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The 2026 Excellence in Special Education Awardees

Awardee	Award Category	School District
Heather Bangalan	Special Education Teacher	NCCSE
Jolene Nakamoto	Dr. Lynnette Robinson Award for Furthering Inclusive Education, General Education Teacher	Vista Unified
Christina Filia	Patti Elson-Becknell Memorial Award for Excellence in Related Services	San Dieguito Union High
Nadine Schick	Special Education Administrator	Del Mar Union
Marisa Leong	General Education Administrator	Carlsbad Unified
Coby Worthington	Special Education Support	Vista Unified
Instructional Assistants at La Costa Canyon High School	Collaborative Team	San Dieguito Union High
Amanda Reuther Kelly Sullivan	Collaborative Parent	Encinitas Union
Aspire Program at Aviara Oaks Middle School	Exemplary Inclusionary Practices for Program/School	Carlsbad Unified
Peyton Blakely	Supportive Student	San Dieguito Union High
Scholarship Recipients		
Leena Rahman	Bob Grundstrom Memorial Scholarship	Vista Unified
Tiffany Galik	Dr. Lynette Robinson Memorial Scholarship	San Marcos Unified
Isabelle Torres	Dr. Lynette Robinson Memorial Scholarship	Oceanside Unified