



## 2007 California Winners of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

### Elementary Mathematics Presidential Awardee

**Tapp Hancock** teaches at the Bessie Owens Primary School in the Bakersfield City Unified School District, Kern County. She has served as a Bakersfield City School District mentor teacher and a Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Program provider. She was also an advisory board member for McGraw Hill's Math Textbook Committee from 1999-00 and the Chairperson of the Bakersfield Math Council of Elementary Events for 2005-06.

Tapp was awarded a patent for a mathematics system she developed, which teaches students division and multiplication using their fingers. She is also a member of the San Joaquin Valley Math Project, the California Math Council, and the National Teachers of Mathematics Council.

Tapp's credentials include both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Converse College, a Specialist Credential in Early Childhood Education from the University of South Carolina, a Pupil Services and Counseling Credential from California Lutheran University, and a CLAD Certificate for Bilingual Education from California State University, Bakersfield.

Ms. Hancock was a United States Fulbright Award Scholar for 2000-01 and was named Outstanding Teacher for Kern County in 2005.

Personal quote: "Math is the best curriculum and loads of fun to teach! I enjoy teaching my students a system I invented and developed on how and why math works together as a whole science with linear number patterns. The greatest reward comes when I witness the sparkle of my students' eyes when they begin to understand the common relationships between different math operations, expressions, and functions. The best part of everyday is during math time when I get to see the confidence levels of all my students soar!"

## Elementary Science Presidential Awardee

**Anne Marie Wotkyns** teaches fourth grade at John B. Monlux Math, Science, and Technology Magnet School in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She serves as the school's lead science specialist. She has been a support provider for the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Program since 2004 and a Mentor Teacher from 1996 through 2004.

Anne Marie is a member of the National Science Teacher Association, the California Science Teachers Association, and the Greater Los Angeles Teachers of Science Association.

Anne Marie's credentials include a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies from University of California, Santa Barbara and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from University of California, Los Angeles. She is a National Board Certified Teacher – Middle Childhood Generalist (2000).

Anne Marie has received the Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence-West Quiksilver Ocean Leadership Award, the Flex Your Power Energy Challenge Award, the National Audubon Society Master Teacher Award, and the Toyota Innovation Grant. She was a National Science Foundation Fellow and a nominee for Disney's American Teacher Awards.