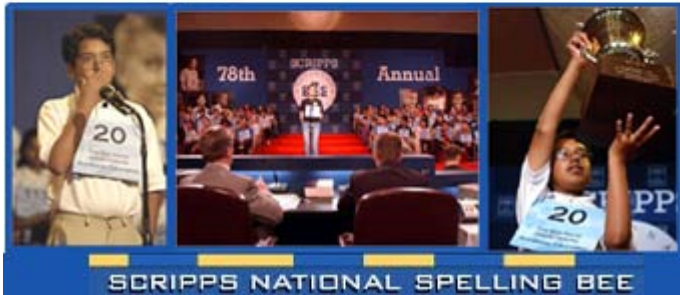




Anurag Kashyap WINS the National Spelling Bee!!!



Student Board Members

PUSD Board of Education members voted unanimously on January 31, 2003, to give student representatives from each high school preferential votes and the title of Student Board Members.

Abraxas High School
Carla Attard

Mt. Carmel High School
Lena Vanda

Rancho Bernardo High School
Michelle Kim

Poway High School
Chloe Sweig

Westview High School
Morgan Bridge

2005 TOP HONORS

Chris Moon, Poway High School senior, received the top score of 2400 on his Scholastic Achievement Tests (verbal, mathematics, and writing) and two additional 800 scores in History/Social Science and Mathematics II.

Anuraq Kashyap, *Meadowbrook Middle School* eighth grader, became the 2005 National Spelling Bee Champion.

Sally Liu, senior at Rancho Bernardo High School, is one of 24 national winners of the 2004-2005 Siemens Awards for students who score the highest marks on the College Board's Advanced Placement Program science and math courses.

Michael Beall, Twin Peaks Middle School seventh grader, was one of only 67 seventh graders in the nation to earn a perfect score in the WordMasters Challenge.

Hayato Ishibashi, Bernardo Heights Middle School eighth grader, placed second in the 2005 International Violin Competition.

Christine Sun, third grader at Deer Canyon Elementary School, placed first in the Fifth Annual City of San Diego Water Conservation Poster Contest.

Phillip Willis, Westview High School senior, placed first in the National Bar Association's Oratorical Contest, Region IX.

Ben Wancewicz, Bernardo Heights Middle School seventh grader, was the grand champion of all seventh and eighth grade at the San Diego County 24 Challenge.

Poway High School's First Robotics Team 1622 achieved the Highest Rookie Seed Award from the Southern California Regional Robotics Competition. Team members were junior **Scott Briscoe**, sophomore **Matt Howard**, junior **Joseph Clough**, freshman **Nick Stark**, freshman **Kyle Zampell**, and Rancho Bernardo High School junior **Michele Blinco**.



National Merit Scholarship Finalists

19 PUSD National Merit Semi-Finalists for 2005

In the fall of 2005, the College Board announced the 2005-2006 National Merit Semifinalists. These students are eligible to compete for national scholarship awards. Nineteen Poway Unified students were honored.

Mt. Carmel High School:

Girish Nanjundiah
Efan Wu

Poway High School:

Christopher Adams Chris Moon
Michelle Diaz AlexanderMuir
Jason Jensen

Rancho Bernardo High School:

Elizabeth Chang Brian Samuelsen
Liyang Huang Hilary Sand
Suneel Jain Grace Tsay
Kevin Pratt Stephen Wu
Claire Sampankanpanich

Westview High School

Michelle Huang
Brian Lao
Katherine Melchior

23 PUSD National Merit Finalists in 2004

In the spring of 2004, the College Board announced the 2004-2005 National Merit Finalists. These students are judged on college entrance exam scores, academic records, evidence of leadership, essays, and recommendations. Twenty-three students were recognized:

Mt. Carmel High School:

Janet Hwu Tanya Pham
Torey Raphael Michael Zhuang

Poway High School:

Kathryn Frank Melissa Lokensgard
David Radtke Elizabeth Tuan

Rancho Bernardo High School:

Thomas Alford Doreen Grosvirt-Dramen
Sue Guan Jose Ho-Guanipa
Mary Huang Dorothy Koh
Kandice Kovac Sally Liu
Tim Palmer Rebecca Rodgers
Celine Vuong Lauren Waidelich
Harleigh Williams
Billy Zhuang

Westview High School:

Douglas Brown



Our future scholars are now second graders; the small photo shows them as kindergarteners.



