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SAN BERNARDINO - Dr. Donald L. Singer, president of Crafton Hills College, Yucaipa, tonight was named acting president of San Bernardino Valley College, temporarily replacing Dr. Manuel G. Rivera, whose contract is expiring. Dr. Luis S. Gomez, currently Crafton Hills' dean of student services, will assume Singer's post as the college's president.

Action was taken on a recommendation of Chancellor Stuart M. Bundy by the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees which governs both colleges.

The moves will be in effect for a year or until a permanent president for Valley is hired. Rivera's contract expires July 1, and was not renewed.

Further administrative changes will be necessary as a result of the action, according to Alan Gresham, president of the board. Announcement of those changes are expected to be forthcoming when the board meets again on June 14.

Singer, 53, of Redlands, has been Crafton Hill's president for eight years, coming here from a position as vice president for academic affairs at southwestern College in Chula Vista. He was at that college for 10 years. He formerly was chairman of the social sciences division at Ceritos College for two years. He taught secondary education courses at California State College, Long Beach, and U.S. and Afro-American history and political science at El Camino College for four years.

For seven years before that, he taught in Los Angeles area high schools and junior highs.

Singer received his Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Southern California, as well as master's degrees in history and education and his bachelor's degree, all from USC. He has written numerous articles and papers for publication. His latest publication is, "Hollywood, Hype and Hysteria: The Crusade Against the Crusader," in Peter Lang's Upton Sinclair: Literature and Social Reform, published this year in Frankfurt.

Singer is administrative president of Redlands Unified Way, a member of the San Gorgonio Girl Scout Council board and director of the Redlands Economic Corp. He serves on the board of Temple Emunah El, is a member of the personnel advisory board for the city of Redlands and a member of the Redlands Noon Kiwanis Club.

He is president of the Inland Empire chapter of the Higher Education Consortium and a member of the board of directors for District VII of the national Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Dr. Luis S. Gomez
Dr. Gomez, 50, joined Crafton Hills College in July, 1987, coming from Valley College, where he had been since 1976 as coordinator of counselors for four years and on the counseling staff for 11 years. He formerly taught at California State University, San Bernardino and was a science and counselor at San Bernardino High School and at Valley College.

Gresham and other trustees lauded Bundy's recommendation of Gomez for the interim Crafton Hills post. Gresham said, "This board is committed to your success," to which Bundy added, "And so am I."

When Gomez came to Crafton Hills almost three years ago, it was from a background in personal counseling, career exploration and educational planning with returning women students, veterans, minority students and senior citizens. In addition to his past teaching and counseling assignments, Gomez has served as coordinator of the Upward Bound program at CSUSB. He taught courses in cross-cultural counseling, mathematics, Spanish and teaching.

Gomez received his Ed.D. in higher and post-secondary education from the University of Southern California, where he was selected as an Hispanic Educational leadership fellow by the School of Education. He received his master's and bachelor's degrees from CSUSB. He also studied administr-

Veronica Aaron named 1990-91 GI Forum Queen

Veronica Aaron was selected as San Bernardino GI Forum Queen for 1990-91 at the 30th Annual Queen Coronation and Scholarship Ball on May 25, 1990.

Ms. Aaron will represent the San Bernardino Chapter at the State Convention in San Jose on June 38-30. The winner in San Jose will represent the State of California at the National Convention in Chicago on August 1-4, 1990.

Ms. Aaron, an eighteen year old senior at San Gorgonio High School is a 3.23 point average in Honors and AP classes, in addition to college preparatory classes. She is involved in Student Council, Freshman Class Secretary, Sophomore Class President, Inter council President and Associated Student Body Vice-President. Her community involvement includes "Toys For Tots" and Sheriff's Student Advisory Council.

"My goal is to help others, I love being around people and this is why I have chosen political science and international relations as my major for college," she stated. She is very proud of her Hispanic heritage and is in 4th year honors Advance Placement Spanish class. Her great-great uncle is Dennis Chavez, the first Hispanic senator from New Mexico and her role model.

