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## **Students submit essays and surprise teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week**

*CCSD teachers leave lasting impression on students*

**LAS VEGAS** - Teachers throughout the valley are being honored this week as the Clark County School District (CCSD) observes Teacher Appreciation Week.

Christina Cross, a fifth grade teacher at Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School, was recognized this morning with an essay written by student Evelyn Chisum about how Cross has impacted her life. School Board Trustee Carolyn Edwards was also in attendance to express her thanks to Cross for the positive influence she has on students.

At Mojave High School, senior Mayra Gomez wrote an essay about how her English teacher, Karalee Pugmire, motivated her to succeed and gave her a positive outlook on education. Pugmire, who has been a teacher in CCSD for eight years, was honored by Gomez and School Board Trustee Dr. Linda E. Young to celebrate her contributions in the classroom.

Students Diana Aguirre, Quinton Garner and Bibiana Lopez from Cimarron-Memorial High School wrote about how 10th grade English teacher Raelene Halbert helped them through their toughest challenges. Halbert, who is a part of Teach For America, was greeted by School Board Trustee Patrice Tew and honored for the lasting impression she has made on her students.



From left to right: Trustee Carolyn Edwards, teacher Christina Cross, student Evelyn Chisum  
and  
Tarr Elementary School Principal Alyson Jones.



From left to right: Trustee Dr. Linda E. Young, teacher Karalee Pugmire, student Mayra Gomez, and Mojave High School Assistant Principal Jennifer Johnson.





From left to right: Trustee Patrice Tew, student Bibiana Lopez, Cimarron-Memorial High School teacher Raelene Halbert and student Quinton Garner.

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