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OUSD Teacher Named 2014 State Teacher of the Year

ORANGE, CA (January 27, 2014) – Second grade teacher Linda Horist will be honored at the 2014 California Teachers of the Year Gala at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento on February 3. Horist has taught at Nohl Canyon Elementary School for the past 13 years, after beginning her career in education in 1978.

State Superintendent Tom Torlakson announced at the end of October that Horist is one of five teachers named California Teacher of the Year by the California Department of Education.

An evening of celebrating “Courage, Inspiration, and Commitment” is the theme of the 2014 California Teachers of the Year Gala. A VIP Reception kicks off the event at 4:30 pm, honoring the 2014 state finalists, semi-finalists, and sponsors. Linda Horist and the 2014 Teachers of the Year will be honored at the dinner and program which follows at 6:00 pm.

Horist was earlier recognized by Assemblyman Don Wagner at a special presentation hosted by Nohl Canyon Elementary on November 14. Superintendent Michael Christensen also presented her with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Board of Education and the Orange Unified School District at the November 14, 2013 Board of Education meeting.

“From the moment a student enters the classroom, my message is: ‘You can do, be, dream and become anything you want to!’ Find the joy in learning and you’ll find the joy in yourself. This is the philosophy I constantly demonstrate to my students,” says Horist.

Nohl Canyon Principal Amy Hitt, along with other teacher colleagues, will be accompanying Horist to Sacramento to attend the Teachers of the Year Gala.

The Teacher of the Year program “affords the opportunity to bring attention to teachers who successfully employ strategies to increase academic success and narrow the achievement gap with a range of diverse students,” according to the Orange County Department of Education website.

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

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