

TEACHERS' VOICE

"Volunteer: Someone who works for free for a community or for the benefit of others primarily because they choose to do so."

—Wikipedia

ATF: Professional Progressive Unionism

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2008 Fed Rep *of the year*



ELYNN
COWDEN

ATF Congratulates Elynn Cowden of LBJ Middle School, the 2008 Fed Rep of the Year!

Each year, ATF members have the opportunity to nominate Fed Reps for the honor of ATF Fed Rep of the Year. Every Fed Rep nominated exhibits outstanding leadership qualities. The ATF Executive Council reviewed all nominations and made the final decision that Elynn Cowden from LBJ Middle School has earned the honor of "2008 Fed Rep of the Year"!

Elynn is a Speech & Language Pathologist, and has been the Fed Rep at LBJ middle school and an active member of COPE for several years. She has built a strong union culture at her school, and a great rapport with her colleagues. Elynn has served our union in many capacities, and is a true activist. She often defuses volatile contractual situations involving her colleagues and the administration. Her service to the union and her profession extends beyond her school. She has attended nearly all the Fed Rep Council meetings over the last several years, and she takes the information gained back to LBJ to inform and motivate her colleagues. She was a key member of the small organizing group that fought for and won the establishment of the SLP Instructional Council. Elynn is a well-respected professional in APS and across the state, as she has held leadership positions in the state affiliate of the American Speech and Hearing Association.

If this were the extent of Elynn's union involvement, it would be commendable. But, Elynn also sees "The Big Picture" and, as a result, has been a long-time activist in the union's most important work—political action. Here is where her leadership qualities are most apparent, because Elynn leads by example. She is a Fed Rep that has lobbied legislators one-on-one about educational issues, but doesn't limit her involvement in politics to such high-profile activities. Elynn frequently volunteers for COPE Phone Banks—the not-so-glamorous, but critically important job of member contact on political issues and endorsed candidates.

Elynn received several nominations, all with glowing comments about her. Here are what some of Elynn's colleagues had to say:

- Elynn is an outstanding Fed Rep because she really cares about education and works hard to see that the union is doing everything it can to support the teachers of our state. Whenever there is a political issue our members should be aware of, Elynn is out front leading the fight and encouraging all the LBJ teachers to participate. Thanks, Elynn!
- Elynn is 100% committed to her duties as an ATF Fed Rep for our school. We are always "in the know" and have meetings to discuss upcoming events or important decisions. Elynn does more than her share to make ATF issues known and is very successful in her position. Cheers to Elynn.
- In my 38 years of teaching, I've not had that many questions; however, the few issues I have needed explored or answered Elynn has always accomplished the task, professionally, courteously, and personally. She is to be commended for this service. Thank You.

Thank you and congratulations to you, Elynn, from the entire ATF Executive Council!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Attitude of Gratitude

At the beginning of next school year, I will be entering my tenth year as your union president—it's a great opportunity to reflect and express my gratitude to all of you who make my work possible and personally and professionally gratifying.

Over the past ten years, our union has not only grown in numbers, but has become an organization where unionism and professionalism are one in the same. I am very proud and extremely grateful for:

☺ The almost 4,000 hard-working educators who voluntarily pay union dues in order to make it possible for every employee to enjoy the rights we so often take for granted, and who make it possible for our professional voices to be heard and to have an impact in our district.

☺ The ATF Federation Representatives, some of whom are mentioned here in this issue of the *Teachers' Voice*. The importance of each school's representative can never be overstated. Fed Reps are the volunteers who make communication, activism and representation possible, and are the voice of democracy in our union and in our schools.

☺ The ATF Executive Council, full-time teachers whom the members elect, and who volunteer an incredible amount of time to advise, inform and deliberate all that we do as a union. They are the practitioners who ensure that my ideas are grounded in reality.

☺ The hundreds of active union members highlighted in this newsletter. Wow—take a moment to notice the kind of work our members are doing in our union, our schools and our community! ATF members are ensuring professional success; advocating politically; working hard to represent our profession with APS administration; working effectively with kids in our tutoring and Dial-A-Teacher programs; and still our members make time to volunteer for public television. Whew! There is incredible involvement in our union—the lists speak for themselves.

