent

Eric Shafer

*Sixth and Seventh Grade Teacher
Whitethorn School*

“Because of his encouragement and understanding, his students—including kids with learning difficulties—feel that they are successful, and indeed they are.”

–Elaine Lester and Penny Cocking, teaching colleagues

