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# TEACHER OF THE YEAR

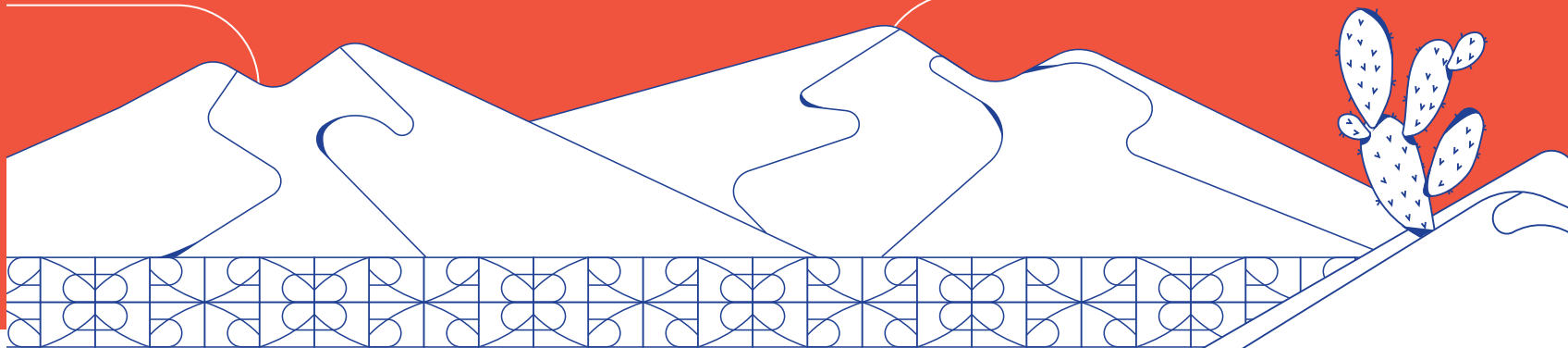


AWARDS

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# A new name is just the beginning.



We're inspired every day by our members and our strong, vibrant community. In line with our heritage, we're passionate about knowledge and growth.

Being proud of our El Paso roots and our rich history supporting the educational community, we're growing to help our community move into the future.

We have big plans and would love you to join us. Teachers, thank you for paving the way for future leaders and change makers.

**Congratulations to all  
the Region 19 Teachers of the Year!**



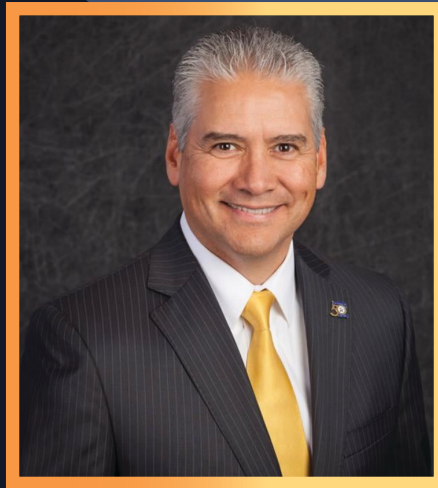
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# DR. ARMANDO AGUIRRE

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ESC 19

**G**ood evening, Teacher of the Year nominees and Honored guests. It is my great privilege and pleasure to share this wonderful, Evening of Honors, with those who represent the finest educators in El Paso and Hudspeth counties and whose passion and purpose enable our children to reach new heights!

Year after year, it is truly an honor to host the ESC19 Teacher of the Year Awards. This event not only celebrates 23 extraordinary teachers distinguished by their districts but also brings together many of our regions educators, administrators, and community supporters who share a passion and appreciation for this profound investment into our children's futures.

ESC19 has supported the teachers and administrators of El Paso and Hudspeth counties since 1967. Tonight, we are proud to honor our long-standing relationship under the roof of our beautiful new Starlight Event Center! This innovative event center, facilitates the needs of our teachers and administrators, providing the tools and space required for academic training, award ceremonies, conferences, continuing education, and more!

As we continue through tonight's proceedings, let us recognize our nominees as outstanding examples of excellence in the classroom, in their schools and communities.

On behalf of ESC19, I congratulate all of tonight's nominees. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to educating and inspiring our children. May you and your students experience another great year and continued success!

Dr. Armando Aguirre

A stylized, handwritten signature of Dr. Armando Aguirre in orange ink, located at the bottom of the page.