Ms. Aaron is planning to enroll in California State University, Long Beach in the fall.

Her life ambition is to be a senator. "It is going to take a lot of hard work, education and dedication," she said.

Programa Al-Anon Empresas en Centro Parroquial

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Lunes 11 de Junio en el Centro Parroquial, situado en 1475 W. 7th Street, San Bernardino, habrá un junta de Al-Anon en español.

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When opportunity knocks, this Latina listens

By Bob Castañeda

At 25, Theresa Alvillar-Speake was working as a secretary for a Fresno law firm, struggling to make ends meet and of the Department of Economic Opportunity. Needless to say, luck had nothing to do with Theresa's climb up the career ladder. Determination, perseverance and sheer hard work did. And one can't help but be inspired by the story of how this young woman took control of her destiny—and rose to become one of the highest ranking appointees in Governor George Deukmejian's administration.

Theresa grew up in Cottonwood, Arizona and married shortly after graduating from high school. In 1965, five years after moving to Fresno, California, she found herself single—and facing the awesome responsibility of raising her children, who were then 7, 4 and 3 years old.

"I spent the next seven years working as a legal secretary in various law offices in Fresno," she recalls, "but I always felt that I was capable of doing more, that I wasn't even close to realizing my potential."

One of the attorneys I worked for agreed," she adds, "and he kept encouraging me to return to school and pursue my college degree."

While appreciating the support she got from her employer, Theresa did not immediately heed his advice. Instead, she sought and secured an administrative assistant position in the Fresno office of the National Economic Development Association (NEDA), an organization which provided financial and management assistance to small and minority-owned firms across the nation.

"It was very satisfying to be part of a program which gave people the chance to draw upon their entrepreneurial spirit and get into business," says Theresa, whose initial duties included assisting with the development of feasibility plans and loan proposals.

"But I was still somewhat frustrated," she admits, "because I wanted to be in a position to do more."

This desire led Theresa to make what she considers one of the "most important and rewarding decisions" of her life. "I was 33," she recalls, "and I decided if I was to really get ahead, I needed to obtain a college education." Theresa enrolled at Fresno City College and attended evening classes while working full-time at NEDA. She also continued serving the community on a number of boards and commissions and stayed involved in her children's activities, which included Girl Scouts and Little League.

Then, in 1981, NEDA decided to close its operation, leaving Theresa without a job and still a couple of years shy of earning her degree. But rather than looking at the incident negatively, she viewed it as an opportunity to start her own business, a spin-off firm known as NEDA San Joaquin Valley, Inc. (The non-profit organization has since expanded throughout the valley from Bakersfield to Sacramento, and Theresa continues to serve as the unpaid chairperson of the board of directors.) In the meantime, she diligently pursued her studies. "It ended up taking me about ten years to get my bachelor's degree," says Theresa, who transferred to California State University at Fresno and majored in business administration, "but it's been well worth the time invested."

A few months after graduating, Theresa received her first appointment from Governor Deukmejian, who named her as deputy director for programs in the Department of Economic Opportunity. In this position, she was responsible for overseeing programs such as the Community Services Program, which allocates federal grants to agencies that provide education, employment and housing services to low-income persons. Her duties encompassed everything from program development and funding allocations to contractor selection procedures and evaluation systems.

"Working in this area seemed to be a natural extension of my efforts to help women and minorities in business," says Theresa, who was named Minor-

Theresa Alvillar-Speake
Director of State of California Dept of Economic Opportunity

California Business Advocate of the Year in 1984 and received the National Hispanic Women's Leadership Award in 1985. She took on even more responsibility in August of 1988, when Governor Deukmejian appointed her as Director of the Department.

