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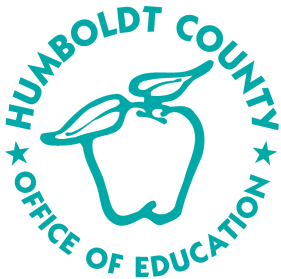


*Excellence in
Teaching Awards
and the*

*Jean Olson
Career Achievement
Awards*

FOR

2006



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Eureka, California**

- May 10, 2006 -

Excellence in Teaching Awards

2006



Heather Boynton

Kindergarten Teacher

Ferndale Elementary School

“Each day Heather’s class is joyful. She loves her students, and they feel that from her. Heather has the highest expectations..., believes in fairness for all, and believes that learning rewards should come intrinsically for each student.”

Barbara McDonald, teaching colleague

Frances Damian

Resource Teacher

Norman G. Ambrosini School

“I am continually amazed by the resilient and courageous nature of my students. In the face of severe challenges, they find a way to plow through life and find joy. One former student continues to be an inspiration to me.... He was a living example of one of my favorite sayings: ‘Courage does not always roar, often it is that quiet voice that says, yes I will get up and try again today.’”

Frances Damian





Marliese Healy

Kindergarten/First Grade Teacher
Garfield School

“Ms. Healy provides support not only to her students but to their parents as well. Many times during the four years our children were under her care, we requested and received her expertise and guidance. She always made herself available to us and would update us frequently about their progress. As an expert in child development, she taught us how to work with our children to bring out their best.... She laughed with us during the easy times and supported us during the challenging. She was a teacher to us as well as to our children.”

Mary E. Scott, parent

Laura Laméris

Seventh Grade Teacher
Redway Elementary School

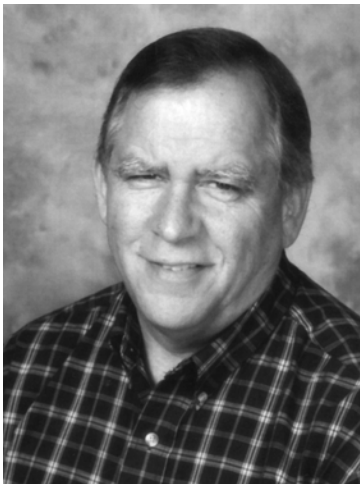
“Laura’s sense of humor and positive energy are contagious. She emanates a confidence and compassionate attitude to all of her students as well as parents, colleagues and other staff members. Working with Laura is an uplifting and enriching experience.”

Eric Shafer and Daniel Brown, teaching colleagues



Dennis Palmer

Humboldt Regional Occupational Program
Automotive Technology and Welding Teacher
Hoopa Valley High School



“The best compliment that can be given a teacher is the praise of students. Every year HROP does an anonymous satisfaction survey with students in every program. Two themes always appear on students’ evaluations of Dennis: ‘Mr. Palmer is an excellent teacher;’ ‘This is my favorite class.’ No greater gift can a teacher give to students than to nurture the love of learning. One of Dennis’s students said it best on a satisfaction survey, ‘Welding rules! I can’t imagine life without it.’”

Art Cardoza, HROP Principal

Cherie Paul

Fifth Grade Teacher
Pacific Union School

“I not only had her for two years as a teacher, but I also got to come back to her classroom my senior year of high school as a teacher’s aide. The third year in her classroom was just as exciting as the first two.... She showed me the reasons that she is a teacher, and opened my eyes to the wonderful sense of accomplishment that teaching can bring.”

Corrie Hurd, former student



Paul Schmollinger

Music Teacher
Redway School & South Fork High School



“While teaching music is an essential part of being a good music teacher, it is not all there is to being a good music teacher. Being involved in developing and performing music in the community, inspiring young children and youth to desire to be involved in music, developing the musical abilities of young people at all skill levels and involving those young people in the life of their community through music are also key components of being a good teacher of music. I have had the opportunity of seeing Paul engage in all of the above activities with an entertainment style that is truly enjoyable to watch.”

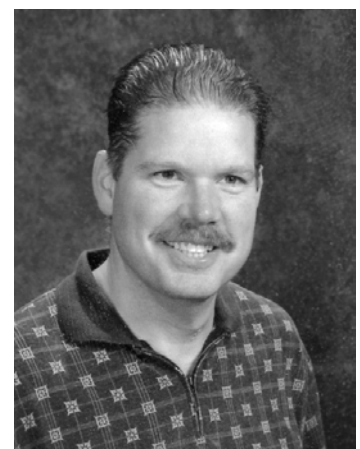
Pastor David Sanchez, First Baptist Church of Redway

Pete Springer

Second Grade Teacher
Pine Hill School

“I feel it is not enough to set high expectations for students; an educator must demonstrate through his/her actions that students’ ideas and thoughts are important.... Each year I make a conscious effort to attend as many extracurricular activities of my students as possible. If attending a child’s sporting event, theater performance, piano or dance recital, or birthday party makes a child feel valued, I have learned that he/she is likely to give back that extra effort in my classroom.”

