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PRESS RELEASE

Twin Rivers Employee Receives National Award

SACRAMENTO—Mara Gonzalez, an orthopedically impaired inclusion specialist at Orchard Elementary School, is in Chicago, Ill., to receive the 2013 June Downing Breakthroughs in Inclusive Education Award by TASH, a national nonprofit advocate.

The purpose of the award is to honor the important and courageous contributions of individuals and school districts in advancing inclusive education and equitable opportunities for students.

Principal Paula Roach couldn't be more proud of her employee.

"Mara Gonzalez is an outstanding educator who deeply cares about each and every student," says Roach. "Her dedication to ensuring that students with disabilities get the best education in an inclusive model is apparent at all times."

TASH will present the award to Gonzalez during the closing general session of their annual conference on Dec. 13, 2013. Each year, TASH honors those whose contributions have advanced equity, opportunity and inclusion for people with disabilities, and whose actions set a high standard for human rights every day.



Mara Gonzalez, Orchard Elementary School, recipient of the 2013 June Downing Breakthroughs in Inclusive Education Award.

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Twin Rivers Unified School District serves approximately 27,000 preschool through adult education students in northern Sacramento County.

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