"I welcomed the opportunity—and the challenge," she says, "and I'm finding it very interesting and rewarding. I've had an open door policy since day one, and I feel like that's been well received by the terrific staff here at DEO. I've also been much more involved in developing policies and procedures to ensure that the state's anti-poverty programs are administered efficiently and effectively."

Does she feel like she's finally realized her potential? "Absolutely not," she answers without hesitation. "I just turned 50, and there's still so much to learn and do."

So what's next for Theresa Alvillar-Speake? "Well, I'll be finishing up my master's degree in May," she says, "and after that, who knows? The only thing I'm certain of is that I want to keep striving to be the best I can be."
Bishop names Father LoPinto Catholic Charities Director

SAN BERNARDINO - The Most Rev. Phillip F. Straling, Roman Catholic bishop of San Bernardino, has announced the appointment of the Rev. Alfred LoPinto, 45, as executive director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of San Bernardino.

Along with his Catholic Charities appointment, Father LoPinto has also been assigned as rector of Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral here.

The appointment of Father LoPinto as director is expected to signal changes in the way those operations operate.

"Initially my work will be visiting the parishes, doing a lot of listening," Father LoPinto said. He added that "previously the focus (of Catholic Charities' work) was on services. I would have a much broader focus," including educating members of the diocese on social-justice issues facing the local church and empowering people.

Last winter, Father LoPinto, along with Neil Michael of the Diocese of Portland, Maine, completed a study of social-justice ministry within the San Bernardino Diocese, which includes both San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The most pressing need, Father LoPinto found, was "to build a consensus in the diocese for a comprehensive social-justice program."

"The diocese's major problems center around families," he said. He listed among these problems the vast numbers of people who have moved into the diocese in recent years, the need for both parents in a family to work coupled with the unavailability of child-care services, the lack of quality recreation for youth, lack of employment opportunities within the local communities, and the impact of gangs on family life.

He also listed the problems of African-American and Hispanic communities, and "especially, in the eastern part of the diocese, of the migrant farmworkers."

He sees changes occurring in the focus of Catholic Charities. "We will focus on serving the parishes," he said, adding, "The first line of response (to social problems) is the parishes."

Father LoPinto, whose entire priesthood has been tied closely to social-justice issues, said he developed an awareness of this area of ministry in his home parish, Our Lady of Loreto in Brooklyn. "The parish was the center of the social needs of the people," he said. During his college years, he worked at the parish, overseeing programs for children and youth. Because of the growing drug and gang problems in his community, Father LoPinto began to see "the need to use the church to respond to the human needs of people."

During his five-year tenure as executive director of the Campaign for Human Development, Father LoPinto oversaw the management of grants, education, economic development and nontraditional work of the campaign, and directed a full-scale assessment of the organization.

Ordained May 30, 1970, Father LoPinto holds a master's degree in social work from Columbia University and is a member of a number of community and social-justice organizations including National Justice for All Initiators, Bread for the World and Amnesty International. He is also a member of the social-policy committee of Catholic Charities USA.

Former Rialto resident named Houston Teacher-of-the-Year

Vanessa Nieto-Gomez Gutierrez, daughter of Trini Gomez and step-daughter of Graciaco Gomez of Rialto, was recently selected Teacher of the Year at Condit Elementary School in the Houston Independent School District, Texas. Mrs. Gutierrez has been teaching first grade for four years at the school which has a 35 member teaching staff and a 576 student enrollments.

Mrs. Pasquale, school principal, remarked that, "Mrs. Gutierrez is very organized, she is a very effective teacher and has good teaching strategies."

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Esther Abijana, a resident of Rancho Cucamonga, is a member of Southern California Edison's Multi-Lingual Speaker's Bureau. Esther is one of several bilingual speakers who are prepared to make presentations in one of five languages, including Spanish, to Inland Empire civic and community organizations.

The multi-lingual speaker's bureau consists of 11 Edison employees who are fluent both in English and another language.

