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Exciting News from El Modena High School

ORANGE, Calif., May 4, 2011— The Orange Unified School District is pleased to announce there are exciting happenings on the campus of El Modena High School.

- Last week the Orange Grove Lodge recognized two El Modena seniors—Alyssa Burns and Samuel Jimenez—for their success in overcoming tremendous obstacles on their road to graduation. In essence, they were being recognized as “most improved” students. Furthermore, science teacher Ashley Pedroza was recognized by the lodge as an “Outstanding Teacher,” one who has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve the school and improve the lives of students.
- Last Thursday, El Modena teacher Diane Lissner was presented with the Golden Touch Award at the annual breakfast held at the Tustin Ranch Country Club. Diane was selected by the El Modena student body for her caring, commitment, and ability to make a positive difference at El Modena High School.
- State testing is underway and the CST Incentive Program is being offered at El Modena High School for the very first time. Fifty-two out of 53 core subject teachers are voluntarily offering the incentives collaboratively designed by the staff. Naturally, the goal of the program is to motivate students to do their very best by providing the exams with some much needed validity. Already there is heightened student interest in the exams and much discussion is taking place about doing well. We are hopeful that the resulting scores will reflect greater student buy-in and effort.
- At the Sharp International Dance Competition recently, El Modena High School's Dance Team received 4th in jazz and 1st in high-kick pom!! Makenna Snow received 2nd in Best Turns and the Dance Team received a Showmanship Trophy. Congratulations to Mrs. Bauer and the entire Dance Team.

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

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