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To: Jack Davis; James Zarrillo; P Irvine

Subject: Fwd: "Hero in the classroom"sped grad!

Hi Jack, Jim and Patricia, We just received this lovely news from Lauren Rivera, an Ed Specialist in moderate- severe disabilities grad of Ted Sped and a current Masters of Sped candidate, who with another of our grads has helped move Glassbrook Elem in HUSD to be an inclusive school over a 2 year period- and who just won this amazing award! She shared this news with Jacki and Cindy Sawchuck and me: Please see below:

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lauren Rivera <rivera.lauren925@gmail.com>

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To: Ann <ann.halvorsen@csueastbay.edu>, Jacki Anderson <jacki.anderson@csueastbay.edu>, cspi0130@yahoo.com

Subject: "Hero in the classroom"

Hello ladies,

I wanted to share something with gratitude especially to you three.

This past Friday I was brought to an "emergency" assembly at my school. Upon walking in, the stage in the multipurpose room at my school was covered in 49ers gear. I of course anxiously got out my phone thinking that we were going to see players. Introducing "them" was a manager of the 9ers but instead he opened his speech with today the 9ers are here to celebrate someone very special....Ms. Lauren Rivera! Completely shocked I went up to the stage. Out of thousands of entries for teachers who have made a difference in the Bay Area I was chosen to be one of 16! I was awarded the "hero of the classroom" award, given a signed football, a jersey, VIP tickets to the game on the 18th of October, 1,000\$ FOR GLASSBROOK, and various other little things. I also am going to appear at the game with one other teacher that was picked and we are both announcing the opening of the game on the 18th!

This awards was given in honor of a parent who nominated me my very first year of teaching. I am still close with her and her son to this day and she was there yesterday and gave a beautiful speech. When I was handed the microphone to give a speech I mentioned that I could not have done this alone. Therefore, I wanted to thank you ladies ESPECIALLY! Without your teaching, your faith and belief in me as a teacher and your constant push to be better I would have not received this award!

Thank you! For everything you have ever done!
THIS AWARD Is FOR YOU!







Lauren Rivera