



Four persons, District honored at 2017 Multilingual Recognition Awards Dinner

Chino Valley Unified is one of 14 school districts in San Bernardino County to receive a Seal of Biliteracy from the State of California at the 30th annual Multilingual Recognition Awards Dinner on April 28 in Ontario.

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, school district, county office of education or state in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.

The Multilingual Recognition Awards Dinner was hosted by the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Office.

Four persons associated with the Chino Valley Unified School District were also among nominees honored at the dinner for their work with students who have limited English-speaking skills and their families.

Eagle Canyon Elementary School Assistant Principal Josh Reger was nominated in the administrator category by Eagle Canyon Principal Laurie Warner. "His ELAC (English Language Advisory Committee) meetings are well planned out and he has truly connected with our Mandarin-speaking parents to the degree that his ELAC agendas are being translated in Mandarin now by one of our parents," Warner said of her colleague. The principal also said Reger works closely with Eagle Canyon's limited English-speaking students to make sure that they are reclassified when their English is proficient. She said Reger has helped the Chino Hills school stay in the blue (high performing) zone of the new state accountability system known as the California Dashboard when it comes to the success of students in the English Language Development program.

Don Lugo High in Chino had three persons nominated for the Multilingual Recognition Awards: English teacher and English Language Coordinator Christine Dominguez, Community Liaison Laura Valdivieso, and parent volunteer Maria Gonzalez. All three nominations were made by Don Lugo Assistant Principal Temple Scott.

“Christine (Dominguez) helps track our EL (English Language) student progress and communicates with families any areas of concern,” Scott said in the nomination form. “She also coordinates our EL program, including our bilingual aides.”

“Laura (Valdivieso) serves invaluablely to Don Lugo’s program,” Scott said. “She greets our Parents in Action parents and serves as a helpful contact for Spanish-speaking families. She is often called by concerned parents for support. She not only helps in communication, but in providing emotional support.”

“Ms. Gonzalez has served for four years on the ELAC Committee,” Scott said of the parent volunteer. “This year, she is our DELAC (District English Learner Advisory Committee) representative, as well as serving on LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan). She does this, while also working and raising a family.”