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Long Beach Unified School Psychologist Honored by Statewide Association

Jeanne Anne Carriere, a school psychologist with the Long Beach Unified School District, last week received the Nadine M. Lambert Outstanding School Psychologist Award for her contributions to the profession by the California Association of School Psychologists (CASP) at its annual convention in Burlingame.

Ms. Carriere serves a large, urban elementary school and an even larger comprehensive high school. She is also a part-time faculty member at Chapman University in Orange and mentors school psychology interns, conducts workshops for special education teachers and mental health agencies, and is very involved with her students.

She is known for expanding her role as a school psychologist well beyond testing students and making recommendations for special education services. For example, she recently secured a spot at a school district camp for a student with autism – over the objections of that student’s general education teacher. She then visited the camp on her day off to ensure that the student’s camp experience was a positive one, according to Parisima Shahidi, Ed.D., principal at Juan Bautista Alvarado Elementary School in Signal Hill.

“When intelligence is mixed with decency and passion nothing can stop the individual from reaching greatness,” Dr. Shahidi said in Ms. Carriere’s nomination papers. “I am delighted to have (Ms. Carriere’s) life cross mine. I know the students she serves are better off, and the teachers she collaborates with learn that individual lives are much more important than personal gain.”

The Nadine M. Lambert Outstanding School Psychologist Award recognizes the contributions school psychologists have made to the schools, students and profession, and is awarded on a regional basis. Ms. Carriere was recognized as the Outstanding School Psychologist for the Greater Los Angeles region, which includes most of Los Angeles County, except the Los Angeles Unified School District, which has its own region in the association. She is a resident of Costa Mesa.

The California Association of School Psychologists, with about 3,000 members, is the largest state school psychologists association in the country. It provides continuing education, resource and referral and advocacy to school psychologists throughout the state. Formed in the early 1950s, the association works to ensure safe learning environments for all K-12 students.

For more information on CASP and on school psychology, please visit our web site at www.casponline.org. For a photo of Ms. Carriere, please contact Heidi Holmblad at 916/444-1595 or at communications@casponline.org.

