

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS



Theresa Walker
Teacher of the Year

Theresa Walker Theresa is the resource teacher at Ferguson Elementary School. This past spring she was selected by GTE as a recipient of their Excellent Teacher Award. She has been acclaimed by her principal as one of the best teachers he has seen in 29 years in education. "She is an extremely hard task master. She demands and gets 100% effort..." Theresa believes that "the best educators of our children are those who care enough to know their students and who use every means available to make them lifelong learners."



Angelee Chiver
Excellence Award

Angelee Chiver Angie is a P. F teacher and volleyball coach at Clear Lake High School. She has led her teams to 15 consecutive district championships, with a district record of 214 - 5 and overall record of 434 - 68. She has achieved 10 area championships, 6 regional championships, and 2 state championships and one undefeated season. The truer measure of her excellence as a teacher was stated by a parent of one of her students "Angie's former student athletes will remember her compassion and concern long after her athletic records are forgotten."



Ellen Conner
Excellence Award

Ellen Conner Ellen teaches 12th grade English at Clear Lake High School. Her students have been recognized for achievement in the national PTA Reflections contest and the National Scholastic Writing Contest. She has received the Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding High School Teachers given by the College of Education of U. of Texas and was named in Who's Who Among American Teachers. She has created testing and study materials that are used nation wide. Her goal as a teacher is to create independent learners who can function ably at any university.



Melinda Mills
Excellence Award

Melinda Mills Ms. Mills is a 7th grade science teacher at Space Center Intermediate. She has received numerous awards including the Texas Medical Association's Award of Excellence in Science Teaching, and NSTA's Gustav Ohous National Award for Creative and Innovative Teaching. Melinda sums up her teaching philosophy with "It has been stated that children enter school as question marks and leave as periods. I would hope this is never the case in my class. Rather, I want to erase a few question marks, add several new ones, and create many exclamation points as well!"



Judith Puhr
Excellence Award

Judith Puhr Judith works with grade 6 - 8 at the Learning Center at Seabrook Intermediate School. She was the coordinator of this pilot program at Seabrook for regular education students who need additional help. The first semester, statistics show very positive results in reducing failures among at-risk students. Ms. Puhr has also implemented an advisory period patterned after the format suggested by the Texas Education Association. Judith believes that "students can learn anything with the proper motivation, attitude, and teaching. I continually set high goals for my students."



Milton Pullen
Excellence Award

Milton Pullen Mr. Pullen is the choir director at Clear Creek High School. Year after year his choirs have won the coveted UIL Sweepstakes Award, the highest competitive prize for choir in Texas. His choirs have participated in and won awards in festivals from Seattle to Washington D.C. This spring the Creek choir will perform at a service at the U.S. Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado Springs. Milton feels "the teaching profession offers more toward enhancing qualitative living. I have had the opportunity to enhance the lives of others through the gift of music."

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