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### Region One Adult Education Educators Earn Statewide Recognition

*Texas Association for Literacy & Adult Education Recognizes Outstanding Contributions*

Adult Education at the organization's annual conference held on February 7-9, 2019 in Houston, Texas, for their commitment and dedication to adult learners through their work with the Region One Adult Education Program. The Texas Association for Literacy and Adult Education (TALAE) was formed in 1968 as the Texas Association for Continuing Adult Education with the purpose of providing professional development, networking, and state-wide recognition to adult education programs in Texas.

Mr. Carlos Estrada received the ***Outstanding Adult Education Teacher of the Year Award*** which is presented annually to an individual with five or more years of adult education teaching experience "who understands the characteristics of the adult learner and who is committed to the adult/continuing education profession." Other criteria for the award stipulate that the nominee provide a supportive atmosphere for learning which allows for freedom of thought and expression for the adult learner. Estrada has been an Adult Education Instructor for the past 12 years and currently teaches at the McAllen Adult Learning Center site.



Ms. Katherine Buentello received the ***TALAE Administrator of the Year Award***.

Buentello is a Supervisor in the Adult Education Program serving in her capacity for 6 years. Recipients of this award must "demonstrate a contribution to adult education at the community, state, and/or national levels and have made an outstanding contribution to others" through his/her work. Additionally, according to TALAE, the recipient must understand adult education and literacy not only as a process but also as a concept that continues throughout life.

To have two recipients of the statewide TALAE awards speaks highly of the Region One Adult Education Program, says Buentello, "It shows that the Adult Education staff is not only committed, but also passionate about helping adults succeed in either academics or job placement. To have two staff members recognized out of all the Adult Education and Literacy providers in the state of Texas, is a very rewarding experience. Our instructional and support staff prides themselves on working toward one common goal and that is to provide our students what they need to accomplish their educational goals."

Region One Education Service Center ([www.esc1.net](http://www.esc1.net)) serves over 433,000 students and educators in seven counties in south Texas including Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata counties. Region One works to assist school districts in improving student performance, assist districts to operate more efficiently and economically, and implement initiatives assigned by the legislature or the Commissioner of Education.

The Region One ESC Adult Education program offers adult students the opportunity to acquire the basic skills they need to be productive workers, family members and citizens. The program offers English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education (ASE) and English Literacy and Civics (EL Civics) classes free of charge to qualifying students. For information regarding Adult Education classes, call (956) 984-6270. #