**Welcome to our 2025 Lights on Afterschool *Virtual* Celebration!**

# CALIFORNIA EXPANDED LEARNING LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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*Save the Date!*

***Lights on Afterschool Celebration***

# California EXL Leadership Awards



Join the California System of Support for Expanded Learning!

**Thursday,**
**October 23, 2025**
**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Event details are *coming soon* to the CAN website.

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# Welcome!

## What is Lights On Afterschool?

Since its launch in 2000, Lights On Afterschool has been the only nationwide rally celebrating afterschool program. Every year, more than 8,000 afterschool programs across the country draw 1 million people to join celebrations of the impact these programs have on children, families, and communities.



# History of the California Expanded Learning Leadership Awards

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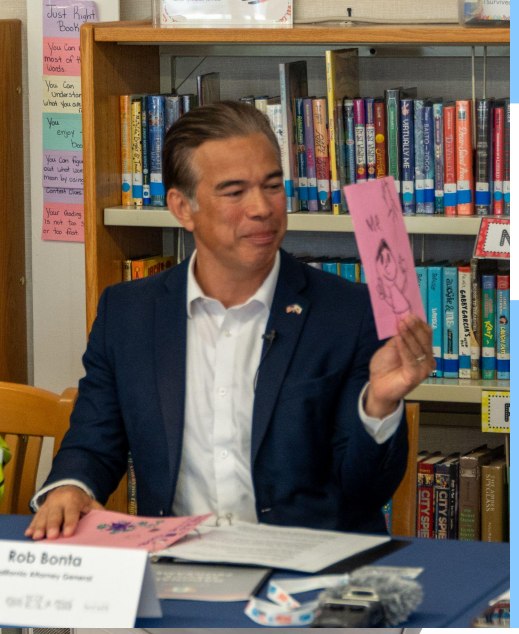
# Michael Funk

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# Champion Award




*California Attorney General*

# Rob Bonta

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**CHAMPION**

AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

*Attorney General*

**Rob Bonta**

IN HONOR OF:

Your advocacy for policy changes that create a more just and equitable landscape for all children and youth impacted by the California Expanded Learning Ecosystem.

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## Challenging the Withholding of AmeriCorps Funding

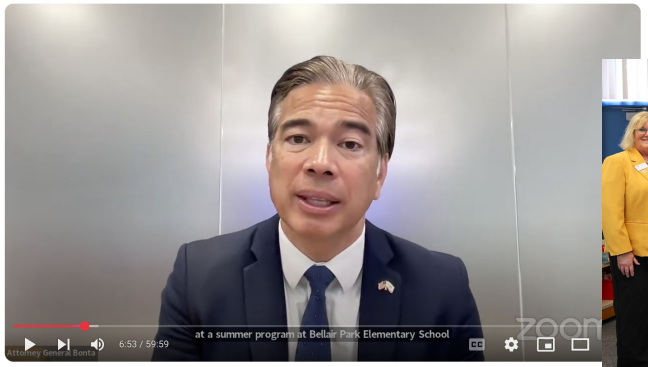


This week, we expanded our ongoing legal challenge against the Trump Administration's attempt to gut AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps represents the best of who we are and what we can be as a nation, providing opportunities










**AG Bonta, Other State AGs Announce Education-Related Legal Action Against the Trump Administration**




## California Attorney General Rob Bonta visits AmeriCorps program in Napa, promises to fight 'unlawful' Trump moves

*Rob Bonta toured a Napa summer program where AmeriCorps members shared how federal funding cuts have disrupted their work with local students.*





# Emerging Leadership Award



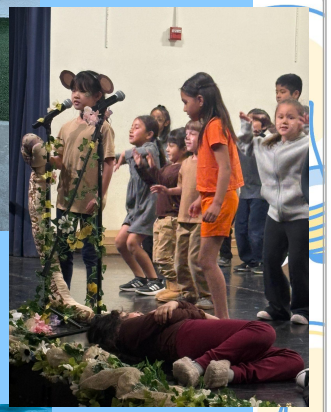
# Leina Dingle

*Whittier Elementary School,*
*Newport Mesa Unified School District*

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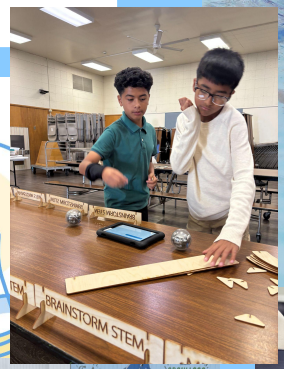
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# Innovative Leadership Awards

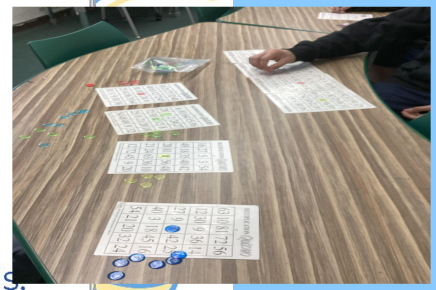
# AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