Pete Springer





Johnna Townsend

Kindergarten/Reading Recovery Teacher
Bloomfield School

“To provide students with the sense of wonder that will guide them through their education, we work to present rich opportunities to discover new learning. It might be that first book they can pick up and read and then take home to share with their family. It might be using letter sounds to spell and write their first story to share with the class. It might be a group of students with magnifying glasses watching the gecko eat his crickets for breakfast. There is always wonder in learning if we can make it meaningful and interesting to each child.”

Johnna Townsend

Wendy Turk

Kindergarten through Sixth Grade Special Day Class Teacher
Bloomfield School

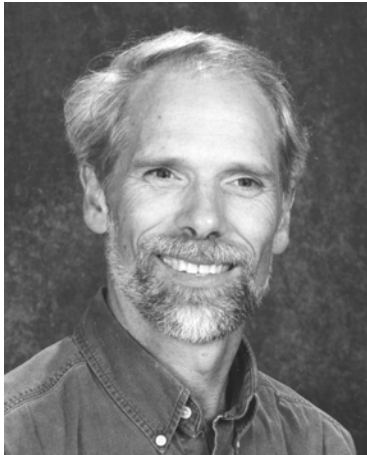
“I have watched many students come to Bloomfield and to Wendy’s class and completely turn around their school experience. She has made school a place where they feel safe. Behaviors have changed; academic progress has improved; and the student and the parent feel that they have finally found what they need.”

Linda Yeoman, Principal, Bloomfield School





Honoring lifelong commitment to public education, students and the community



Jan Brink

*Advanced Placement English, International Baccalaureate Teacher, McKinleyville High School
31 years in the teaching profession*

“Mr. Brink has a gift. He can make even the most self-absorbed teenager think about the outside world. He dedicates himself to his students with such enthusiasm that anyone can tell he loves the classroom, the simplicity of words, and the role of a ‘teacher.’ He won’t accept anything but the very best, and through that, he teaches

his students to work hard to receive deserving praise. Mr. Brink has had a lasting impact on the community at McKinleyville High School and as a result, has made an impact on the city of McKinleyville. By influencing and shaping young minds to think and care about circumstances bigger than their lives, Mr. Brink is helping our society.”

Alex Smith, Student

Mindi Fisher

*Teacher and Administrator, Peninsula Union School
34 years in the teaching profession*

“Throughout her years of service, Mindi’s natural humanitarian instinct caused her to continually make connections within the local community, forming relationships that stimulate our school’s ability to both give and receive. She has spearheaded community service projects inviting our students, families, and staff to donate to Katrina victims, Salvation Army, local food drives, and needy families. Mindi constantly introduces Peninsula’s families to housing, food, counseling, and financial assistance resources. Her partnerships with Target, Salvation Army, and Humboldt Bay Kiwanis result in our students receiving donations of school supplies, backpacks, clothing, bicycles, helmets, individual holiday gifts, and more. She generously provides transportation to students who miss the bus, helps students get glasses and dental care, and serves as a proactive and trustworthy supporter of families, students, and staff.”



Sarah Luiz, teaching colleague



Nancy Wheeler

*Retired Teacher and Principal, Pine Hill School
More than 40 years as an educator*

“Nancy Wheeler epitomizes all that is great about teaching and teachers.... She has given her time, boundless energy, and not-insignificant financial resources to positively impact the children, as well as educators, who are lucky enough to come into her life. From engendering the trust of migrant and American Indian families to encouraging GATE kids to love Shakespeare, Nancy Wheeler has done it all.”

The McKinleyville Union School District staff

PAST JEAN OLSON CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Victor Aubin, 2003