The only thing constant is change—and I am looking forward to our next school year and the changes it will bring, or more precisely, the changes for which I will advocate! I will work tenaciously with AFT to elect supporters of public education, and fight for the repeal of NCLB—the one change I believe would make the biggest positive difference in your professional life and the lives of your students. I will also work with our national union to create and advocate for a better federal educational policy. I am committed to ensuring that the next president and congress create a public policy that supports public schools and respects the experts who work in them. In terms of the change in APS leadership, I hope we can create a mutually beneficial relationship with the next superintendent based on support and respect—two important words that are essential for productive, positive change.

With sincere gratitude,

Ellen

Fed Rep of the Year *Nominees*

In March, we asked ATF members for nominations for "Fed Rep of the Year". The ATF Executive Council takes all nominations into consideration, and uses the following criteria to determine who will receive the award:

- Attendance at Fed Rep Council meetings
- Recruiting new ATF members
- Participation in leadership activities
- Contract language knowledge
- Volunteerism/activism

We would like to recognize all of our Fed Reps who were nominated for the honor of "Fed Rep of the Year". Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for the work you do to build our union! Here are some of the comments and compliments from your colleagues:

Janna Ashby, Cleveland MS

"Janna is always concerned about the rights of everyone at Cleveland. She diligently works for the benefit of the staff and what is best for students."

Barbara Ayres, Mark Twain ES

"Barb is such a dedicated person in all she undertakes. She's always in there swinging for us. I'm retiring this year and she's the best rep I've known in all my years of teaching."

Jim Baxter, Petroglyph ES

"He works really hard to get information to the staff. He attends union meetings regularly so that he has current information to share. He is always open and willing to discuss union issues with staff on campus."

Phyllis Boyadjian, Arroyo del Oso ES

"She's prompt with keeping us up to date on 'happenings', encourages us to correspond with representatives at different levels so we can have our needs heard, and if we have questions, she gets us answers promptly. She's always there for us."

Ree Chacon, Matheson Park ES

"She showed me many reasons why it was important to join the union (I used to be anti-union). She is very optimistic & involved in afterschool activities."

Ginni Carlisle, Pajarito ES

"She attends every meeting, [and] she brings information back to the staff and her friends from other schools. She fights hard to bring in new members."

*Robin Gibson, John Baker ES

"She is always updating the staff. She keeps herself informed and passes that info to us. Great job!! Robin is always current on the issues, helpful w/ problems understands what is going on in the legislature and how it will affect teachers. Wonderful!"

Pat Graff, La Cueva HS

"Pat strives to inform every teacher of the latest news that affects us. Her notices and handouts are clear and timely, and she speaks strongly for us at meetings and with administration. Pat is quick to recognize union members who achieve honors within and outside of the school, and she always notes when the union has helped a person or a program succeed. Pat is the epitome of a good Fed Rep!"

Sky Gross, West Mesa HS

"Sky is a class act and a gentleman. I appreciate his efforts in resolving my difficulties. He always took time with me and got my answer. I'm proud to have him as a colleague."

Francis Kittredge, Madison MS

"Frank regularly attends the Fed Rep meetings and keeps the ATF members on site updated regularly. Frank is a very vocal and active rep; I am proud to see his feedback published in the ATF Teachers' Voice. He is very knowledgeable and is the right person to address for clarification and/or advice. I can always count on him as my Fed Rep!"

Mike Lombardi, CEC

"Mike is a respected leader at CEC. Mike encourages membership & recruits from the heart. He involves all teachers in current issues. He encourages participation in the union."

Jo-Ann Lynch, Alamosa ES

"Jo-Ann is knowledgeable, willing to help, friendly, [and] always attends meetings, advocates & recruits."

Melodie MacDiarmid, Cibola HS

"Melodie is organized, responsible, knowledgeable & congenial. She communicates info to union members in a timely, clear manner. She is current on school & district issues that affect members."

Lisa O'Riley, Fine Arts

"Lisa has lots of fervor and really believes in the importance of the union. She keeps 80+ Art and Music teachers updated on all things 'Union' & is really an inspiration to our group. Several have joined the union because of Lisa, including me."

