



LAUSD's First Wave of the NBCT Class of 2020

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The Support Network is proud to celebrate the amazing accomplishment of 102 LAUSD teachers who certified or renewed as National Board Certified Teachers by meeting the rigorous standards of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Despite pursuing this rigorous process amid a growing pandemic, these 42 New NBCTs and 60 Renewed NBCTs successfully achieved their goal in this first wave of certification. The rest of the class took advantage of a couple of months extension offered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to submit their work in this same cycle and we await their scores with anticipation in February 2021. These recent graduates join 3,072 teachers who have certified while teaching in LAUSD bringing our new total of NBCTS to 3,114.

Harvard University's Strategic Data Project reported that on average National Board Certified teachers in LAUSD outperform other teachers with the same levels of experience and that students of National Board Certified Teachers in math and English language arts gained the equivalent of two months additional instruction in math and one month additional ELA instruction.

National Board Certification is a voluntary, high-stakes assessment designed to recognize and reward accomplished teachers. It is one of the profession's highest distinctions. The process involves written portfolios and assessments that probe the depth of a candidate's content knowledge and pedagogy. Like board certified physicians and accountants, teachers who achieve National Board Certification have met the rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment, and peer review. Candidates can certify in anywhere from one to five years.

To help teachers through the certification process, many candidates join The Support Network, a collaborative UTLA-LAUSD program that offers facilitated workshops and peer support. Based on the most recent data, teachers who participated in The Support Network were twice as likely to certify than teachers who pursued on their own. Interested teachers can contact Michael de la Torre, NBCT, program coordinator of The Support Network, a collaboration of United Teachers Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Unified School District, at mdelatorre@thesupportnetwork.net or visit the website at www.thesupportnetwork.net for more information.



It is with great honor that I announce the 42 teachers in this first wave of the Class of 2020 Newly Certified National Board Certified Teachers:

Xochitl	Bentley	Yousuf	Marvi
Rita	Cabezas	Jessica	Melo
Nikki	Campbell	Jennifer	Morris
Abraham	Catahan	Martha	Munoz
Sarah	Cho	Angelina	Murphy
Lorraine	Deleon	Hector	Nieves
Danny	Duarte	Melissa	Okey
Julie	Gerges	Susan	Osorio
Norma	Gutierrez	Cynthia	Salceda
Susannah	Hall	Yvette	Salmeron
Michelle	Halpern	Suzanne	Silverstein
Osas	Izogie	Linda	Smith
Karina	Juarez	Julie	Sornberger
Jessica	Kang	Christina	Stewart
Baird	Kusaka	Nanci	Velarde
Monica	Lertkulvanich	Adriana	Vinarsky
Cindy	Lew	Elaine	Visorde
Camerina	Limon	Amy	Weisberg
Lucki	Long	Hicxell	Wester
Tonya	Mandl	Nick	Westfall
Lauren	Manning	Adriana	Zavala



And here are the 60 National Board Certified Teachers in this first wave of the Class of 2020 Renewed NBCTs:

Christina	Alati	Elva	Lewis
Sylvia	Angulo	Carolina	Lima
Lakhbir	Bamotra	Latrese	Martinez
Kathleen	Barneck	Janelle	Mault
Gladys	Barraza	Annette	Medina
William	Barrett	Edward	Mitchell
Eva	Behr	Patricia	Mont
Nancy	Bell	Thuyanh	Nguyen
Jennifer Lee	Blaine	Susan	Obuchi
Ari	Campbell	Juli	Petrilli
Frank Arthur	Carrillo	Claudine	Phillips
Marcela	CARRILLO	Ila	Press
Peter	Chase	Laura	Proffitt
Gina	Cogswell	Evan	Rabins
Cindia	Curiel-Taylor	Jessica	Ramey
Jennifer	Denne	Erica	Ramirez
Tracy	Eschyshyn	Carolina	Romero
Gale	Fahey	Sherell	Rostad
Jane	Fung	Katherine	Safford
Robert	Garrett, Jr	Deanna	Serago-Steidl
Michael	Gudex	Karen	Starler-Hignite
Lizette	Gutierrez	Michael	Taylor
Dennis	Hagen-Smith	Josephine	Torres-Saffie
Jeffrey	Herrold	Nicoli	Ueda
Allison	Ho	Josefina	Van Kirk
Shirley	Howell	Elvira	Vargas
Marci	Kaye	Kristen	Vogel
Angela	Knapp	Madeleine	Walker
Xochitl	Laner	Joyce	Wang
Nancy	Lee	Zachary	Weiss

