

Alameda County Office of Education names teacher of the year

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Veronica Aguilar has been named the Alameda County Office of Education teacher of the year.

Aguilar works with young people in the pregnant and parenting teen program at Fruitvale Academy in Oakland and Burke Academy in Hayward. She has been with the Office of Education for 10 years.

Every morning, Aguilar texts each student, sending them encouragement and wishing them well.

“I am inspired by the students we serve and the incredible team that I work with,” Aguilar said in a statement.

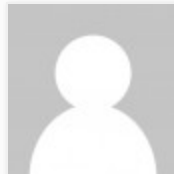
“I am a teacher by nature; it’s who I am. And to be honored for doing something I love and am passionate about, there’s no better feeling,” she said in a press release.

Alameda County will choose its Teacher of the Year in the fall from its 18 districts and three regional occupational programs. Before then, county Superintendent of Schools L. Karen Monroe visits the classes of each nominated teacher.

“I am especially excited to celebrate ACOE’s own Veronica Aguilar and witness the incredible work that her program does to support some of the county’s most vulnerable youth,” Monroe said in a statement.

Oakland has two teachers of the year: Stephanie Taymuree, who teaches students with severe and moderate disabilities at Redwood Heights Elementary, and LaRavian Battle, who teaches the Electronic Learning Program at Sojourner Truth Independent Study.

All of the school districts’ teacher of the year will be honored at an award ceremony Oct. 5 at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts. For more information, contact Autumn King at autumnk@acoe.org.



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