

DATE: May 5, 2008

ITEM: **AWARDS/CERTIFICATES/RECOGNITIONS:** Community Foundation for Monterey County Awards: 2008 Mildred Willemssen Excellence in Teaching for Elementary and Middle School Teachers and the 2008 Allen Griffin Award for Excellence in Teaching for High School Teachers

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Recognize and commend all the teacher nominees from the District elementary, middle and high schools who represented the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District in the 2008 Mildred Willemssen and Allen Griffin Awards for Excellence in Teaching

DISCUSSION:

The Mildred Willemssen family has established the **Mildred Willemssen Excellence in Teaching Award** to recognize outstanding elementary and middle school teachers through the Community Foundation for Monterey County. Four elementary school teachers and a teacher from each MPUSD middle school and K-8 school was nominated to receive a monetary award supported by the Mildred Willemssen Youth Fund. District elementary & middle school teachers nominated this year were:

Mildred Willemssen Excellence in Teaching Winners:

- Elementary and Middle School*
- Sally Ann Shafer-Harr ~ Foothill Elementary School*
- Patricia Anne Brimie ~ La Mesa Elementary School*
- Kerry Cornner ~ Marina del Mar Elementary School*
- Barbara Thomas ~ Olson Elementary School*
- May Higuera ~ Colton K-8 School*
- Karen Elton ~ King K-8 School*
- Valerie-Jean Rivera ~ Fitch Middle School*
- Alex Hofsteen ~ Los Arboles Middle School*

The Allen Griffin Award for Excellence in Teaching was established by Col. Allen Griffin to create an annual award to an outstanding high school or post-secondary teacher from the Monterey Peninsula. The Community Foundation for Monterey County also coordinates the implementation of the Allen Griffin Award. The District high school teachers nominated this year were:

Allen Griffin Award Winners:


- Brent Silva ~ Marina High School*
- Marguerite McSween Fearn ~ Monterey High School*
- Eugene P. Street ~ Seaside High School.*

FISCAL IMPACT:


N/A

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