

Ten Arizona Latino Teachers Honored at 2004 Esperanza Awards

Farmers Insurance is a proud supporter of Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC) Esperanza Hispanic Teachers Award. Since establishing the Esperanza Award in 1999, CPLC has honored thirty-five (35) outstanding Hispanic teachers. This year ten more of Arizona's finest Hispanic educators were honored. We congratulate this year's winners:

Marcella Boatwright, Nevitt Elementary School, Tempe Elementary School District #3

Carmen Campos, Kenilworth Elementary School, Phoenix Elementary School District

Bob Diaz, NFL-YET Charter School for Espiritu Community Development

Rosalinda Martinez-Eckert, Erie Elementary, Chandler United School District

John Macias, Peoria Elementary School, Peoria United School District #11

Arecelio A. (Artie) Martinez, Kenilworth School, Phoenix Elem. School District

Nivaldo Morales, Herrera School for the Fine Arts, Phoenix Elem. School District #1

Roberta Perez-Gloria, Andalucia Middle School, Alhambra School District

Melinda Patrick, San Marcos Elementary School

Karla Palafox, Sandra Day O'Connor Elementary

The Esperanza Award has been recognized as a pivotal event and an opportunity for community members to acknowledge the contributions of Hispanic teachers in Arizona. It has generated great interest and support among Arizona's education and corporate population.

There are hundreds of extraordinary Hispanic teachers in Arizona, yet few have been acknowledged and compensated for their outstanding work. In response to the lack of recognition for these dedicated educators, CPLC established the Esperanza Hispanic Teachers Award in 1999. It is the only award created exclusively for Hispanic teachers. This very moving and emotional ceremony is rapidly becoming the premiere educational recognition experience of Arizona.

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