



Partners in  
Education

**SALUTE 2007**

Monday, May 7, 2007, 5:30pm  
Austin Grande Ballroom  
Hilton Hotel—Downtown Austin

## COMMUNITY & CAMPUS AWARDS

### APPLICATION PROCESS and GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Salute Event and Award Presentation:** Salute is an annual event hosted by Austin Partners in Education on behalf of Austin ISD and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. This year's event will be held Monday, May 7, 2007 at the Downtown Hilton Hotel, Austin, Texas, at 5:30 pm. Nominees and Award Finalists will be notified prior to the event. Winners will be announced at the event. All nominees will be recognized in print.

**Awards Objective:** To recognize and honor outstanding APIE business partners, AISD staff and community volunteers who make a difference in the academic achievements of students in Austin ISD. *Teacher of the Year* awards are solicited and processed by Austin ISD's Professional Development Center and are handled via a separate process.

**Judging:** Award selections are conducted by a broad panel of judges formed from community, school, and business leaders in the Austin area. Each judge reviews nominations independently and makes recommendations.

**Nomination Deadline:** Postmarked, faxed or emailed to APIE by Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

#### Nomination Policies:

1. An entity may submit one nomination per each Award category. There are 36 total categories available.
2. The completed nomination should describe the nominee's activities during the 2006-07 academic year.
3. All nominations must apply to activities related to and supporting Austin ISD's mission. (*AISD Mission: All students will progress academically and intellectually, and will graduate prepared for personal success and inspired to contribute to society.*)
4. Nominator agrees that portions of the Narrative page may be reproduced for promotional purposes.
5. Applications must comply with submission guidelines and postmarked by the deadline for consideration.

#### Submission Guidelines:

1. A Nomination consists of two (2) pages: a completed **Application Form** and a **Narrative one-page**.
2. Complete **ONE (1) Application Form** for each award nomination submitted. Use a separate Application form for each individual or business nomination to be considered.
3. Complete **ONE (1) Narrative page** for each award nomination submitted. Please refer to specific qualifications per category when writing the narrative.

#### Narrative page Format Requirements:

- **ONE PAGE, Print-worthy Narrative page**
- 8 x 11, front side only; typed; minimum 10pt font, New Times Roman; black ink
- Paperclip to Nomination Form; do not staple (if returned by mail)

#### List at top of the Narrative page:

- Name of Award
- Name of Person, Title (and affiliated business if applicable) being nominated for Award

#### In the Narrative description, please discuss the following:

- Describe individual, business, group or program.
- Discuss how the nominee's effort (via volunteer time, resources, funding and/or services) directly impacts student achievement.
- Discuss why the nominee is "the best of the best" for the 2006-07 academic year.
- May include endorsements or quantitative statistics of progress.

**Note:** Please retain a copy of the full nomination for your records, as materials will not be returned.



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For additional Nomination Forms and guidelines go to [www.austinpartners.org](http://www.austinpartners.org)

For additional information on Salute 2007, please contact: Helen Moore at (512) 637-0980



<b>CAMPUS AWARD CATEGORIES and QUALIFICATIONS</b>
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**Campus Spirit Award**

- Awarded to a School displaying outstanding leadership, dedication, and communication necessary to develop quality relationships with business and community Partners.
- Shows exceptional and innovative contributions to school progress and student advancement.
- Three (3) Awards presented based on grade range: Elementary, Middle, High School

**APIE Coordinator of the Year**

- Awarded to an APIE Coordinator who exemplifies outstanding leadership, exceptional participation in education, and innovative contributions to a school, program, department or the district.
- Nominee must be currently involved with a school and have a minimum one-year involvement with school, department or district.
- Three (3) Awards presented based on grade range: Elementary, Middle, High School

**PTA of the Year**

- Awarded to a PTA that exemplifies outstanding leadership and participation in education.
- Has made innovative contributions, leveraged economic resources, increased parental participation, or otherwise made lasting positive impact on the school.
- Three (3) Awards presented based on grade range: Elementary, Middle, High School

<b>PARTNER AWARD CATEGORIES and QUALIFICATIONS</b>
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**Partner of the Year**

- Awarded to a Business that exemplifies outstanding and consistent leadership and participation in education.
- Recognizes exceptional and innovative contributions to a school, program, department or the district.
- Explain involvement and commitment, in the form of cash, in-kind, or volunteer hours. May include years of commitment if applicable.
- Designate cash funding source from business as Local funds; Regional funds; National funds or specify other.
- Nominee must be currently involved with a school and have a minimum one-year involvement with school, department or district.
- Four (4) Awards presented based on number of employees: Small (1-50); Medium (51-150); Large (151-300); Corporate (301++).

