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Jefferson Elementary teacher selected as SJC Teacher of the Year

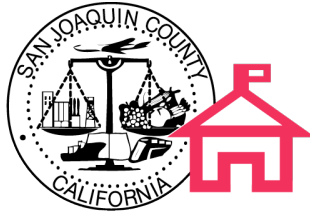
San Joaquin County Office of Education selected Krista Beltran, seventh-grade teacher of Tom Hawkins School in Jefferson Elementary School District, as the 2010-11 San Joaquin County Teacher of the Year.

“Krista keeps students constantly engaged, holds every student accountable, and believes all of her students are capable of learning,” said her former Principal, Paula Finton.

Beltran is able to engage her students through her involvement in various programs and services within the county. Currently, she is the student council advisor, a member of the district instructional norms committee, a consultant for the Great Valley Writing Project, a member of the district technology committee, runs an afterschool book club for middle school girls, a Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment support provider, pilots new curriculum, and a trainer for *Steps to Success*, a character education program.

Aside from her ability to engage students, Krista is known as an inspiration to them and her fellow teachers alike.

“Krista sets her expectations high and motivates students to imagine great things for themselves,” said Cassandra de Wood, seventh-grade teacher of Tom Hawkins School. “More than anything, she inspires me and other teachers in our own pursuit of excellence in the teaching profession.”



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Beltran believes her greatest contributions in education are the relationships she creates with her students. She takes time each year to know each of her students personally, finding out their interests and goals. She encourages them to prepare themselves for college and become stellar citizens. “Teaching is my life, and I look at my students as my kids,” said Beltran.

Krista earned her Bachelor of Arts and California Teaching Credential from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly). She is currently going to school to gain a Master’s Degree and preliminary administrative services credential from California State University, Stanislaus.

Each year San Joaquin County selects one Teacher of the Year from many applicants throughout the area’s 14 school districts.