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OUSD English Learner Instructional Specialist Honored at the 22nd Annual Project GLAD® Trainer Conference

ORANGE, CA (October 23, 2014) – Orange Unified School District Secondary English Learner Instructional Specialist Jennifer Salas received the Outstanding Project GLAD® (Guided Language Acquisition Design) Trainer of the Year Award at this year's Orange County Department of Education Project GLAD® Trainer Conference.

Project GLAD® is a research-based model of professional development focused on strategies that increase students' language acquisition and literacy, as well as overall student achievement. Salas provides staff development and support to District secondary schools, helping teachers lead their English Learners toward academic success, English language acquisition, and cross-cultural skills.

"I am an advocate for Project GLAD® because it changed my life as a teacher. I was able to reach students with the Project GLAD® model in a way that made students successful with grade level, academic content. That is why I became a trainer and an EL Instructional Specialist; I knew that with these strategies, teachers could change the lives of students who could not access curriculum without GLAD," she stated.

A Project GLAD® trainer since 2005, Salas has shared her passion and knowledge with teachers in California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Texas, and China.

She has been an English Learner Instructional Specialist in Orange Unified since 2010.

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The Orange Unified School District educates approximately 30,000 students in the Cities of Orange, Villa Park, Anaheim, Garden Grove, Santa Ana and county areas. The school district, founded in 1953, encompasses 108 square miles. The District office is located at 1401 N. Handy Street, Orange, California.