26 California Distinguished Schools

- Adobe Bluffs Elementary School
1998
- Bernardo Heights Middle School
1999, 1994
- Black Mountain Middle School
1999, 1994, 1992
- Chaparral Elementary School
2002, 2000, 1997, 1987
- Deer Canyon Elementary School
2000, 1997, 1993
- Garden Road Elementary School
2002, 1987
- Highland Ranch Elementary School
1995
- Los Peñasquitos Elementary School
2000, 1995, 1987
- Meadowbrook Middle School
1999, 1988, 1986
- Mesa Verde Middle School
1999
- Midland Elementary School
2002, 1998, 1987
- Morning Creek Elementary School
2002, 1997, 1993
- Mt. Carmel High School
2005, 1999, 1986
- Painted Rock Elementary School
1995
- Park Village Elementary School
2000
- Pomerado Elementary School
2002
- Poway High School
1990
- Rancho Bernardo High School
1999
- Rolling Hills Elementary School
1997, 1993, 1987
- Shoal Creek Elementary School
2002
- Sundance Elementary School
1987
- Sunset Hills Elementary School
2000, 1995
- Tierra Bonita Elementary School
1998
- Turtleback Elementary School
1998
- Twin Peaks Middle School
1999, 1986
- Westwood Elementary School
2000, 1993

- NATIONAL EXEMPLARY
COMPENSATORY AWARD**
Los Peñasquitos Elementary School
1985
- STATE EXEMPLARY
COMPENSATORY AWARD**
Los Peñasquitos Elementary School
1991, 1985
Valley Elementary School
1988, 1985
- STATE CONTINUATION HIGH
SCHOOL AWARD**
Abraxas High School
2002-1998

The Blue Ribbon Award Program was established in 1982 to honor America's finest schools. Schools in California that became Distinguished Schools were eligible to apply. They were judged on the basis of applications which were read competitively on the state and national levels, with top-scoring applications advancing to the next level. In addition, each school received a two-day site visit from a U.S. Department of Education reviewer who visited classrooms, interviewed students, parents, and teachers, and analyzed test scores and other educational information.

15 Blue Ribbon Schools

- Bernardo Heights Middle School
2000
- Black Mountain Middle School
2000, 1991
- Chaparral Elementary School
2001, 1992
- Los Peñasquitos Elementary School
2001
- Meadowbrook Middle School
2000, 1985
- Mesa Verde Middle School
2000
- Morning Creek Elementary School
1994
- Mt. Carmel High School
2000, 1989
- Park Village Elementary School
2001
- Pomerado Elementary School
1990
- Poway High School
1991
- Rancho Bernardo High School
2000
- Sundance Elementary School
1988
- Twin Peaks Middle School
2000, 1991, 1984
- Westwood Elementary School
2001



It's Official
writes Jeff King, Principal,
in PTA Newsletter, *Hawk
Talk*

"Los Peñasquitos is officially a National Blue Ribbon School! I believe that the most important benefit of being a Blue Ribbon School is not receiving the award, but rather independent acknowledgment that we have turned the corner, and now have children whose achievement is competitive with other top-achieving students throughout the nation. This is all about ensuring the success of every child, and we have made great strides toward making that a reality."

A SALUTE TO PUSD TOP EDUCATORS

Teachers of the Year

The Teacher of the Year Program invites each K-12 school, Poway Adult School, and New Directions to nominate a teacher who exemplifies leadership, best practices, and commitment to his/her profession. In recent years, PUSD has qualified for three county nominations because it has more than 1500 teachers. Poway Unified has five Top Ten County Finalists, 14 San Diego County Teachers of the Year, and one California Teacher of the Year.