Stephen Part, La Cueva HS

"Stephen listens to concerns, offers suggestions and help, and is willing to take concerns to ATF leadership. He goes beyond the call of duty and is a credit to both the ATF and La Cueva HS."

Veronica Pena Gonzales, New Futures

"Veronica is organized, helpful to all role groups, efficient, not intrusive, takes her position seriously, and has good contract knowledge."

Jan Pfaff, Montezuma ES

"She is always available to teachers and finds answers to problems staff are unable to address. She is truly amazing."

*Angela Reynolds, Truman MS

"Angela keeps everyone informed, and is knowledgeable about laws, teacher rights & responsibilities. She is extremely supportive of union members, and does tireless recruiting. Angela advocates for staff and students, and has excellent leadership skills even w/ difficult people."

*Loretta Shiver, SR Marmon ES

"She is always involved with us. Loretta is our 'Balance of Powers' at this school and prevents us from being mistreated. She knows the letter of the law and enforces it to our betterment. Loretta is pro-active with all of us. We see her friendly face daily and respect her opinions. Thank-you Loretta! You're amazing, and YOU make the difference at our school. You're the glue that holds us all together and gives us our voice."

Roxanne Sikes, Taylor MS

"Roxanne has contract language knowledge, and recruits new members. Anytime I ask her a question about the union, if she doesn't know, she finds out. She is very supportive of union issues."

Sabra Smartt, Cibola HS

"Sabra goes above & beyond to complete jobs that nobody else wants to do. She is on almost every committee. She is an articulate and amazing teacher."

Susan Spaeth, Cochiti ES

"Susan is always supportive, and is very knowledgeable about the contract & rights of teachers. Susan is always punctual with memos from the union and a great resource at school."

Ann Stevenson, Dennis Chavez ES

"She attends the council meetings. She participates in many leadership activities. She is very familiar with contract language knowledge, and if she isn't familiar with something particularly, she will find out for you."

Karen Sucher, Grant MS

"Karen has done this job well, and keeps us well-informed."

Francesca Tuoni, Albuquerque HS

"She is sincere, she is committed to representing her members, she is thoughtful and eloquent when presenting her views to the administration, and she is very knowledgeable of the APS/ATF agreement. Thank you!"

Gloria Zuber, ACCESS

"Gloria is respectful of all people, and interacts well with the leadership. Gloria is not afraid to ask difficult questions or to call the right people. She makes the school a better place to work. She initiates discussions at staff meetings that involve teacher/union issues, and has teacher and student priorities first and foremost. Gloria practices what she preaches, and is an excellent role model."

*ATF Executive Council members are not eligible to receive the "Fed Rep of the Year" award.

MEMBERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT MAKE OUR UNION STRONG

The Albuquerque Teachers Federation isn't "the union—it is OUR union. We are over 3800 members strong, but only 7 people staff our office. It is the involvement, activism, time and energy of hundreds of members that make it possible for ATF to offer so many different services and opportunities—not only to our members, but to potential members, students and the community as well. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize our ATF Member Activists and say THANK YOU for all you have done in the name of our union this year!

ATF Executive Council

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Kristin Johansson, Membership & Involvement Coordinator
Ed Monjarás, Staff Representative
Wilson Wilson, Staff Representative

ATF Fed Reps

The ATF Fed Reps are essential to a strong, informed membership and are the democratic decision-making body that gives our union direction. We appreciate their dedication and activism.

Names in bold type attended 6+ Fed Rep Council meetings as of April.

