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El Modena High School and Olive Elementary Awarded \$5,000 Grants

ORANGE, Calif., December 11, 2009— The Orange Unified School District is pleased to announce that El Modena High School and Olive Elementary School have been awarded \$5,000 grants by the Barona Band of Mission Indians.

Both schools applied for the Barona Education Grant earlier this school year. The process included securing the endorsement of a local legislator. El Modena American Literature teacher Carole Shelby submitted the application through State Senator Mimi Walters while Olive principal Kathryn Martin's application was approved by Assembly Member Curt Hagman.

Shelby will utilize the grant to purchase netbooks, a media cart, and a document camera along with an LCD projector for her classroom. "Technology helps engage students. This grant will help deliver the curriculum in a media that the students are comfortable with," said Shelby.

El Modena principal John Briquet commended Shelby for pursuing the grant. "With current budget cuts and the challenge to keep up with technology, she is going above and beyond for her kids," he said.

Martin will also use the award for technology on her campus. "This grant will help support our classrooms, library and computer lab. The entire student body will benefit," said Martin. Purchases include multimedia carts, along with document cameras and LCD projectors.

Martin added, "Technology will now be in the hands of every teacher in this school. They have the challenge of meeting the needs of many different learning styles and technology helps overcome this."

The Barona Band of Mission Indians grants are awarded to one school or teacher per Assembly or Senate district area.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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