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Trujillo named Distinguished Administrator

Trujillo began his career in Cooperative Extension in 1971 and was appointed director in 1979. His reputation statewide as a dedicated and respected administrator recently resulted in University of California Vice President Kenneth Farrell asking him to serve for 18 months as Cooperative Extension's acting southern regional director of eleven counties headquartered in Riverside and for 8 months as acting statewide affirmative action director in Oakland.

During this period, extensive reorganization of Extension's management and operation system was occurring and Trujillo provided leadership, stability, and open communication for both academic and support staffs.

Trujillo's dedication, involvement and encouragement towards innovative and creative thinking in program planning has been a major factor in San Bernardino County's Cooperative Extension staff and programs receiving state and national awards.

A native of New Mexico, Mr. Trujillo was educated at the University of California in Riverside; he also served as vice president and president of the student body. In 1974, Trujillo was named Outstanding Young Man in America.

Trujillo and wife, Jeannie, reside in Highland and they have five children.
Cal Trans Promotes Three Hispanics

Sal Chavez

The California Department of Transportation (Cal-Trans), District 8, San Bernardino, recently announced a series of promotions in-house professional personnel. Mr. Rey 
se "Sal" Chavez was promoted to the position of Senior Transportation Engineer and Chief of the Project Studies Branch. The job responsibilities involved the supervision of 13 staff engineers in the preparation and oversight of the District's Project Study reports.

The last two years Mr. Chavez has been Associate Transportation Engineer for District 8. In that position, he was supervisor of a projects design squad including four engineers and two technicians with an overall budgeted construction cost of approximately $40 million. During this period of time, he served as a State Service Representative on interview panels for junior civil engineers/civil engineers and was involved with the Affirmative Action Office by representing Cal-Trans at college fairs and career days, making presentations to under-represented groups and stressing the potential job opportunities at Cal-Trans.

In June, 1983, Mr. Chavez was hired by Cal-Trans, District 7, Los Angeles, as a Junior Civil Engineer and worked on a pilot program including construction, project development and traffic operations. He was promoted to Assistant Transportation Engineer in 1985. Actively involved with affirmative action, he was a member of the Hispanic Advisory Committee participating in recruitment efforts for Cal-Trans in the minority community and lecturing in school districts on the importance of education and the engineering profession.

The State Board of Registration granted Mr. Chavez the Professional Engineer Registration in 1987. Mr. Chavez was born in Mexicali, Mexico and the family immigrated to the United States and settled in Wilmington, California. He attended the local schools and graduated with honors from California State University, Long Beach with a B.A. in Civil Engineering. During his student days, he was active in the American Society of Civil Engineers and Society of Hispanic Professional engineers. He continued his education with graduate work in Engineering Management at U.S.C. and C.S.U.L.B.

Mr. Chavez married the former Carole Ramirez. They have two sons, Salvador five and Thomas three. The Chavez family resides in Victorville.

Joseph Hernandez

Mr. Joseph Hernandez was promoted to the position of Senior Highway Engineer in District 8, San Bernardino. Mr. Hernandez began his career with Cal-Trans in 1964, as an Engineering Aid II. He was promoted to Engineering Technician I and Engineering Technician II in 1966 and 1968, respectively. In 1973, he was promoted to Assistant Highway engineer and Associate Highway Engineer in 1982. His professional experience includes right of way engineering, rotation program (design, construction, traffic operations and planning), surveys, project development, traffic design and hydraulics.

He passed the State examination and received his Civil Engineer Registration in 1982. Prior to his career at Cal-Trans, he worked at Rohr Aircraft in Riverside from 1956 to 1964 as a sheet metal mechanic and industrial engineer. A veteran, he served in the Army from 1954 to 1956.

Mr. Hernandez is a product of the local schools, attending Ramona Elementary School, Allesandro Junior High School and San Bernardino High School. He also attended San Bernardino Valley College from 1958 to 1975, taking engineering courses in night school.