Names with an asterisk () recruited 5+ members as of April.*

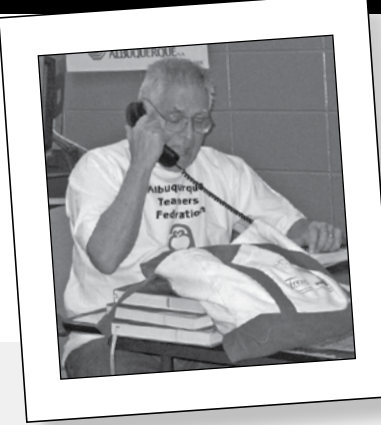
Raquel Aguirre, Edward Gonzales ES
Fred Aiken, Rio Grande HS
Cynthia Alfini, Del Norte HS
Catherine Alonzo, Monroe MS
Dorothy Alzaga, Truman MS
Cynthia Anderson, Grant MS
Joseph Apodaca, Longfellow ES
Matthew Aragon, Del Norte HS
Susan Aragon, Collet Park ES
Becky Archuleta, Lavaland ES
Darlene Arnold, Lavaland ES
Liliana Arvizu, Adobe Acres ES
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***Sara Attleson, Kennedy MS**
***Barbara Ayres, Mark Twain ES**
Eric Baldwin, Bel-Air ES
Bill Barker, La Cueva HS
Frederick Barnett, Cibola HS
Margarita Barraza, Polk MS
Cynthia Bartley, Sandia HS
James Baxter, Petroglyph ES
Toni Berg, Nursing Services
Carol Blackshear, John Baker ES
Gay Blech, Hoover MS
David Bleicher, Rio Grande HS
Cynthia Bowra, Instructional Support Systems

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Phyllis Boyadjian, Arroyo Del Oso ES
Barbara, Brandon, Edward Gonzales ES
Judith Calhoun, La Mesa ES
Marcella Candelaria, Garfield MS
***Ginni Carlisle, Pajarito ES**
Carol Carriaga, Mary Ann Binford ES
***Ree Chacón, Matheson Park ES**
Victor Chacón, Cleveland MS
Lynn Chaney, Chaparral ES
Jessica Chavez, Edward Gonzales ES
Joan Chavez, John Adams MS
Sonja Chlapowski, Truman MS
Heather Clark, L.B. Johnson MS
Joann Clink, Sierra Vista ES
William Collins, Highland HS
Leslie Cork, Van Buren MS
Helen Cortez, Manzano HS
***Elynn Cowden, L.B. Johnson MS**
Merida De Aragon, Mission Avenue ES
Ida Demos, Ernie Pyle MS
Lori Denee, Eisenhower MS
Rene Denham, Osuna ES
Ramona Desmond, Duranes ES
Debra Diller, Mitchell ES
Gordon Douglas, Rio Grande HS
Randolph Edmonds, Edward Gonzales ES
Josephine Elwess, West Mesa HS
Gina Ecece, Petroglyph ES
Georgette Endicott, Center For Extended Learning
Murray Enggass, Governor Bent ES
Ellen Esquibel-Bellamy, Eugene Field ES
Donald Ethell, Dolores Gonzales ES
Nicole Evans, La Mesa ES
Karyl Farris, Sierra Vista ES
Rose Fehr, Van Buren MS
Michelle Felis, Susie Rayos MS
Mary Ferguson, Comanche ES
Natalie Figueroa, Volcano Vista HS
Cynthia Florence, A. Montoya ES
Elizabeth Followell, Cibola HS
Michelle Fontanez, Truman MS
Anita Forte, Rio Grande HS
Charles Foust, Chamiza ES
Anne Frale, Ventana Ranch West
Samuel Fretwell, Truman MS
Marcia Fry, Ventana Ranch West
***Wendy Fuller, Hawthorne ES**
Martin Gabaldon, Washington MS
Ralph Gallegos, Instructional Support Systems
Ralph Gallegos, Volcano Vista HS
Joann Garcia, La Luz ES
Mark Garcia, Rio Grande HS
Victoria Garcia, Ventana Ranch West
Ramona Garcia-Blea, Armiyo ES
Tamara Gaudet, Strategic Professional Development
Harold Gershenson, Navajo ES
Robin Gibson, John Baker ES
***Robert Gollon, John Adams MS**
Francisca Gonzales, Painted Sky ES
Kristina Gonzales, New Futures
***Pat Graff, La Cueva HS**
Rebecca Griego, Lew Wallace ES
Rosemary Griego, Alvarado ES
Penny Grigsby, Sandia Base ES
Skyler Gross, West Mesa HS
Pamela Hagler, Hodgkin ES
Patricia Halama, Truman MS
John Hale, San Antonito ES

