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**TWO OUSD TEACHERS TO BE HONORED AT  
CELEBRATING SUCCESS FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS**

ORANGE, CA (April 25, 2013) – Teachers Kelly Devine and Valerie Gotts have been chosen to represent Orange Unified School District at the Orange County Department of Education’s *Celebrating Success for English Learners* event on May 8, 2013.

Devine and Gotts will each receive a Certificate of Award for significant contributions in promoting academic success for English Language Learners (ELL).

**Kelly Devine**, teacher at Taft Elementary School, will represent Orange Unified’s elementary schools. She played a pivotal role in Taft’s exit from Program Improvement, helping the school to successfully meet state mandated goals for English Language learners for the last three years. District personnel said, “Kelly works tirelessly, going beyond her required duties to ensure that **ALL** her ELL students are receiving the support they need to be successful.”

**Valerie Gotts**, teacher at Cerro Villa Middle School, will represent Orange Unified’s secondary schools. She coordinated English Language Development (ELD) and Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English (SDAIE) classes for a number of years and has been instrumental in successfully implementing the *Academic Vocabulary Toolkit* with her students. More importantly, Gotts truly believes that **ALL** her ELL students can learn and achieve success, and she explicitly imparts this belief to her students on a daily basis.

Each district in Orange County has the opportunity to nominate two exceptional individuals who meet the criteria of excellence in promoting success for English Language Learners to be honored at *Celebrating Success for English Learners*.

*The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, California.*

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