# Sandoz McCovey

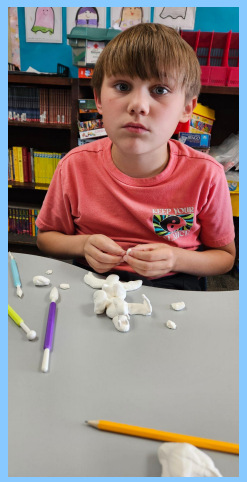






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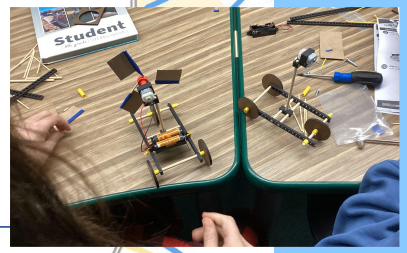




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# Bobbie Wion

*Redding School District*

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# Callista Galliher

*Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center*

REGION 3

















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# Claudia Medina

*Alameda Unified School District*

REGION 4

Imagination






Language Development






Creativity








Belonging



Critical Thinking



Collaboration



# Daric V. Jackson

*Cupertino Union School District*

REGION 5













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BREAKING NEWS

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POP ART TAKES OVER CHAMPIONS!!

CHAMPIONS STUDENTS SHINE WITH ARTISTIC FLAIR!

Hello Parents,
Our students started to explore the colorful and creative world of POP ART, inspired by artist like Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein! Through engaging hands-on projects, games, and experiments, students will:

- Discover how everyday objects can become art masterpieces
- build confidence and fine motor skills through sculpture and doodling
- strengthen problem-solving and math reasoning in games and construction activities
- express their ideas through journaling, imagination, and design.

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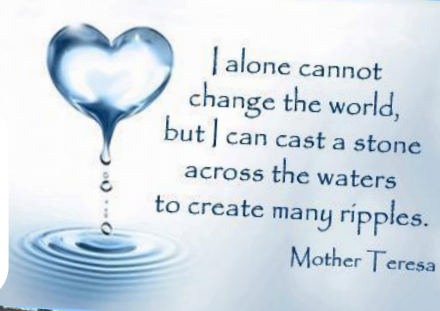


# Sargina Yonan

*Linden Unified School District*

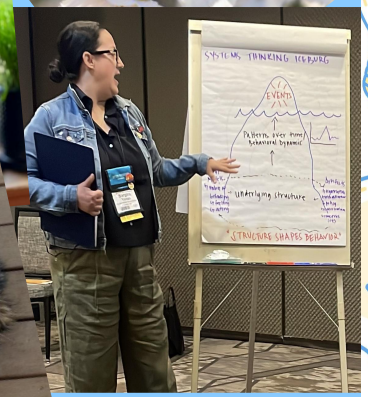
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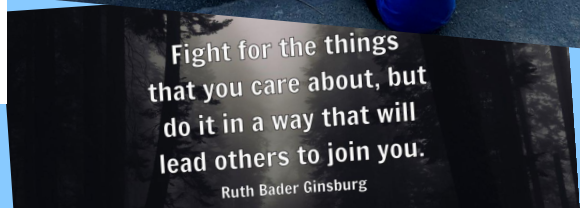











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# Angela Ruiz-Alvarez

*Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District*

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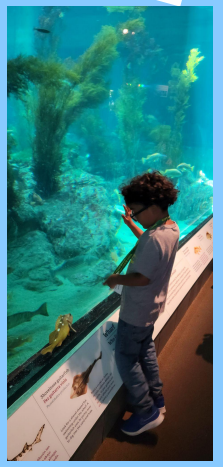
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# Kim Gaspar

*Paso Robles Joint Unified School District*

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# Antonio Marquez

*Lincoln Elementary/ El Centro Elementary School District*

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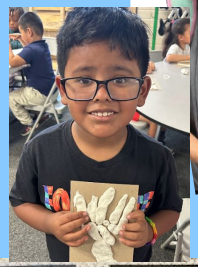










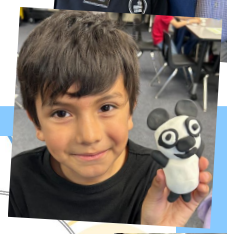



# Laurie Jimenez

*Tustin Unified School District*

REGION 9











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# Vanessa Cass

*YMCA of San Diego County*

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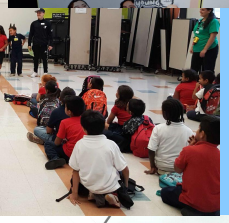
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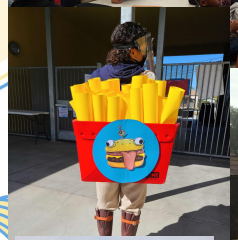
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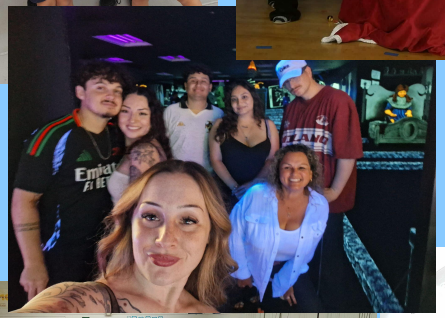

























# Kaylee Bunyea

*Rim of the World Unified School District*

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# Amber Gascoigne

*Palm Springs Unified School District*

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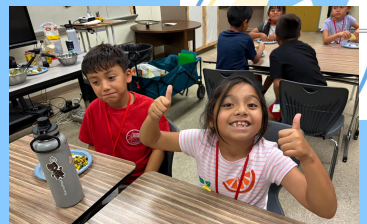



































# Deidre Corwin

*Glendale Unified School District*

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# *Thank you!*

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