

April 27, 2011

E-Mail from Superintendent George Welsh to Center School Staff:

Hello.

It is with great pleasure that I get to announce that at the San Luis Valley Teacher of the Year banquet this evening in Alamosa our very own Skoglund Middle School Staff Member Shirley Atencio was named SLV Teacher of the Year!

Shirley was named Center Schools Teacher of the Year back in March.

Ms. Atencio was recognized for her many years of service, her continual willingness to grow professionally as a teacher, and her leadership in Center Schools district improvement efforts.

Shirley was presented with this award by her lifelong friend and Center High School graduate, Marcella Garcia, Superintendent of Schools in Antonito.

Shirley's daughter Marisa and her parents Lou and Nabor Jaramillo were present for the announcement as well. Lou Jaramillo was an outstanding teacher for many years in the Center School District in her own right.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Shirley and to thank her for the wonderful influence she has had on generations of students in the Center School District! You put your heart and soul into everything you do and our current children, and hundreds of adults you have influenced, are better people because of your efforts!

Felicidades Senora Atencio!

George Welsh
Superintendent of Schools

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News



Atencio named SLV Teacher of the Year

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By JULIA WILSON Courier staff writer

SAN LUIS VALLEY— Shirley Atencio, Center School District, was named San Luis Valley Teacher of the Year last night.

Atencio, a language and literacy teacher, has taught in the Center School District for 33 years.

When presented with the award Atencio said she wanted to thank two people in the audience, her mother and father.

In the application recommending Atencio for the award she stated that students' academic success was built on positive teacher/student relationships. She said students' positive self-concept comes from shared respect.

Atencio earned both her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Adams State College.

Other Teachers of the Year honorees were:

Myra Manzanares, a six year veteran at Alamosa School District, teaches first grade at Polston Elementary.

Annette Bernal, a five year veteran of the Centennial School District, teaches science



and math to junior high students.

Carl Eyman, a seven year veteran of the Del Norte School District, teaches high school history.

Jennifer Bridgeman, Crestone Charter School, is the Primary Classroom Head Instructor for second and third grades. She has been at Crestone for two years.

Sharon Stanford, Monte Vista School District, teaches high school math and science in the Monte Vista School District.

Deb Skadberg, Mountain Valley School District, teaches social studies and reading in kindergarten through eighth grade. She also coordinates the school's gifted and talented program.

Marie Renner, North Conejos School District, teaches second grade at Manassa Elementary. She has taught in the North Conejos School District for 26 years.

Julie Faucett, San Luis Valley BOCES, teaches Early Childhood Special Education from the birth to age 3 level.

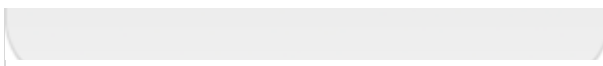
Theresa Malouff, Sanford School District, teaches pre-school.

Jenene Holcomb, Sangre de Cristo School District, served for five years as the director and instructor for the preschool music program. The school district was not going to have a music program this year until Holcomb volunteered her services to make sure that the students at Sangre De Cristo had a program.

Kristin Stambaugh, Sargent School District, teaches fifth and sixth grade science. She has been with the Sargent School District for three years

Antonia Ortiz, Sierra Grande School District, teaches third grade in a self-contained classroom. She has been with the Sierra Grande School District for three years.

Veronica Velasquez, South Conejos School District, teaches fourth grade at Guadalupe Elementary.












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