MDUSD Teacher of the Year 2015-2016 Nominees

The 2016-2017 California Teacher of the Year Program seeks teachers with exemplary personal growth, commitment, personal attitude, and professional skills. The California Teacher of the Year Program celebrates and pays special tribute to the tireless efforts of our state's outstanding teachers. In doing so, the program brings well-deserved recognition to the whole teaching profession.

The state program's goals are to:

- identify and honor outstanding teachers throughout California within a structure of local, regional, and statewide recognition activities;
- select for special commendation and responsibility, teachers who will effectively represent California teachers during the year, speaking for, energizing, and symbolizing the positive contributions of the teachers profession statewide;
- focus attention on the positive accomplishments of students and teachers throughout California; and
- **4** Emphasize maintaining and improving student achievement.