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**SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING  
CLEAR CREEK ISD TEACHERS**

The Space Center Rotary Club recently selected six outstanding Clear Creek Independent School District teachers to receive Certificates of Excellence in Education Award. Those selected are:

**Brenda S. Bondy:** Ms. Bondy is a Language Arts teacher at the eighth grade level at Clear Lake Intermediate School. She has twelve years of teaching experience. Mr. Alan Schultz, principal at Clear Lake Intermediate School, states, "She always maintains her commitment and focus on the students and what is best for them. Her classes are fun, relaxed and enjoyable but always centered on all students learning and ever moving forward to their limitless potentials."

**Lynne Dugat:** Ms. Dugat has 20 years of experience in the classroom and is currently teaching English as a Second Language classes to kindergarten through fifth grade students at Webster Primary School. Webster Primary School Principal Dona Ammons, feels that Ms. Dugat is one of the finest teachers she has worked with in the 32 years she has been in public education. "Lynne has my respect and gratitude for her sincere caring attitude, her determination, and her faith in the ability of all students to learn. Lynne has taught students to read when others of us might have given up."

**Sue Harral:** Ms. Harral teaches the fourth grade at James F. Bay Elementary School. She has been teaching for 24 years; the last 17 years have been with the Clear Creek Independent School District. In her letter of nomination, Dr. Cheryl Wyatt, principal at Bay Elementary School, states that Ms. Harral's enthusiasm and interest in all aspects of school life have served as a model and as encouragement for other staff members. She willingly volunteers to participate in or lead activities which enrich the school experience for the students.

**Glenda Hunt:** Ms. Hunt has been teaching for 23 years at LaVace Stewart Elementary School. She is currently teaching special education classes to grades three, four and five. Calling Ms. Hunt "a very special teacher", Michael Clayton, principal at Stewart Elementary School, reports that Ms. Hunt has dedicated her career to children with special needs, not only those in her

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classes but to children throughout Clear Creek ISD who have similar handicaps. She spends many hours on the Special Olympics program for the district as well as sponsoring and chaperoning children to the State Special Olympics in Austin each summer. "Needless to say, I think she is an educator of clearly outstanding qualities, a master teacher. I consider her a model for those entering this increasingly difficult career," Clayton continued.

Rick Pruitt: Mr. Pruitt has been teaching in Clear Creek ISD for eleven years; first at the elementary level and currently at the high school level. He has been the choral music teacher at Clear Brook High School since the school opened four years ago. In the nomination for Mr. Pruitt, it was stated that, "Rick Pruitt is filled with abundant energy and enthusiasm. His positive attitude, hard work, and dedication are truly an inspiration to everyone associated with him. Not only has he built a choir program from the ground up, but has also worked in other areas such as the senior musical and the spirit club. He also attends numerous extracurricular activities."

Patricia Russell: Ms. Russell teaches history to the eighth grade at Clear Lake Intermediate School. She has 20 years of experience in teaching and has been with Clear Creek ISD for eleven years. In his letter of recommendations, the principal of Clear Lake Intermediate School states that under Ms. Russell's leadership, the History Department has become a dynamic learning experience. "No longer is history the rote memorization of facts, dates and names, but a lifeskill. The classes are alive with activities and interactions that mimic the skills and knowledge needed to be a productive member of a democratic society. Her commitment and dedication to the ultimate goal of education (that all students can learn) has had a very positive and profound impact on our students and school."

A committee of seven members of the Space Center Rotary Club chose the certificate recipients. Teachers were nominated by their peers, and the committee invited a limited number of nominees to submit applications for the awards. Applications included three essay questions related to the teacher's educational activities and philosophy. Each teacher's principal submitted a letter of recommendation on the teacher's behalf.

According to project chairman David Cordell, "We established the awards to show our support for education and our appreciation for teachers. They don't get enough credit or enough compensation for the important job they do. After all, we entrust them with our children and our children's future. What could be more important?"

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**HONORED TEACHER.** Patricia Russell, center, displays her teacher of the year trophy, while William S. Austin and Lynette Mason-Hale of Space Center Rotary look on.

## Educator at Creekside named teacher of year

Creekside Intermediate School teacher Patricia Russell has been named winner of the second annual teacher of the year award, sponsored by the Space Center Rotary Club.

Russell received the award from William S. Austin and Lynette Mason-Hale.

A plaque was also presented to Roger R. Davis, president of the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees. This plaque will be displayed at the district Education Center and the names of successive winners will be added annually, according to district spokesman Elaine Stoermer.

At the time nominations were being made for the award, Russell was

teaching at Clear Lake Intermediate School.

In his letter of recommendation, Clear Lake Intermediate Principal Alan Schultz said under Russell's leadership the school's history department was a dynamic learning experience.

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# Rotary names outstanding teachers

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Pruitt, choir teacher for Clear Brook High School; and Patricia Russell, history to the eighth grade at Clear Lake Intermediate School.

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