

Teressa Moore

CVUSD teacher named Regional Educator of the Year

Teressa Moore, a teacher at Chino Valley Unified School District's Alternative Education Center in Chino Hills, is among five teachers in the County who will be honored at the annual California League of High Schools' Region 10 Educator of the Year event.

The San Bernardino County teachers, along with five from Riverside County, will be recognized Friday, January 13 at the awards ceremony to be held at Ontario Airport Hotel. An overall regional educator of the year will be announced from the field of 10 honorees at the event. California League of High Schools will name an overall educator of the year at its state conference later this year.

"I am honored and humbled for the recognition," Moore said. "I am thankful for the learning and growth I have experienced as an educator working for Chino Valley Unified."

An educator for 14 years, Moore currently works in various programs connected to CVUSD's Virtual Program, offering students in grades seven through 12 the opportunity to engage in online learning environments.

During the traditional school year, Moore is the department chair for the online program that serves hundreds of CVUSD students. She also teaches several

subjects, including English 7-12, Advanced Placement (AP) English Composition, AP English Literature, and AP Psychology.

During the summer, she serves as the Virtual Program's coordinator for online summer courses that serve CVUSD students, as well as students from neighboring districts, and students from across the country.

Before joining the District's online program, Moore worked nine years in a traditional classroom setting. She began her teaching career with Los Angeles Unified District as middle school English teacher. She also worked at a College Ready Academy designed to send all students to post-secondary institutes of learning.

"She has knowledge of specific and scientific approaches to literacy for all grade levels, and experience with teaching strategies for students who are designated as English Learners or English as a Second Language," Dr. Preston Carr, Director of Alternative Education for CVUSD, wrote in Moore's nomination letter.

Moore has also piloted, developed, and utilized various programs and structures aimed at high risk youth, and has worked to develop programs for students who are identified as gifted and talented, Carr said.

"My exposure to diverse student needs, drive for excellence, and the ability to provide access to learning using innovative and 21st century methods are just a few of the highlights in my experience as an educator right now," Moore said. "I look forward to continually working on providing quality education and support to all students."

The other four San Bernardino County educators to be honored are Ashley Brinegar of Victor Valley High in Victorville, Jennifer Jungwirth of Yucca Valley High, Robert Kirby of San Bernardino High, and Robert Rooney of Citrus Valley High in Redlands.