



Orange County School Boards Association

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TO: Orange County School District and Community College Board Members

FROM: Carrie Buck, OCSBA President

SUBJECT: **2026/27 Marian Bergeson Award Nominations**

In 1974, the Orange County School Boards Association (OCSBA) created the Marian Bergeson Award to recognize those trustees who best exemplify the spirit of exceptional boardsmanship. The award may be presented annually to a trustee who has provided outstanding governing board service and community service to promote and enhance public education.

This letter is an invitation for your Board to nominate a worthy trustee for the 2026/27 Marian Bergeson Award. Nominees can be submitted by individual trustees or boards of education. Criteria for the award are as follows:

1. Recipient shall be currently serving on a board of trustees in good standing in the OCSBA.
2. Emphasis shall be on school board and community service on behalf of public education that is **above and beyond** the norm. **The application must differentiate between work done as a volunteer and work done as a paid employee or paid consultant.**
3. Consideration may be given for participation in Orange County School Boards Association, California School Boards Association, National School Boards Association, California County Boards of Education or any similar, appropriate service.
4. Attach a maximum of two pages, single-sided, with nominee's detailed information that would substantiate the nomination.
5. A single page resume may also be submitted.
6. Only OCSBA members are allowed to nominate an individual to receive this award.
7. Confidentiality of the nomination is to be maintained until the presentation of the award.

A nomination form and a list of past recipients are enclosed. The deadline for submission is **Friday, September 18, 2026**. All nominations should be submitted to ocsba@ocde.us. If a nominee is selected, the Marian Bergeson Award will be presented during the next OCSBA/ACSA Joint Dinner meeting at the Irvine Marriott Hotel on **October 19, 2026**. If you have any questions, please contact Rosalee Hormuth at (714)708-3861 or Sharon Hernandez at (714)966-4158.

Enclosures: Nomination Form and List of Past Recipients

cc: Superintendents and Chancellors



**Orange County School Boards Association
2026/27 Marian Bergeson Award
Nomination Form**



**Honoring Outstanding Contributions and Service Promoting and
Enhancing Public Education**

Due: Friday, September 18, 2026

Submit the completed nomination form and attachments to:

Orange County Department of Education

c/o Rosalee Hormuth

via email: ocsba@ocde.us

Name of Nominee: _____

School District Name: _____

Length of Service as a Board Member: _____

Name of Nominator (Individual or District): _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Award Criteria:

- Recipient shall be serving on a board of trustees and be in good standing in the OCSBA prior to selection.
- Emphasis shall be on school board and community service on behalf of public education *that is above and beyond the norm*.
- The application must differentiate between work done as a volunteer and work done which was compensated either as an employee or a paid consultant.
- Consideration may be given for participation in Orange County School Boards Association, California School Boards Association, National School Boards Association, California County Boards of Education or any similar, appropriate service.

Please explain in detail how the nominee's contribution(s) and service to your local board, community, and public education exceeds the norm and exemplifies outstanding governing board and community service promoting and/or enhancing public education. Please also explain the nominee's involvement in countywide, state, and/or national public service.

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Should the application exceed the above length it will not be considered; additionally, no other supporting documentation will be considered.