Susan Hall-Furlong, L.B. Johnson MS
 Terry Hanz, Emerson ES
 C Danielle Harden, Georgia O'keeffe ES
Laurie Harris, Jefferson MS
 Thomas Heady, Edward Gonzales ES
 Nancy Heath, Mary Ann Binford ES
 Georgianne Heisey, Whittier ES
 Janice Henfling, Seven Bar Loop ES
 Mirle Hernandez, Truman MS
 James Hickerson, Wherry ES
 Laura Hidalgo-Castillo, La Mesa ES
 Jason Hollis-Reynolds, Valley HS
 William Hurwitz, Mc Kinley MS
 Christine Imislund, West Mesa HS
 Patricia Ironside-Davis, SR Marmon ES
Pamela Irvin, Alamosa ES
 Robert Johnson, Eldorado HS
 Sarah Kaer, Cibola HS
 Margaret Kelly, Chamiza ES
 Linda Kemp, Edmund G. Ross ES
 Marie Kenny, Eisenhower MS
 Joann Kiefer, Apache ES
 Robert Kindel, Jackson MS
 Deborah King, Desert Ridge MS
Fonda Kirchmeyer, Inez ES
Rod Kirchmeyer, Governor Bent ES
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 Theodore Klammer, Highland HS
 Martha Krone, La Cueva HS
 Jason Krosinsky, Freedom HS
 Rachel Krout, Whittier ES
 Michael Kuhn, Zia ES
Kenneth Kummet, Double Eagle ES
 Sandra Kutarnia, Rio Grande HS
 Frederick Lackey, Desert Ridge MS
 Doris Lahart, Sierra Vista ES
Mary Laurel-Garwood, East San Jose ES
 Nancy Lawrence, Language & Cultural Equity
 Sondra Lawson, Jimmy Carter MS
 Susan Leonard, Highland HS
Susan Leo-Russell, SR Marmon
 Qiyun Lin, Sierra Vista ES
 Michele Lockhart-Henry, Rio Grande HS
 Patrick Logan, Jefferson MS
 Michael Lombardi, CEC
 Michelle Lucero, John Adams MS
 Michele Lupowitz-Grant, Taylor MS
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 Melodie MacDiarmid, Cibola HS
 *Karen Marberry, Navajo ES
 Karen Marler, Mc Collum ES
 Elizabeth Martinez, Mac Arthur ES
Miriam Martinez, Los Padillas ES
 Michelle Martinez-Armenta, Reginald Chavez ES
Judith Mastin, Collet Park ES
 Kenneth Maxey, La Cueva HS
 Susanna May, Zia ES
 *Erin Mayer, Wherry ES
 Lesa McBride, Manzano Mesa ES
 Hanna McCabe, Bellehaven ES
 Carol McColgan, Truman MS
 James McCullough, Carlos Rey ES
 Carrie McGill, Zia ES
 Deborah McKinney, MA Binford ES
Kelly McMahan, Hayes MS
 Mary Mercier, Roosevelt MS
 Jerry Milburn, A. Montoya ES
Beatrice Miles, Zuni ES
 Lester Miller, Cibola High School
Susan Miller, Polk Middle School
 James Mills, Evening High School
 Steve Montoya, Special Education - Coronado