He married the former Juaniita Gomez. They have two children, Joe Jr. and Geradine. The Hernandez family resides in Colton.

Greg Ramirez

Mr. Greg Ramirez was promoted to the position of Senior Transportation Engineer, CT, becoming the District 8 Maintenance Engineer with responsibility of the Engineering and Administration Section.

Mr. Ramirez graduated from Cal-Poly, Pomona with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1981. He is a California Registered Engineer.

He was employed in 1981 by the Bechtel Power Corporation, working in the design, construction, start-up and operation of nuclear power plants in California, Arizona and Texas.

In 1988, he was employed by Cal-Trans as a Junior Civil Engineer, CT with the Construction Branch. He was promoted to Assistant Transportation Engineer CT, in August, 1988, Assistant Transportation Engineer, CT on March, 1989 and Associate Transportation Engineer (registered), becoming the Assistant District Maintenance Engineer in charge of the Engineer Section.

Mr. Ramirez resides in Redlands with his wife Rita and daughter Melissa.

By Ray Navarro

"Villa Verde Trail, Pine Islands, 20 March Sergeant Ismael R. Villegas leader in Company F, 32nd Division. When in forward position, clashed firecocks and foxholes on ground, he moved boldly man, in the face of brave and demolition charges, firemachine gun and rifle. For the spirit of his comrades Citation, G.O. No. 89, 10.

The description above of heroism achieved by Casa famous war veteran a
Richard Carranza Elected President of California Job Agents Association

Mr. Richard Carranza has been elected to a two-year term as President of the California Job Agents Association (CJAA), a statewide organization of job agents in the Employment Development Department (EDD). Mr. Carranza had been interim President since October, 1989.

Mr. Carranza is a 22 year employee of EDD, being promoted to several positions and ultimately to job agent in 1974.

Prior to his employment with EDD, he was employed by the San Bernardino Dependency Prevention Commission.

Mr. Carranza has been actively involved with state and community organizations: Casa de San Bernardino Drug Abuse Center, Board of Directors; DPSS Children Service Advisory Board; City of Rialto Affirmative Action Committee; San Bernardino Drug Abuse Program; Founder and President (three terms) of the Monarch's Organization, which was previously a gang in the Westside San Bernardino and reorganized as an organization to redirect youth into social and recreational activities.

In 1974, Mr. Carranza joined the CJAA, being actively involved in numerous committees, assuming the vice-presidency in 1988-89. "The functions of our organization are to develop additional avenues for job generation. However, our main goal is to work with top level EDD administrators, lobbyists, unions and the state legislature, submitting legislative recommendations for improvements in the state job agents program. This involves working in Sacramento and throughout the state," he stated.

Mr. Carranza is the last of nine children, born to Juan and Maria Carranza. He attended the local schools, dropping out of high school in 1963. However, in 1969, he returned to school and completed his education, "Experienced the need for an education," he said. He continued his education at San Bernardino Valley College and UCR.

He has been married to the former Mona Samitello for 28 years. They have four children, Nancy, Richard Jr., Steve and Stephanie and six grandchildren. The Carranza family resides in Rialto.

Richard Carranza

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Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 17th

Community Action Group, then addressed the group with words of remembrance for the soldiers who gave their lives.

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The highlight of the program came when the Ismael Villegas Memorial Project committee unveiled a draft drawing of what the Memorial statue of Villegas would look like. Funds are currently being raised to pay for this bronze 12 foot statue to be erected in the downtown Riverside mall. According to project committee chair, John Cisneros, $15,000 has already been raised with another $30,000 to $35,000 still needed.

The goal is to have the statue completed and presented to the Riverside Community on Memorial Day 1991. Individuals or groups interested in contributing to the fund may make checks payable to: THE ISMAEL VILLEGAS MEMORIAL STATUE COMMITTEE. Send to John Cisneros, Committee Chair, 3141 Juanita St., Riverside, CA 92504. For more information, you can also contact Raymond Navarro Jr., at (714) 798-1163.