POWAY UNIFIED TEACHERS OF THE YEAR 2005-2006

KEITH KOELZER

BLANCA LABUNOG

KENNETH MATSON

PUSD TEACHERS OF THE YEAR SINCE 1974

2006	Keith Koelzer	Rancho Bernardo High School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
2006	Blanca Labunog	Valley Elementary School	
2006	Kenneth Matson	Mt. Carmel High School	
2005	Barbara Charlebois	Mt. Carmel High School	San Diego County Top Ten Finalist
2005	Shari Lyon	Twin Peaks Middle School	
2005	Tanya MacMartin	Bernardo Heights Middle School	San Diego County Top Ten Finalist
2004	Laura D'Acquisto	Los Penãsquitos Elementary School	
2004	Kenneth Faverty	Poway High School	
2004	Barbara Hensley	Mesa Verde Middle School	San Diego County Top Ten Finalist
2003	Willie DeJean	Rancho Bernardo High School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
2003	Kim Valentine	Bernardo Heights Middle School	
2003	Noreen Walton	Poway High School	San Diego County Top Ten Finalist
2002	Larry Higgins	Twin Peaks Middle School	
2002	Mary Jo Thomas	Mt. Carmel High School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
2002	Terri Gosen	Garden Road Elementary School	
2001	Harold Dorr	Mt. Carmel High School	
2001	Michelle Manos	Shoal Creek Elementary School	
2001	Julie Mori	Mesa Verde Middle School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
2000	Karen O'Connor	Sunset Hills Elementary School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year California Teacher of the Year
1999	Bob Pacilio	Mt. Carmel High School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
1998	Linda Foote	Garden Road Elementary School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
1997	Cindy DeClerq	Twin Peaks Middle School	San Diego County Top Ten Finalist
1996	Lori Brickley	Rancho Bernardo High School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
1995	Kristie Szentesi	Highland Ranch Elementary School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
1994	Chris Evans	Bernardo Heights Middle School	

A SALUTE TO PUSD TOP EDUCATORS

Teachers of the Year—page 2

PUSD TEACHERS OF THE YEAR SINCE 1974

1993	Susan Hicks	Highland Ranch Elementary School	
1992	Tom March	Poway High School	
1991	Terri Jo McNaul	Rolling Hills Elementary School	
1990	Kay Harry	Pomerado Elementary School	
1989	Ann Guinn	Twin Peaks Middle School	
1988	Norm Weiss	Poway High School	
1987	Kris Acquarelli	Twin Peaks Middle School	
1986	Terry Campbell	Meadowbrook Middle School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
1985	Greg Franzen	Poway High School	
1984	Alex Fousek	Mt. Carmel High School	
1979	Frank Barone	Poway High School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
1976	Norma Kerby	Meadowbrook Middle School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
1975	Patti Jo Cornish	Meadowbrook Middle School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year
1974	Don Love	Meadowbrook Middle School	San Diego County Teacher of the Year



Keith Koelzer with PUSD Superintendent Don Phillips

2005-2006 PUSD Teachers of the Year

Blanca Labueng



Photo by Steve Spangler



Ken Matson

Photo by Steve Spangler

A SALUTE TO PUSD TOP EMPLOYEES

Classified Employees of the Year

Each year the Poway Unified School District has the honor of recognizing and honoring the "best of the best" of our classified employees. The Classified Employees of the Year Program invites each school site, as well as all departments, to nominate a classified employee who exemplifies leadership, best practices, customer service, and commitment to his/her profession. The applications are reviewed by a selection committee. When the Classified Employees of the Year are chosen, one name is sent to the San Diego County Office of Education for County recognition.

