

2021 MDEA Academy Award Nominees

Lifetime Achievement

Jesse Forsland*
Shalini Jayawardana
Shoshana Nurik*
Lauren Steers*
Laura Timmer
Lori Williams

Community Involvement

Angela Bever*
Susan Champagne*
Laura Kelly-Valdez*
Elizabeth Manglesdorf

Creative Curriculum

Jill Beyer
Erica De Guzman
Al Douex*
Cecelia Guzman*
Rachel Hagen
Meleah Hall
Danielle Icaay
Courtney Longua
Amy Monaghan
Connor Murray
Mark Tobin
Isabelle Torchia
Hannah Utler
Tammy Welker*
Meghan Whitbred
Amanda Young

Leadership & Courage

David Cabezas
Jackie Capie
Vanessa Caragay
Erica De Guzman
Kerri Dwyer
Audriana Flores
Hilary Garcia*
Megan Gerdts*
Beatriz Giron*
Shannon Grisafi
Kristin Hagstrom
Patricia Hamachi
Kimberlee Jefferson
Rosie Reid
April Saldivar
Nicholas Sanchez
Francisco Tubio
Hannah Utler

Outstanding Parent Volunteer

Tera Bazen*
Kathryn Durham-Hammer*
Alex & Tina Khodadad*
Brandi Klintworth
Sara Zoccoli

Outstanding Volunteer Organization

Learning Enrichment and Assistance Program, LEAP*
Pine Hollow Parent Teacher Student Association*
Vahalla Parent Faculty Association*

Teacher of the Year Finalists

David Hunter*
Jim Keck*
Elizabeth McDonagh*
Elisa Mendoza*
Chelsea Ridenour*

Olympic High School
Holbrook Language Academy
Rio Vista Elementary
Westwood Elementary
Bancroft Elementary
Robert Shearer Preschool

Shore Acres Elementary School
Rio Vista Elementary
Mt. Diablo High School
Sequoia Middle School

Riverview Middle School
Holbrook Language Academy
College Park High School
Oak Grove Middle School
Pine Hollow Middle School
Bancroft Elementary
Bel Air Elementary
Gateway, Horizons/CIS, Prospect
El Monte Elementary
Valhalla Elementary
Northgate High School
Sequoia Elementary School
Holbrook Language Academy
Monte Gardens Elementary
Concord High School
Sun Terrace Elementary

Holbrook Language Academy
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program
Sequoia Elementary
Holbrook language academy
Delta View Elementary
Holbrook Language Academy
Nurses
Teachers on Special Assignment
Bancroft Elementary
Monte Gardens Elementary school
Gregory Gardens Elementary
Shore Acres Elementary
Foothill Middle School
Ygnacio Valley High School
Shore Acres Elementary School
Holbrook language Academy
Northgate High School
Holbrook Language Academy

Holbrook Language Academy
Ygnacio Valley High School
Valhalla Elementary School
Foothill Middle School
Holbrook Language Academy

Bridge Program
College Park High School
Propect High School
Sequoia Middle School
Diablo View Middle School

Most Inspirational

Samantha Ashford
Angela Beatty
Suzanne Bernier-Silva
David Cabezas
Cesar Antonio Ceja Caballero
Sarah Coyle
Gina Del Bene
Giovanna Fleming*
Jill Grover
Andrea "Annie" Hagglun
Meleah Hall
Deyango Harris
Monica Harris
Michelle Howisey
Shalini Jayawardana
Alexandra Kirberg*
Kristin Korsgaard
Jeannie Leatherman
Elizabeth McDonagh
Cynthia McDowell
Elisa Mendoza
Ernesto Minglana*
Jennifer Neys
Rachel Proctor
Paul Salmassy
Sabeena Shah
Patricia Spink
Angela Stewart
Susan Strickler
Sarah Young

Outstanding Classified Employee

Leatha Andrews
Eric Apodaca
Anielka Arce De Narvaez
Joyce Butcher*
Ariana Cardenas
Michelle Coffman
Lisa Dias-Martin
Lori Ellyson
Semone Evers
Anita Fontana
Bridget Hopkins
Carlene Hunt
Connie Krawesky*
Amy Kumar
Isabel Lara
Jeremy Macahilig
Jackie McClure
Mari Nist
Edmund Perryman
Ken Ruiz*