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OF THE YEAR 2023

# ELEMENTARY NOMINEES



**JESSICA FLORES**  
**ANTHONY ISD**



**ALMA RAMOS**  
**CANUTILLO ISD**



**GWENDOLYNE HOLLAND**  
**CLINT ISD**



**ELSA MCCRAY**  
**DELL CITY ISD**



**AMY MARTINEZ-PEREZ**  
**EL PASO ISD**



**MICHELLE LORIO**  
**FABENS ISD**



**SUSANA ESTRADA**  
**FORT HANCOCK ISD**



**JOSELYN ZUÑIGA**  
**SAN ELIZARIO ISD**



**DEANNA LÓPEZ**  
**SIERRA BLANCA ISD**



**IRASEMA TORRES**  
**SOCORRO ISD**



**VIRGINIA S. TRUJILLO**  
**TORNILLO ISD**



**ALEXANDRIA SAPIEN**  
**YSLETA ISD**



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# SECONDARY NOMINEES



**ALBERTO VILLALOBOS**  
ANTHONY ISD



**HECTOR JUÁREZ**  
CANUTILLO ISD



**ABIGAIL MUNIZ-TREJO**  
CLINT ISD



**ALETHEA MATA**  
DELL CITY ISD



**ANDREANA HARKLESS**  
EL PASO ISD



**TERRY CANNON**  
EL PASO LEADERSHIP  
ACADEMY



**EMIL CHAPARRO**  
FABENS ISD



**LYDIA SOLANO-  
MELENDEZ**  
SAN ELIZARIO ISD



**VANESSA M. PAYAN**  
SOCORRO ISD



**AMANDA TELLES**  
TORNILLO ISD



**AMY SMITH**  
YSLETA ISD

# AN EVENING OF HONORS CELEBRATES EDUCATORS IN OUR COMMUNITY

ESC 19 is honored to recognize the outstanding work of our community's school administrators and school boards whose strong leadership and vision promote achievement for all our students!



## DR. JEANNIE MEZA-CHAVEZ SAN ELIZARIO ISD SUPERINTENDENT 2022 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Meet Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez, of San Elizario ISD (SEISD) and winner of the 2022 ESC Region 19 Superintendent of the Year (SOTY) award! In her 25 year career as an educator, she has served eight years as superintendent – during which time she also earned the 2017 ESC Region 19 SOTY as superintendent of Tornillo Independent School District (TISD).

Dr. Meza-Chavez's leadership with SEISD has helped the district achieve many notable distinctions and awards in innovation and education. Her election as the 2022 ESC Region 19 Superintendent of the Year represents the "Manos a la Obra / Let's Do This." culture that she inspires in the San Elizario Community.

## EL PASO PROUD TEACHING EXCELLENCE IN EL PASO, TEXAS

This evening, we recognize teaching excellence by celebrating our area Texas Teachers of the Year. Since 1969, the Texas Teacher of the Year program has honored excellence in classroom education by showcasing many outstanding educators whose efforts and example have inspired their students, colleagues, and the communities they serve. Our community is home to 13 Texas Teachers of the Year, dating back to 1970. Most recently, teachers in our region have been named Texas Teacher of the Year 3 consecutive years – 2020, 2021, and 2022. Our teachers are the pride of our community!

**2022** Ramon Benavides, Ysleta ISD  
**2021** Anthony Lopez-Waste, Canutillo ISD  
**2020** Michelle Sandoval-Villegas, Ysleta ISD  
**2010** Yushica T. Walker, El Paso ISD  
**2009** Christine Gleason, Fabens ISD  
**2008** Paul F. Cain, Ysleta ISD  
**2007** Dana K. Boyd, Ysleta ISD

**2004** Kyann McMillie, Canutillo ISD  
**1997** Antonio A. Fierro, Socorro ISD  
**1995** Miguel Ignacio Tinajero, Ysleta ISD  
**1992** Rosa E. Lujan, Ysleta ISD  
**1982** Rita Harlien, Ysleta ISD  
**1970** Clarence K. Stark, El Paso ISD



Ramon Benavides  
Ysleta ISD  
**2022**



Anthony Lopez-Waste  
Canutillo ISD  
**2021**



Michelle Sandoval-Villegas  
Ysleta ISD  
**2020**

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2023 AWARDS CELEBRATION

## A CELEBRATION OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE

### WELCOME

**SOCORRO RODRIGUEZ** – Teacher of the Year Coordinator, ESC 19

### OPENING REMARKS

**DR. ARMANDO AGUIRRE** – Executive Director, ESC 19

### SPECIAL GUEST RECOGNITION

PRESENTED BY TEXAS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

### SPONSORSHIP RECOGNITION

**FRED SANCHEZ** – ESC19 Board Chair

### SPECIAL REMARKS

**MAX VILLARONGA** – President and CEO Raiz Federal Credit Union

### 2022 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Dr. Armando Aguirre • ESC 19 Executive Director

### SPECIAL REMARKS

**KELSEY ANDERSON** – 2022 ESC 19 Elementary Teacher of the Year

## TOP FINALISTS AND 2023 ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**MAX VILLARONGA** – President & CEO, Raiz Federal Credit Union

### SPECIAL REMARKS

**RAMON BENAVIDES** – 2022 ESC 19 Secondary Teacher of the Year  
& Texas Teacher of the Year

## TOP FINALISTS AND 2023 SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**MAX VILLARONGA** – President & CEO, Raiz Federal Credit Union

### CLOSING

**DR. ARMANDO AGUIRRE** – Executive Director, ESC 19



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