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**Two Adult School Teachers Win Awards**

**Alameda, California – November 2, 2017** – Two teachers at the Alameda Adult School have won awards from the California Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (CATESOL).

CATESOL is a nonprofit organization with 12 chapters across the state. Members include educators of adult English language learners, including teachers from adult schools and community colleges.

Intervention teacher Lisa Gonzalves was selected as the winner of the **2017 Norma Shapiro Teacher Award**. CATESOL gives that award each year to an educator demonstrating exceptional skill in at least three of the following four areas: classroom teaching, teacher-training/professional development, materials writing, or curriculum development. Ms. Gonzalves, who is also working toward her PhD in linguistics from UC Davis, formerly worked as an immigrant law advocate.



CATESOL selected beginning literacy teacher Jennifer Land as the winner of the **Adult Level Karen Kjelstrup Memorial Professional Development Scholarship**. This scholarship is awarded to a prospective CATESOL member who submits a professional development plan that incorporates the conference into their professional goals.

“We’re lucky to have such excellent teachers providing rigorous and engaging instruction to newcomer immigrants,” says Adult School Principle Joy Chua. “Lisa and Jennifer work together to provide classroom instruction and small group interventions so that all level 1 ESL students have access to building their language ability, whether they have a college degree in their home country or are learning how to write for the first time in any language. ”

Added Superintendent Sean McPhetridge, “AUSD is proud of and grateful for the dedication that Lisa Gonzalves and Jennifer Land (and indeed all Alameda Adult School employees) show each and every day as they work to help their students. We thank Lisa, Jennifer, and Alameda Adult School for their contributions and commitment to adult students they serve.”