Virginia Montoya, La Mesa ES
 Ryan Morris, Hoover MS
 Shawn Morris, Jefferson MS
 Guy Morton, Emerson ES
 Michele Murphy, Desert Ridge MS
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 Bridgette Noriega, Atrisco ES
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 Phyllis Parks, Ventana Ranch West
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 Stephen Part, La Cueva HS
 Rosanne Patitz, Barcelona ES
 Cynthia Patrick, Valle Vista ES
Veronica Pena-Gonzales, New Futures
 John Penery, Corrales ES
Barbara Petersen, Valle Vista ES
 Janis Pfaff, Montezuma ES
 Cecilia Pike, Bandelier ES
 Judy Pinto, Sandia HS
 Leila Pochop, Jimmy Carter MS
 Jennifer Pope, Los Ranchos ES
 Karen Potter, John Adams MS
 Bonny Prince, Acoma ES
Ray Quintana, Sandia HS
 Cheryl Rasoli-Dawson, Seven Bar Loop ES
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 Tamela Rhoton, Sierra AS
 Michael Rivera, John Adams MS
 Renee Rivera, Polk MS
 Robert Rivera, Juvenile Detention Center
Susan Rogers, Sombra Del Monte ES
 Janine Romontio, Apache ES
 Angelina Saavedra, Edward Gonzales ES
 Charmarie Salazar, Mc Collum ES
 Christopher Sanchez, Dolores Gonzales ES
 Heather Sanchez, Lowell ES
 Maria Sanchez, Alternative Cluster
 Martha Sanchez, Alvarado ES
 Natalie Sanchez, Albuquerque HS
 Laura Sanchez-Brown, Hubert Humphrey ES
Therese Saunders, Marie Hughes ES
 Ryan Schlee, Hoover MS
 Elsie Scott, La Cueva HS
 Andrew Sedrel, Eubank ES
***Toni Seidler, Wilson MS**
 Daniel Shanley, Manzano HS
 Megan Shanley, Special Education - Aztec
 Sharon Sharp, Chelwood ES
Diana Shea, Marie Hughes ES
 George Shea, La Cueva HS
 Lisa Shima, Harrison MS
Loretta Shiver, SR Marmon ES
 Roxanne Sikes, Taylor MS
 Teresa Sims, Pajarito ES
 Sabra Smartt, Cibola HS
Susan Spaeth, Cochiti ES
 Barbara Spear, Volcano Vista HS
 Linda Spensley, Alameda ES
 Susanna Sprague Harris, BS
 Karen Stauch, Montezuma ES
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 Steven Swenerton, Special Education - Aztec

Catherine Taylor, Valley HS
Julianne Terrill, Rio Grande HS
Melissa Tholund, La Mesa ES
 Sean Thomas, Eldorado HS
 Samantha Thompson, Rio Grande HS
 Francisco Timm, La Cueva HS
 Karen Torres, Garfield MS
 Gretchen Townsend, Kirtland ES
 Michaela Trujillo, Mountain View ES
Francesca Tuoni, Albuquerque HS
 David Vangesen, North Star ES
 Joseph Vertrees, Freedom HS
 Christina Vigil, Hodgin ES
 Grace Vigil, Indian Education
***Sharon Vocale, McKinley MS**
 Susan Wagner, Chamiza ES
 David Wahler, Jefferson MS
 Nicholas Wechselberger, School On Wheels
 Roxie Weger-Thomas, Manzano Mesa ES
 Lorraine Weidlein-Illaraza, Dennis Chavez ES
 Roger Weinstein, Sandia Base ES
 Judith Wenger, Sombra Del Monte ES
 Karen Wilkirson, Juvenile Detention Ctr.
 Janice Wood, Oñate ES
 Krystal Wood, Monte Vista ES
 Ruthann Woods, Tomasita ES
 Dorothy Woodward, Taft MS
 John Wright, Rio Grande HS
 David Zarecki, Osuna ES
 Kathryn Zottnick, Hubert Humphrey ES
 Gloria Zuber, ACCESS



Gil Aibel, Dial-A-Teacher, helps a Spanish-speaking student with his homework

Christina Padilla, La Luz ES
 Cyndie Patrick, Valle Vista ES
 Gillian Phelps, Valle Vista ES
 Elizabeth Ringgold, Atrisco ES
 Teresa Rodriguez, Valle Vista ES
 Lorena Saiz, Edward Gonzales ES
 Raeanne Sandoval, SR Marmon ES
 Santiago Stockton, Edward Gonzales ES
 Ann Swickard, Edward Gonzales ES
 Angela Tafoya, Edward Gonzales ES
 Guadalupe Tapia, SR Marmon ES
 Bernadette Valdez, Adobe Acres ES
 Andrea Villano, Alamosa ES
 Melissa Watson, Valle Vista ES
 Carolyn Watermilller, SR Marmon ES
 Deborah Welch, Adobe Acres ES