**Special Project/Program of the Year**

- Recognizes a Special Project or Program which displays a high degree of teamwork, resource utilization and positive outcome results.
- May be performed by a single Partner or several Partners working together.
- Project or program should involve one or more of the following qualities:
  - improving the academic performance of students,
  - improving district facilities, or,
  - providing meaningful services/resources for a campus or department.

**Business/Community Representative of the Year**

- Recognizes a business/community representative who best exemplifies the spirit of Partners in Education through their individual consistent participation in and dedication to managing a partnership.
- Award recognizes effective communication and the creative use of resources to meet the school's or district needs and to ensure the success of the partnership.
- Nominee must be currently involved with a school, department, or the district and have a minimum one-year involvement.
- Four (4) Awards presented based on number of employees: Small (1-50); Medium (51-150); Large (151-300); Corporate (301++).

**Rookie of the Year**

- Recognizes a new Partner whose first full year of participation (school year 2006-07) reflects an outstanding commitment to a school, department or the district.
- Nominee should have produced immediate results and be a model for all new partners.



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### STAFF AWARD CATEGORIES and QUALIFICATIONS

**Classified Staff of the Year** (includes: Accountants, Bookkeepers, Bus Drivers/Monitors, Child Care Workers, Clerical, Communication/Media Specialist, Computer Lab Assistants, Community Ed, Parent Support Specialists, Secretarial, Teacher Assistants, Technology, Trades/Maintenance, Tutors and other temporary hourly positions)

- Recognizes an AISD Classified Staff member who has **gone beyond their regularly assigned job duties** to promote the development and/or progress of AISD's mission through the Austin Partners in Education program.
- Should have a minimum of one full school year in the AISD district.

**Campus Staff of the Year** (includes Teachers, Counselors, Librarians, Social Workers, Speech Therapists and Psychologists)

- Recognizes an AISD Campus Staff member who has **gone beyond their regularly assigned job duties** to promote the development and/or progress of AISD's mission through the Austin Partners in Education program.
- Should have a minimum of one full school year in the AISD district.
- Three (3) Awards presented based on grade range: Elementary, Middle, High School.

**Administrator or Principal of the Year** (includes: District Administrative, Principal and Assistant Principal positions)

- Recognizes an AISD Administrator or Principal who has **gone beyond their regularly assigned job duties** to promote the development and/or progress of AISD's mission through the Austin Partners in Education program.
- This person has created exceptional opportunities for the engagement of the community into their school.
- Should have a minimum of one full school year in the AISD district.
- Three (3) Awards presented based on grade range: Elementary, Middle, High School.

### VOLUNTEER AWARD CATEGORIES and QUALIFICATIONS

**Volunteer Group of the Year**

- Recognizes a Volunteer group who best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism. Group's activities should show outstanding and lasting positive impact on students, a school, a department, or the district as a whole.
- Nominee should have a minimum one-year involvement with school, department or district and be currently be active volunteers in the district.

**Individual Volunteer of the Year**

- Recognizes an individual who best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism. Individual's activities should show outstanding and lasting positive impact on students, a school, a department, or the district as a whole.
- Nominee should have a minimum one-year involvement with school, department or district and currently be an active volunteer.
- Three (3) Awards presented based on grade range: Elementary, Middle, High School.

**Mentor of the Year**

- Recognizes an APIE Mentor who exemplifies extraordinary dedication to a student's personal well being and academic achievement.
- Positive growth in the relationship between mentor and student must be evident.
- Mentor should have a minimum of one full school year with a student and be an active Mentor during the 2006-07 academic year.
- Three (3) Awards presented based on grade range: Elementary, Middle, High School.

**Tutor of the Year**

- Recognizes a Tutor who exemplifies extraordinary dedication to a student(s) personal well being and academic achievement. Positive growth in the relationship between Tutor and student(s) must be evident.
- Nominee should have a minimum of one full school year with a student(s) and be an active Tutor during the 2006-07 academic year.
- Three (3) Awards presented based on grade range: Elementary, Middle, High School.



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