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El Modena High School Teacher Receives Prestigious National Coaching Award

ORANGE, Calif., February 14, 2011—The Orange Unified School District is pleased to announce that El Modena High School teacher and speech and debate coach Molly Chertock has received the National Forensic League's (NFL) Diamond Coach's Award.

An NFL Diamond Award recognizes a professional career that combines excellence and longevity. The NFL provides Diamond Awards based on coach points received. A coach may receive 1/10th the points of every student coached and 1/10th of the points earned as a student member of the NFL. After attaining a total of 1,500 points, a member coach is entitled to wear a diamond-set key or pin; additional diamonds accrue at 3,000 points, 6,000 points, 10,000 points, and each 3,000 points thereafter. The minimum time between earning each diamond is five years as an NFL member coach.

Mrs. Chertock, who says her Speech and Debate Club, while being small in number, has enjoyed terrific success throughout the years. "I am so proud of my students. They have won the Southern California Championships and have qualified for state and national competitions for the past few years. The success is due to the kids. I can teach them, but they are amazing," said Mrs. Chertock.

On June 17, 2011, she will receive special recognition at the Lincoln Financial Group/NFL National Speech and Debate Tournament in Dallas, Texas.

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

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