POWAY UNIFIED CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR 2005

JOSEPH DUNNE

EDNA MAILEY

PUSD CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR SINCE 1989

Year	Employee	Position
2005	Edna Mailey	Student Services Specialist, Mt. Carmel High School
2005	Joseph Dunne	Bus Transportation Aide, Special Education
2004	Mary Herrmann	Career Development Technician, Partners in Education/Youth Programs
2004	Beverly Flynn	Instructional Assistant I Special Education, Midland Elementary School
2003	Mary Ochoa	Administrative Assistant II, Learning Support Services
2003	Lois Mangarelli	School Volunteer Coordinator, Sundance Elementary School
2002	Judy Schenck	Transportation Dispatcher, Transportation
2002	Jack Clausen	Attendance Assistant, Meadowbrook Middle School
2001	Frank Serna	Warehouse Worker, Warehouse
2000	Joyce Anderson	Administrative Secretary, Community Education Services
1999	James Clyncke	Custodial Supervisor, Meadowbrook Middle School
1998	Glenn Bustillos	Lead Custodian, Sundance Elementary School
1997	Christie Cleland	Insurance Benefits Assistant, Personnel Support Services
1996	Tony Emery	Custodian, Turtleback Elementary School
1995	Elaine Browning	School Secretary, Twin Peaks Middle School
1994	Norma Dahlvig	Account Clerk, Finance
1993	Yoenda Dornan	ESL Aide, Canyon View Elementary School [<i>San Diego County Classified Employee of the Year</i>]
1992	Deborah Wulff	School Secretary, Rolling Hills Elementary School [<i>San Diego County Classified Employee of the Year</i>]
1991	Barbara Young	School Secretary, Poway High School
1990	Lea Johnson	Food Service Area Supervisor, Food Service
1989	Betty Dyer	Noon Duty Supervisor, Meadowbrook Middle School

A total of 106 Poway Unified teachers have earned certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. The district supports teachers who pursue this avenue of staff development. This affirmation of a teacher's knowledge and expertise has been compared to an accountant earning his or her CPA license or an attorney passing the bar exam.

2004 - 2005

Robert Kinder

Stone Ranch Elementary School

Tanya MacMartin

Bernardo Heights Middle School

Katharine Murphy

Adobe Bluffs Elementary School

Dena Riedhl

Sundance Elementary School

Vickie Stowe

Black Mountain Middle School

Jan Van Horne

Twin Peaks Middle School

Robert Voelkel

Oak Valley Middle School

2003 - 2004

Hala Bushra

Creekside Elementary School

Pauline Crooks

Bernardo Heights Middle School

Patti Einspar

Garden Road Elementary School

Coreen Gardella

Shoal Creek Elementary School

Karen Goodman

Poway High School

Daniel Harris

Poway High School

Susan Killen

Shoal Creek Elementary School

Theresa Kreutzer

Morning Creek Elementary School

Denise Mikkonen

Stone Ranch Elementary School

Dennis Moore

Black Mountain Middle School

Rhonda Reed

Creekside Elementary School

Linda Reeve

Sunset Hills Elementary School

Kay van Jaarsveld

Tierra Bonita Elementary School

* **Karen King**, first Poway teacher to renew certification for an additional 10 years

2002 - 2003

Victoria Dickerson

Sundance Elementary School

Veronica Doud

Valley Elementary School

Maria Faulk-Stoudenmire

Rancho Bernardo High School

Lynneah Finkbeiner

Bernardo Heights Middle School

Nancy Gray

Poway High School

Lee Harms

Sundance Elementary School

Stephanie Hudson

Deer Canyon Elementary School

Kathy Kakacek

Pomerado Elementary School

Pat Pillsbury

Black Mountain Middle School

Elizabeth Robinson

Shoal Creek Elementary School

Andrea Zupancic

Deer Canyon Elementary School

2001 - 2002

Laura Bruvold

Chaparral Elementary School

Helice Callier

Rancho Bernardo High School

Lisa Casey O'Brien

Poway High School

Dan Commons

Bernardo Heights Middle School

Peggy Diemer

Adobe Bluffs Elementary School

Allen Dimacali

Westview High School

Mary Pat Fisk

Rancho Bernardo High School

Lynne Floto

Rancho Bernardo High School

Karen Garrett

Sundance Elementary School

Deborah Hibbs

Creekside Elementary School

Paul Kankowski

Bernardo Heights Middle School

Karen Kravchak

Rancho Bernardo High School

Kim Lundgren Pigorsch

Westwood, Adobe Bluffs, and

Rolling Hills Elementary schools

Cecile Nasland

Valley Elementary School

2000 - 2001

Bonnie Corduan

Shoal Creek Elementary School

Rebecca Daniels

Adobe Bluffs Elementary School

(transferred from Virginia -

NBCT 1999-2000)

