

## Congratulations to the 2009 Award Winners!

The Awards Banquet was held in the Capri Ballroom of the Peppermill on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in honor of those educators receiving one of the WEA's awards, as well as in recognition of those WEA members who are retiring at the close of the school year.

### Distinguished Performance

The Distinguished Performance Award is given to educators who have done an outstanding and exemplary job in their field.

Ben Dickson of Anderson Elementary  
 Cheryl Doetch of Booth Elementary  
 Fran Edison of Corbett Elementary  
 Richard Mares of Corbett Elementary  
 Denise McMurdo of Corbett Elementary  
 Tim Carter of Damonte Ranch High School  
 Christine Watts of Damonte Ranch High School  
 Danielle Donica of Desert Heights Elementary  
 Jocelyn Houston of Desert Heights Elementary  
 Kelly Main of Desert Heights Elementary  
 Kim Soliz of Desert Heights Elementary  
 Janice Eakin of Gomes Elementary

Betsy Parsons of Gomm Elementary  
 Sue Thornburgh Aguiar of Hunsberger Elementary  
 Connie Garten-Harville of Moss Elementary  
 Anne Newlin of Moss Elementary  
 Jacqueline Sterrett of Pleasant Valley Elementary  
 Tiffany Marty of Spanish Springs Elementary  
 Heather Wagner of Spanish Springs Elementary  
 Michael Coats of Stead Elementary  
 Janine Luciani of Stead Elementary  
 Ruth Von Rotz of Stead Elementary  
 Karen Avila of Sun Valley Elementary  
 Karen Gordon of Sun Valley Elementary  
 Bill Spencer of Sun Valley Elementary  
 Donn Todd of Sun Valley Elementary  
 Nancy Burbank of Traner Middle School  
 Fay Gabbart of Traner Middle School

Scott Bobier of Vaughn Middle School  
 Linda Hunt of Vaughn Middle School  
 Mike Vlasek of Vaughn Middle School  
 Shae Freitas of Westergard Elementary  
 Donna Green of Westergard Elementary  
 Lani Xander of Westergard Elementary

### Dedicated Service

The Dedicated Service Award is given to educators who have shown outstanding dedication to their profession, working for twenty years or more in Washoe County.

Carrie Austin of Clayton Middle School  
 Debbie Jacobs of Clayton Middle School  
 Janet Toti of Cold Springs Middle School  
 Christine Linton of Desert Heights Elementary  
 Bonnie Cowles of Hunsberger Elementary

Nancy O'Hair of Hunsberger Elementary  
 Karen Suga of Melton Elementary  
 Traci Thomas of Melton Elementary  
 Nancy Elcano of Moss Elementary  
 Karen Karst-Hoskins of Moss Elementary  
 Julie Brooks of Pleasant Valley Elementary  
 Barbara Guzman of Pleasant Valley Elementary  
 Ann Rishel of Reed High School

### Improvement to Education

The Improvement to Education Awards are given to an individual and a group who, while not involved in actual classroom teaching, has contributed to the quality of education and the betterment of the lives of children in Washoe County.

Jackie Jaurez of Corbett Elementary  
 The Reno Host Lions' Club

## Congratulations to our Outstanding High School Graduates!

The WEA's Annual Recognition Day ceremony was held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in the UNR College of Education. The ceremony honors two Outstanding Graduates from each WCSD high school, as well as the educators these Outstanding Graduates identified as being most influential in their success. At the ceremony, the four WEA Scholarships were also presented. Congratulations again to all our 2009 Outstanding Graduates, Most Influential Educators, and Scholarship Winners!

### Outstanding Graduates:

Damonte Ranch High School: Alexandra Capucci and Taylor Bates  
 Galena High School: Christi Mannos and Jeremy Byrnes  
 Hug High School: Angelica Gurrrola and David Anderson  
 Incline High School: Lindsay Iida and Jonathan Chang  
 McQueen High School: Hui Min Cao and Austin Elcano  
 North Valleys High School: Meaghan Greb and Vincent Moran

Piccolo School: Roxana Gutierrez

Reed High School: Tess Oliphant and Christopher Salls  
 Reno High School: Kayla Sheridan and Michael Lin-Brande  
 Spanish Springs High School: Sabrina Chacon-Barajas and John De Ocampo  
 Sparks High School: Danielle Squire and Oscar Aguilar  
 TMCC High School: Mirte de Boer and Brian Freeman  
 Washoe High School: Brittany Berger and Neal Long  
 Wooster High School: Madison

Baker and Ben Degn

### Most Influential Educators:

Craig Farnum, Tamara Raymond, Mandy Campbell, Karen Cox, Jason Aytes, Colleen Walker, Aaron Parsons, Courtney Taves, Phil Kaiser, Tobey Hilliard, Bob Rucker, Debbie Shaw, Kathie Weiland, Roni Cassinelli, Kelly Kerrick, Chris McCart, Crystal Johnson, Dave Schockett, Kendra Marsh, Susan Lannigan, Kathy Fuetsch, Kathleen O'Brien, Steve Howe, Peggy Kasper, Greta Atkinson,

Rebecca Rosenberg and Valerie Bayarddevolo-Fine

### Scholarship Winners:

The Marilyn Owen Academic Scholarship: Christopher Salls of Reed High School  
 The Ernie Johnson Memorial Vocational Scholarship: Galen Knobbe of Galena High School  
 The Lancaster Family Memorial Scholarship: Samantha Johnson of Hawaii Preparatory Academy  
 The Kathy Powell/Thelma Davila Scholarship: Sunny Solaro of Galena High School