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News Release

2010 LCE Educator of the Year is Victoria Montoya of Sable Elementary

The Office of Language, Culture and Equity at the Colorado Department of Education today announced the selection of Victoria Montoya as the 2010 LCE Educator of the Year. The announcement came on the second day of the LCE Academy, being held at the Denver Marriott Tech Center.

Victoria Montoya is an English language acquisition teacher leader at Sable Elementary in Aurora Public Schools (APS). While her career in APS has always supported the teaching and learning of English learners, her current assignment as a full-time teacher leader allows her to work with students for half of the day and as an instructional coach for the remaining time.

“Montoya works tirelessly to ensure that she and her school have the information they need to support students and their families,” said Barbara Medina, director of the Office of Language Culture and Equity. “Montoya’s dedication to English learners is also evident through advocacy outside of her classroom. Her work and dedication exemplify what it means to be teacher as a learner, a leader and an advocate.”

The LCE Educator of the Year award is in its third year. Districts from around the state nominate educators who they feel are deserving of this award. The Language Culture and Equity Office, along with its Advisory Council, review the nominees and make a selection.

For more information on the LCE Academy visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/download/PDF/20100419LCEAcademy.pdf> and for more information on the Language Culture and Equity Office visit http://www.cde.state.co.us/cde_english/index.htm

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