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# Lisa Quemada

## 2023 Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate of the Year

Congratulations to Lisa Quemada (MHS) who was named the 2023 Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate of the Year. Past Recipient Norma Gonzalez honored Lisa at Council Tuesday, May 16. Colleagues submitted personal accounts supporting Lisa's nomination. Lisa has demonstrated tremendous leadership as a result of her many years of experience enforcing the contract as a building representative, negotiating the contract while on the bargaining team, and organizing her colleagues as an advocate at Board of Education meetings. Moreover, she assumes so many leadership roles, including the role of Community Schools Representative, and she does it all with an amazing work ethic, a warm smile, and many kind words. Congratulations Lisa!

## Bertha Quiroz Is 2023 Rotary Teacher of the Year

Bertha Quiroz (WGE) was named 2023 Rotary Teacher of the Year and honored at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 10 at the Quiet Cannon. At the event, it was noted that Bertha is a hardworking teacher with an immaculate classroom! MTA President David Navar even acknowledged that her classroom served as the model classroom for many colleagues, including himself. Bertha is a beloved teacher who exemplifies dedication, kindness, and service to our community. Congratulations Bertha!





### Diana Estrada Named MUSD Teacher of the Year

Diana Estrada (MGE) was named Montebello Unified School District Teacher of the Year, and honored at the Board of Education meeting Wednesday, May 17. Diana will now compete in the Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year competition. Colleagues note that Diana is not only a well-deserving recipient, but also that Diana is a beloved teacher by her students. When Diana was visited in her classroom by MTA, CSEA, and District administration to inform her of her selection, Diana's students were overjoyed that their teacher was selected for this honor! Diana is known for her resilience, compassion, and dedication to the District and our community. Congratulations Diana!

#### **Celebration of National Speech Pathologist's Appreciation Day**



Our Speech-Language Pathologists celebrated National Speech Pathologist's Appreciation Day on May 18th by taking a group picture!

#### **Recap of MTA Retirement Banquet**

MTA's Retirement Banquet was a success! This year, the retirement banquet was held at Friendly Hills Country Club. 16 retirees were honored, and MTA was joined by district administration as well as Board of Education members, Carlos Cerdan and Marisol Madrigal Uribe.