ATF Dial-A-Teacher

Jorge Gamem, Coordinator, Albuquerque HS
 Gil Aibel, Rio Grande HS
 Deborah Duncan, Retired
 Joyce Ehrler, LBJ MS
 Katja Maerki, Sandia Base ES
 Joaquin McDonald, Rio Grande HS
 Michael Parsons, Kennedy MS
 Jodi Schultz, Chelwood ES
 Katherine Stewart, Retired



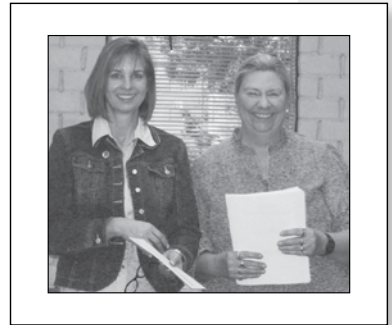
ATF Teacher Tutoring Services tutors are engaged in professional development.

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 Lorena Alexander, SR Marmon ES
 Becky Archuleta, Lavaland ES
 Belinda Archuleta, Alamosa ES
 Darlene Arnold, Lavaland ES
 James Beaudette, Adobe Acres ES
 Jessie Bottone, MA Bindford ES
 Crystal Breshears, Carlos Rey ES
 Joe Buck, Edward Gonzales ES
 Ofelia Soltero Chavez, Adobe Acres ES
 Sophie Collaros, SR Marmon ES
 Jeanette Cordova, Adobe Acres ES
 Bernadetta Crawford, Adobe Acres ES
 Patricia Angelo, Adobe Acres ES
 Doreen Dix, Adobe Acres ES
 Amy Ellis, Adobe Acres ES
 Mary Jane Faull, Carlos Rey ES
 Janie Gallegos, SR Marmon ES
 Angela Gamboa, Alamosa ES
 Loyola Garcia, Adobe Acres ES
 Donna Garcia, La Luz ES
 Tammy Garcia, Adobe Acres ES
 Debra Gonzales, Adobe Acres ES
 Janey Guthrie, Adobe Acres ES
 Ginger Gutierrez, Adobe Acres ES
 Evan Hager, La Luz ES
 Sue Hamilton, MA Binford ES
 Adela Harper, La Luz ES
 Patricia Ironside-Davis, SR Marmon ES
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 Stella Irving, Valle Vista ES
 David Junick, SR Marmon ES
 Nicholas Kadlec, Adobe Acres ES
 Sarah Lanyi, Lavaland ES
 Andrea Leigh-Manuell, Carlos Rey ES
 Anna Lesperance, Valle Vista ES
 Edwina Lopez, Adobe Acres ES
 Eva Madrigal, Edward Gonzales ES
 Kimberly Marquez, Adobe Acres ES
 Laura Martinez, SR Marmon ES
 Tiffany McGuire, Carlos Rey ES
 Lisa Oliphant, SR Marmon ES
 Eder Ortiz, Lavaland ES

Professional Development Dossier Support

Pat Graff, Coordinator, La Cueva HS
 Alyssa Anaya, Carlos Rey ES
 Linda Bluestein, APS Mentor Program
 Tiffany Bryant, Jackson MS
 Michelle Felis, S.R. Marmon
 Wendy Fuller, Hawthorne ES
 Blake Learmonth, Jefferson MS
 John Komesu, APS TLS
 Monica Maestas, West Mesa HS
 Bonnie Maldonado, Pajarito ES
 Miriam Martinez, Los Padillas ES
 Jane Pierce, La Cueva HS
 Bianca Belmonte-Sapien, JDC
 Ryan Schlee, Hoover MS
 Toni Seidler, Wilson MS
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 Arthana Hampel, Sierra Vista ES, NBCT
 Judy Taylor, Retired, NBCT
 Sandy Simpson, Hoover MS, NBCT
 Steven Schripsema, Hayes MS, NBCT
 Lori Alexander, SR Marmon ES, NBCT
 Bianca Belmonte-Sapien, JDC, NBCT
 Jane Avon Yessak, Petroglyph ES, NBCT
 Ann Stevenson, Dennis Chavez ES, NBCT
 Nancy Matthews, Petroglyph ES, NBCT
 Clara Gonzales-Espinosa, Chamisa ES, NBCT
 Michelle Felis, SR Marmon ES, NBCT