Outstanding Administrator

Cindy Dunn
Lourdes Beleche
Christina Filios Yiannakopoulos
Marji Calbeck*
Megan O'Malley*
Erin DeMartini
Marga Marshall*
Courtney Lyon
Kelly Cooper
Lynsie Castellano
Benjamin Campopiano
Leeat Medina
Aurelia Buscemi*
Melissa Brennan
Theodora Pappas
Nancy Klinkner

Oak Grove Middle School
Shore Acres Elementary
Holbrook Language Academy
Holbrook Elementary
Bancroft Elementary
Holbrook Language Academy
Silverwood Elementary
Delta View/ShoreAcres/SunriseElem.
Diablo View Middle School
Oak Grove Middle School
Bancroft Elementary
College Park High School
Oak Grove Middle School
Mt. Diablo Elementary
Holbrook Language Academy
Valley View Middle School
Bancroft Elementary
Westwood Elementary
Prospect Continuation School
Riverview Middle School
Sequoia Middle School
Sequoia Middle School
Valhalla Elementary
Walnut Acres Elementary
Mount Diablo High School
Alliance/Olympic HS
Westwood Elementary
Sequoia Middle School
Mountain View Elementary
Valhalla Elementary

Holbrook Language Academy
Ygnacio Valley High School
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Holbrook Language Academy
Ygnacio Valley High School
Monte Gardens Elementary
Olympic High School
Westwood Elementary
Pine Hollow Middle
Technology
Horizons/Prospect/ESP/App/Gateway
Ayers Elementary
Ygnacio Valley High School
MDUSD district office - retired
Holbrook Language Academy
Holbrook Language Academy
Pine Hollow Middle School
Pine Hollow Middle School
Valhalla Elementary

Bancroft Elementary
Cambridge Elementary
Crossroads High School
Dent Center, District Office
El Dorado Middle School
El Monte Elementary
Holbrook Language Academy
Mt. Diablo High School
Northgate High School
Olympic High School
Pine Hollow Middle School
Pine Hollow Middle School
Pleasant Hill Elementary
Prospect/CIS/Gateway
Valhalla Elementary
Westwood Elementary

Social Justice

Patricia Hamachi*
Katie Koontz*
Cri Schine
Michelle Simone*
Hannah Utler

Shore Acres Elementary
Gregory Gardens Elementary
Parent at Valhalla Elementary
MDUSD Parents for Multicultural Ed.
Holbrook Language Academy

Outstanding Collaborating Team

Holbrook Academy 1st Grade Dual Immersion Team

Mila Leonor Cucaita Estupinan
Audriana Flores

Holbrook Language Academy
Holbrook Language Academy

Mt. Diablo High School Counseling Team*

Mary-Michelle Chacon
Khany Figueroa
Shawna Puma
Brian Rodda
Raymond Troper

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Mt. Diablo High School Math Department*

Gabriela Berevoescu
Rogelio Briones
Lacie Caban
Cesar Cardenas
Elizabeth Concepcion De la Cruz
Samantha Harrison
Kyle Kondo
Eric Osborne
Michael Predovic
Zachary Raher
Lisa Scranton
Theresa Wenger

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Oak Grove Middle School Admin Team

Ariana Hernandez
Christina Macalino
Jasmine Montgomery
David Ramirez

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The Pleasant Hill Elementary School Professional Learning Network

Aurelia Buscemi
Nina Crossland
Kathleen Koontz
Theodora Pappas
Cheryl Scriptor

Pleasant Hill Elementary
Hidden Valley Elementary
Gregory Gardens Elementary
Valhalla Elementary
Strandwood Elementary

Robert Shearer SGI Preschool Speech and Language Class*

Renee Strom
Lori Williams

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Sequoia Middle School 6th Grade Science Teachers

Elisa Mendoza
Sophie State

Sequoia Middle School
Sequoia Middle School

Valhalla Elementary Care Team

Alison Bartlett Drewicke
Janet French
Sabrina Gibson
Gena Hanko
Olivia Kittredge
Jeanette Miklich
Theodora Pappas
Sarah Young

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Valle Verde Elementary 4th Grade Team

Lindsey Nakashima
Courtney Pfaff
Stephanie Reed

Valle Verde Elementary School
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Westwood Elementary 2/3 Combo Team

Christine Hintzoglou
Marie LaRosa
Melinda Reade
Patricia Spink

Westwood Elementary
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Westwood Elementary

Valhalla Elementary 4th Grade Team

Erika Austen
Gena Hanko
Rebecca Schnee

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