Memorial Ceremony Honoring Casa Blanca War Dead

The event started with a 21-gun salute and a fly-by of roaring jets over the Casa Blanca community courtesy of March Air Force Base (MAFB). After colors were presented by MAFB Color Guard, Master of Ceremonies, Mario Perez welcomed the 150 residents and guests to the program. The invocation was given by Rev. Jose Jimenez, The Church of God of Prophecy, Michael Rivers, President of the Casa Blanca Community Action Group, then addressed the group with words of remembrance for the soldiers who gave their lives.

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Houston Teacher of the Year - From page 3

“She is a disciplinarian with class control at all times. She is very adept at identifying new teaching methods. Mrs. Gutierrez is the school’s E.S.L. Coordinator and school representative with the P.T.A. She has a positive attitude at all times and forwards positive suggestions in any circumstances. She provides the glue that holds the staff together. We are very proud of her teaching performance.”

Mrs. Gutierrez graduated from Eisenhower High School in Rialto, received a Bachelors of Arts and Teachers Credentials at the University of California, San Diego and her Masters in Reading and Writing at the University of Houston.

She is married to Dr. Pedro Gutierrez, formerly from Madrid, Spain and Professor of Spanish Literature at the University of Houston.

Mrs. Gutierrez stated, “I enjoy teaching at the elementary school level because we, as teachers, have a very important role in developing good learning habits in our youth which will be of valuable help in later years.”

Conduit Elementary School was selected as second highest in achievement level in the Houston School District.

Vanessa Nieto-Gomez Gutierrez, daughter of Trini Gomez and step-daughter of Graciano Gomez, teaching fractions to her class at Condit Elementary School in Houston, Texas.

Teacher Vanessa Nieto-Gomez Gutierrez with her first grade class at Condit Elementary School in Houston, Texas.

Rachael Krasney, representing Mayor Bob Holcomb, prepares to cut ribbon held by Luis Gonzales at opening of Lugon Auto Body on June 6.

Lugon Auto Body Ribbon Cutting

The Lugon Auto Body open house/reception was attended by over 100 friends, dignitaries and well-wishers on June 6th. The owners, Luis and Maria Gonzales, were very pleased by the attendance and support given to them in officially launching their new enterprise at 154 South Waterman in San Bernardino.

Those in attendance were welcomed with an assortment of Mexican foods and refreshments that were provided by “Felipes Catering”. Mariachi Cocula kept the music flowing during the two hour event. There was a feeling of cooperation throughout the afternoon especially when Luis Gonzales led the group on a tour of the facility.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was led by Luis and Maria Gonzales, Rachael Krasney, representing Mayor Bob Holcomb, Elisa Diaz, San Bernardino Unified school board member, and joined by the entire Gonzales family. According to Luis Gonzales, “Lugon Auto Body is a by-product of the dream I have had of developing economic enterprises that would be profitable, and yet committed to serving the community.”

Gonzales added, “In developing Lugon Auto Body I had many obstacles to overcome, but I feel that we have established a state of the art auto body that is equipped with all the latest technology and an expert staff that is well versed and experienced in its use.”

“We chose to locate Lugon in San Bernardino because we believe this city has the potential for great economic progress. For us, Lugon is one of several others we expect to develop in the coming years under the auspices of Lumar Enterprises.”

Mary Ann Gonzales, Administrative Assistant, Institute for Social Justice/Impacto-2000, who served as mistress of ceremonies, said, “For the Latino community, Lugon represents another successful step taken towards advancing our economic progress. We need to continue creating a stronger business community. By doing so, we are promoting our economic empowerment.”

Luis and Maria Gonzales, owners of Lugon Auto Body, at opening ceremonies, June 6.

