



## **Ayala High's Alexis King named one of four 2016 County Teachers of the Year**

Ayala High English teacher Alexis King grew up in a family of teachers, so early on she learned to love the idea of inspiring young minds.

After seven years in the field, she has been named one of four San Bernardino County Teachers of the Year who will be honored at a ceremony on October 3 in San Bernardino. Each of this year's recipients will also be honored by SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, which is a sponsor of the County Teachers of the Year program.

"I come from a family of teachers, so I always knew what a great job teaching was," King said. "I love the interactions with students and others, so I always knew that I wanted to get into teaching. I have also always loved the English subject. When I got into college I decided that I could couple my love for English with my desire to be a teacher and become a high school teacher. I love teaching English and the opportunity for discussion and growth the subject provides to the students."

King, a Rancho Cucamonga resident, attended Rancho Cucamonga High, earned her English degree and credential from Cal State Fullerton, and her master's degree from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego.

She has spent six of her seven years as a teacher in her current position at Ayala High in Chino Hills.

King's leadership style and knowledge-base are impressive, Ayala Principal Diana Yarboi said.

"(Our) high school has benefited from her experience, stewardship and dedication," Yarboi wrote in the nomination of King.

As a teacher, King said she continues to grow and develop in her role as an educator.

"I am very proud of the collaborative accomplishments within my classroom and the opportunities for students to experience the world," she wrote in her nomination.