ATF Organizing Team: Robin Gibson, Erin Mayer & Cameron Schafer

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 Erin Mayer, Wherry ES
 Cameron Schafer, Rio Grande HS
 Sharon Vocale, McKinley MS

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 Fonda Kirchmeyer, Inez ES
 Rod Kirchmeyer, Governor Bent ES
 Maura McWilliams, Inez ES
 Barbara Petersen, Valle Vista ES
 Susan Spaeth, Cochiti ES
 Kim Whitman, Mark Twain ES

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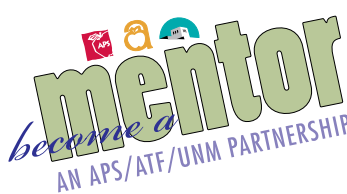
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Level 2 & Level 3 Teachers Wanted

The Mentor Program is looking for general and special education mentor applicants. The role of the mentor is to offer support and practical advice to first-year teachers based on observation and discussion of the first-year teacher's professional experiences.

Mentor benefits:

- Support beginning teachers at your site and remain a classroom teacher
- Receive a \$2000 differential
- Monthly professional development and leave time
- Professional renewal

For more information contact Linda Bluestein, Coordinator at 880-8249 Ext.176, bluestein@aps.edu or visit us at our website: www.aps.edu/aps/tlsmmentor/index.htm.

Educators' Emporium

Retiring? Changing levels? Just cleaning out your classroom or garage? ATF collects educational materials from experienced educators and redistributes them to newer teachers! We will be accepting donations from May 14th-June 29th. We will gladly accept any of the following materials:

- Manipulatives
- Visual aids/posters
- Children's books and novels
- Dictionaries and other reference books
- Containers, desk organizers, file boxes, crates
- Teacher resource books/thematic ideas
- Games, puzzles, arts and crafts supplies

Due to limited storage, we cannot accept textbook adoption samples or discarded textbook sets. If you have questions about donations, contact Kristin at 262-2657 or kjo@atfunion.org.



Fed Rep Elections

ATF Fed Rep elections for the 2008-2009 school year will take place this May. Current Fed Reps received elections materials at the May 6th Fed Rep Council meeting, and are charged with facilitating the elections process at their schools. Each school is entitled to one Fed Rep per twenty ATF members, or part thereof.

Any ATF member is eligible to run, so we hope you'll throw your hat in the ring! The ATF Fed Rep Council is the policy-making body of our union, so it is important to have a democratically-elected representative from your school that can help make decisions on behalf of their fellow ATF members.

If you are an ATF member and your school is one of the few that does not currently have an ATF Fed Rep, please contact Kristin at 262-2657 or kjo@atfunion.org and she will conduct an election at your school.

2009 NM Teacher of the Year

The NMPED is accepting nominations for the "2009 New Mexico Teacher of the Year". The application is online at www.TeachNM.org and at www.nmped.state.nm.us and must be submitted Friday, June 6 by 5:00 p.m. Call M. Yolanda Valencia, with the NMPED Professional Development Bureau, with questions at 505-827-3535.

Brain Research: Learning & Applications

Second Annual Summer Institute
at Albuquerque Academy

July 17 -18, 2008
\$275 per person for APS personnel
(lunch included)

Volunteer opportunities are available for reduced or free registration. CEUs - 11 hours through New Mexico Psychological Association (NMPA) Please visit our web site for detailed speaker, schedule and registration information: www.aa.edu/braininstitute or contact Lisa Rhodes, 828-3268, rhodes@aa.edu for additional information.

The field of neuroscience has provided substantial advances in understanding the developing and learning brain. During this two-day Institute leading educators, practitioners, researchers and psychologists will discuss practical ways in which cognitive neuroscience can enhance educational practices to promote positive learner outcomes. Participants will explore techniques to help students improve attention, enhance processing for memory and recall, and develop approaches to address learning disorders. Presenters will review the unique characteristics of the adolescent mind and the impact of environmental factors, emotion, and genetics on learning.

Numerous opportunities for discussion, exchange of ideas, and networking are an integral part of this experience.