Charlotte Cables, 2004

Tony Del Grande, 2002

Norm Dennis, 2002

Allan Edwards, 2004

Bruce Fisher, 1996

Marylyn Fletcher, 1999

Linda Forbes, 2003

Dennis Guckeen, 2000

Larry Hansen, 2004

Diana Heberger, 2005

Kamila Huff, 2005

Sue Jungi, 2003

Carol Kinser, 2002

Peggy Kirkpatrick, 2000

Paula McHenry, 2003

Leonard McLaughlin, 1996

Kennith Merideth, 2005

Patricia Merideth, 2005

Suzanne Nickols, 2002

Daniel O’Gara, 1997

Constance Osburn, 2004

Paula Parodi, 2005

Charles Picton, 1997

Lucy Quinby, 2000

Richard Renfro, 1999

Nancy Lynn Standley, 2004

Frances Taplin, 1998

Carol Van Sant, 2004

Curtis Wilson, 2002

PAST EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Susan Adams, 1997	Ann Diehl, 1995	Diana Heberger, 1990	Constance Osburn, 1998
Adele Andersen, 1995, 2003	Judy Dixon, 1989	Sandi Henry, 1992	Jerry Parker, 1989
Laurie Andrews, 1996	Rhonda Duskin, 1994	Steve Henry, 1990	Paula Parodi, 1987
Louis Armin-Hoiland, 1995	Chuck Dwelley, 1991	Diana Hight, 1997	Patrick Patton, 1993
Catherine Arnold, 1992	Loretta Eckenrode, 1998	Vicki Holsworth, 1992	Susan Paul, 1997
Elizabeth Baker, 2001	Allan Edwards, 1992	Jerolyn Hoopes, 1990	Ken Pinkerton, 2005
Pam Barkdull, 2001	William Fales, 1987	Jeri Hopkins, 1986	Tony Pitré, 1994
Miriam Battle, 1998	Melinda "Mindy" Fattig, 2005	Carolyn Ireland, 1993	Deborah Prevost, 1991
Lyn Bennett, 1989	Joe Felardo, 1993	Steve Irwin, 1993	Kathie Prince, 1989
Kim Blanc, 1996	Shane Feusier, 1995	Gay Isackson, 1992	Geoffrey Proust, 1999
Cori Borges, 1994	Bruce Fisher, 1987	Beverly Jackson, 1994	Lucy Quinby, 1987, 1989
Lucia Maria Boyer, 2004	Mindi Fisher, 1988	Maureen Johannsen, 1986	Sherri Riggs, 1998
Jan Brink, 1994	Mary Flowers, 1994	Sue Jungi, 1990	Virginia Revotskie, 1996
Bob Brown, 1992	Linda Forbes, 1988	Rod Kausen, 2003	Peggy Rice, 1986
Daniel Brown, 1998	Shirley Foster, 1986	Maureen Kearns, 1994	Paul Rickard, 1992
Patricia Brown, 1994	Susan Freeman, 1998	Lynda Kime, 1986	Ruthanne Rocha, 1998
Arlene Broyles, 1997	Edith M. Fritzsche, 1991	Karen King, 1990	Shirley Roller, 1989
Roseann Buchner, 1990	William Funkhouser, 1998, 2003	Carol Kinser, 1987	Jane Rowland, 2001
Patti Burke-Anderson, 1990	Valerie Gardner, 2001	Deborah Kirkendall, 2003	Marianne Rudebock, 1987
Charlotte Cables, 1989	Peter Gavin, 1991	Peggy Kirkpatrick, 1986	Suzanne Samberg, 1994
Viann Chan, 1998	Judith George, 1997	Linden Lentz, 1991	Barbara Saul, 1987
Robert Chapman, 2001	Gary Glassman, 1993	Elaine Lester, 1996	Eric Shafer, 2004
Patrick Clancy, 2004	Jerome Goodwin, 1989	Bernie Levy, 2004	Leila Schnyder, 1998
Susan Marie Clark-Luera, 2003	Carol Goodwyn, 2001	David Lonn, 1991	Donna Scott, 1993
Sandra Close, 1993	Chris Gordon, 1988	Linnea Mandell, 1996	Jeff Self, 1990
Penny Cocking, 1999	Robin Gray-Stewart, 2005	Fran Massaro, 1990	Mary Ann Sheridan, 2003
Raleigh Conner, 1986	Sherry Grazda, 1989	John P. Matthias, 1999	Sheryl Steiner, 2005
David Contreras, 1987	Carol Green, 1992	Barbara May, 1997	Patricia Stockel, 1987
Pat Correia, 1995	Kay Green, 1996	Carolyn McClaskey, 1988	Lela Terry, 1994
Joanne Cottongim, 1987	Jeanne Grosser, 1989	Barbara McDonald, 2005	Winnie Trump, 1991
Kirsten Crutcher, 1988	Dennis Guckeen, 1988	John McGuire, 1995	Marilyn Tucker, 1989
Jane Curry, 1991	Ramona Gutierrez, 1990	Melody McGuire, 1997	Carol Van Sant, 1992
Jean Dalsant, 1986	Pam Halstead, 1992	Paula McHenry, 1993	Steve Wartburg, 1993
Nancy Davis, 1991	Judy Hannigan, 1991	John McManus, 1995	Deborah Watson, 1999
Jane DeHaan, 1999	Anne Harris, 2004	Neila Miller-Gann, 1993	Stefanie Watson, 1996
Tony Del Grande, 1997	Ilene Harris, 1990	Shirley Miller, 1995	Kerry Watty, 2003
Lorna Denman, 1988	Bruce Hart, 1995	Pam Mohrmann, 1995	James Welsh, 1993
Norm Dennis, 1989	Anne J. Hartline, 2005	Catherine Momber, 1995	Jan West, 1999
Mary DeWald, 1996	Joanie Hartman, 1990	Barbara Moore, 1999	Helene Wilkie, 1994
Gordon Dexter, 1986	Vivian Hartman, 1987	Thelma Moore, 1989	Joan Williams, 2001
Virginia Dexter, 1992	David Harvey, 1990	Virginia Mullan, 1988	Judith Lynn Williams, 1987
Cathy M. Dickerson, 1988	Sandy Hatch, 1992	Scott Nelson, 1997	Kent Willis, 1989
	Leslie Hawkins, 1992	Debra Newby, 1999	Pamela Wilson, 1992
	Stella Hawkins, 1996	Suzanne Nickols, 1986	Jacque Winter, 1990
		Edith Nielsen, 1992	Brenda Yarnall, 2001
		Michelle Olson, 2001	BeaAnn Ziegler, 1992