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1989-90 Hispanic Teacher-of-the-Year Award Recipients

The Hispanic Teacher of the Year Award was established to identify and recognize outstanding teachers in grades K-12 as well as community college and university professors representing the Inland Empire.

The awards are sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, the Association of Mexican American Educators and the Inland Empire Hispanic News.

The recipients of the 1989-90 awards are as follows:

Mr. Louis B. Ramos, Jr., currently lives in San Bernardino and has been teaching at Riley Elementary School since 1979. He has been a computer lab teacher, taught first, fourth, and fifth grades, and is currently teaching second grade. Mr. Ramos was raised in San Bernardino and attended local schools. In 1976, he received his A.A. degree from San Bernardino Valley College; his B.A. degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1978; and in 1989, received his M.A. from California State University, San Bernardino.

Mr. Louis B. Ramos, Jr. is known to his students as their Angel. His skill as a teacher is phenomenal, and he is appreciated both on the campus and in the greater community. Each year his message touches the lives of thousands of people as attested by the many letters received by the many professors, consultants, lecturers, authors, and his students.

Mr. Acosta has been teaching for Chino School District, United Health Careers School, and San Bernardino Valley College RN Program. He serves as a master teacher in the Inland Empire. He attended elementary and junior high school here in the Westside and in 1964, she received her A.S. degree in Nursing from San Bernardino Valley College.

Mr. Francisco Acosta Colton Junior High School Colton Joint Unified School District Mr. Frank Acosta, Jr., was raised in East Los Angeles, spent one year (1954-55) in school in Mexico and graduated from Wilson High School with honors in 1964. Mr. Acosta received his B.A. degree in 1968, and his teaching credential in 1969, from the University of California, Riverside.

Mr. Acosta has been teaching for Colton Joint Unified School District since 1969 and at Colton Junior High School since 1971. He is recognized by his colleagues as an expert in Spanish, Chicano studies, photography, graphics, visual presentations, and computer science.

Mr. Acosta was nominated for the Hispanic Teacher of the Year Award because of his dedication to students, because he constantly goes out of his way to help fellow teachers, and for his continuous help to his school community.

Professor Ida Marie Nunez San Bernardino Valley College Professor Nunez is a life-long resident of the Inland Empire. She attended elementary and junior high school here in the Westside and in 1964, she received her A.S. degree in Nursing from San Bernardino Valley College.

Professor Nunez began her career at San Bernardino County Hospital where she worked for four years. She then worked at Loma Linda University Medical Center for 15 years. During that time, she helped set up the coronary intensive care unit and worked as staff nurse, team leader and charge nurse. She obtained her vocational teaching credential and taught for the Chino School District, United Health Careers School, and San Bernardino Valley College RN Program and Psychiatric Technicians Program.

Professor Nunez is the recipient of the 1989-90 Hispanic Teacher of the Year Award because, "she consistently gives knowledge, skills, and support for all students she teaches and supervises at Lanterman State Hospital because of "his dedication to students, because he is described as an excellent teacher who is dedicated to the profession, is creative in the classroom, students love him because he makes teaching interesting and fun. Louie also contributes much time and effort on community projects through his work with Knights of Columbus."

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Dr. Carlos Cortes University of California, Riverside Dr. Cortes is a senior, tenured faculty member of the University of California, Riverside. He received his Ph.D. in History from the University of New Mexico in 1969.

For the last 23 years, Dr. Cortes has served as a master teacher in the Inland Empire. His skill as a teacher is phenomenal, and he is appreciated both on the campus and in the greater community. Each year his message touches the lives of thousands of people as attested by the many letters received by the university from his students.

"Dr. Cortes, professor, consultant, lecturer, author, is the recipient of the 1989-90 Hispanic Professor of the Year Award because he has played an extraordinary role both at UCR and in the state in sensitizing committees in his chosen discipline of history. His historical perspective focuses on the area of integration of minorities into a majority population."