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OUSD Teachers of the Year Recognized at County Celebration

ORANGE, Calif., December 1, 2010—The Orange Unified School District is proud to announce that their Teachers of the Year were honored at the Orange County Teacher of the Year Banquet along with their colleagues representing the county at the Disneyland Hotel last night.

Lauren Johnston, first grade teacher from McPherson Magnet School, along with Andrew Castro, Algebra I and Drama teacher from Cerro Villa Middle School, and Villa Park High School Theater Arts and English teacher, Stacy Castiglione, were among sixty Orange County nominees honored.

Superintendent Dr. Renae Dreier commented, “This event was a true celebration of the excellent work of our teachers here in the Orange Unified School District. We have some of the finest teachers in Orange County here in OUSD and I am proud of their accomplishments.”

The Teachers of the Year program provides recognition for outstanding teachers in Orange County. Each school district may nominate 1-3 teachers (depending on district size). Community colleges and private schools may each nominate one teacher. Finalists are selected to represent the county in the state level Teachers of the Year program.

The annual Recognition Ceremony was hosted and paid for by the program sponsors. Sponsors for this year included the Orange County Department of Education, Schools First Credit Union, Disneyland and the Orange County Register.

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

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