Lynne Harvey

Rolling Hills Elementary School

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

2000 - 2001

Larry Higgins
Twin Peaks Middle School
Victoria Ingle
Garden Road Elementary School
Dena Johnson
Chaparral Elementary School
Kelly Kent
Garden Road Elementary School
Cathleen Lund
Westwood Elementary School
Paige Metz
Twin Peaks Middle School
Ken Montgomery
Rancho Bernardo High School
Christine Overson
Sundance Elementary School
Paula Perkins
Garden Road Elementary School
Jill Roberts
Shoal Creek Elementary School
Pat Silva
Poway Federation of Teachers

1999 - 2000

Hal Benham
Park Village Elementary School
Arno Chrispeels
Poway High School
Marycay Densmore
Mesa Verde Middle School
Harold Dorr
Mt. Carmel High School
Susan Foster
Rancho Bernardo High School
Dawn Gamberale
Rancho Bernardo High School
Ronald Garrett
Mt. Carmel High School
Carol Hetherington
Turtleback Elementary School
Gary Kroesch
Mt. Carmel High School
Karen Lafferty
Mt. Carmel High School
Sheryl Malone
Mt. Carmel High School
Terri Jo McNaul
Rolling Hills Elementary School
Robert Pacilio
Mt. Carmel High School
John Rankin
Mt. Carmel High School
Sharon Rosenthal
Sundance Elementary School
Kimberly Scattareggia
Midland Elementary School
Gary Snidecor
Rancho Bernardo High School

Carol Thomas

Tierra Bonita Elementary School
Carolyn William
Bernardo Heights Middle School
Karen Wusthoff
Rolling Hills Elementary School

1998 - 1999

Suzanne Bounds
Tierra Bonita Elementary School
Kathy Brown
Highland Ranch Elementary School
Joy Cabral
Mt. Carmel High School
Robin Christopher
Rancho Bernardo High School
Cynthia Deavers
Bernardo Heights Middle School
Lynne Haman
Westwood Elementary School
Joan Hanley
Bernardo Heights Middle School
Nancy Hansen
Highland Ranch Elementary School
Karen Harkins-Slocomb
Mt. Carmel High School
Jo Anne Hudson
Bernardo Heights Middle School
Laurie Jones-Ritt
Garden Road Elementary School
Pamela Klevesahl
Highland Ranch Elementary School
James Krenz
Poway High School
Michael Kurth
Poway High School
Konni Leavens
Midland Elementary School
Bob McHeffey
Poway High School
Kay McHeffey
Twin Peaks Middle School
Michelle Mullin
Twin Peaks Middle School
Michelle Wilson-Manos
Shoal Creek Elementary School
Dennis Wymbys
Poway High School
1997 - 1998
Mary Jo Dies
Black Mountain Middle School
Dan Lavine
Poway High School
Renie Martin
Canyon View Elementary School
Susan Tracy
Black Mountain Middle School

1995 - 1996

Rae Adams
Deer Canyon Elementary School
Carol Gilbert
Adobe Bluffs Elementary School
Karen King*
Park Village Elementary School

About National Board Certification

National Board assessments measure not only the knowledge teachers possess, but the actual use of their skills and the ability to demonstrate highly accomplished teaching in the classroom as they work to improve student learning.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, based in Arlington, Virginia, began certifying teachers in 1995. Since 1995, there have been 3,379 teachers in California who have received certification. (California has a total of 300,000 public school teachers.) California certified 298 teachers this year, ranking seventh in the nation.

National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession. A voluntary process established by the National Board for Professional Standards, certification is achieved through a detailed assessment process that requires teachers to demonstrate how their activities, both inside and outside the classroom, improve student achievement.

