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Los Angeles Unified School Psychologist Honored by Statewide Association

Michelle Moelle-Deeb, a Burbank resident and school psychologist with the Los Angeles 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.

A school psychologist for the Lanterman High School for the Severely Handicapped, Ms. Moelle-Deeb is working on the issue of Mental Retardation label and its connotations on higher functioning, borderline students. She is also proactive for other students with developmental disabilities, according to colleagues.

Ms. Moelle-Deeb has been instrumental in securing services her students need and deserve. She holds group and individual counseling sessions for students with behavioral and emotional issues that cannot be addressed in the classroom setting. She is just as in tune with her colleagues, who often come to her when they just need someone to listen, according to Christina Cisneros, the assistant principal at Lanterman.

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. Moelle-Deeb was recognized as the Outstanding School Psychologist for the Los Angeles Unified School District, which has its own region in the association.

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. Moelle-Deeb, please contact Heidi Holmblad at 916/444-1595 or at communications@casponline.org.