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THE WHITE HOUSE

in appreciation of

NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, STATE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR,

and

GREAT EDUCATORS
FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY



Tuesday, May 3, 2016



CHRISTOPHER J. STEINHAUSER Superintendent, Long Beach Unified School District

Christopher J. Steinhauser has served as superintendent of the Long Beach Unified School District since 2002. His school district is California's third largest, with a diverse population of nearly 80,000 students. Long Beach was listed among the world's top five performing school systems in the Global Education Study by the Battelle for Kids nonprofit organization. Long Beach schools have closed achievement gaps by emphasizing datadriven collaboration with teachers and with higher education partners. Steinhauser began his career as a teacher more than 30 years ago at an elementary school in Long Beach. He earned a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and a master's degree in educational administration from California State University, Long Beach.

JAHANA HAYES National Teacher of the Year

Jahana Hayes was named 2016 National Teacher of the Year on April 28, 2016. Hayes' route to teaching began as a student. The first in her family to graduate from college, she was inspired by her teachers who urged her to dream bigger, despite a challenging upbringing. Hayes is a veteran history teacher at John F. Kennedy High School in Waterbury, Connecticut. As the 2016 National Teacher of the Year and a spokesperson for the teaching profession, Hayes hopes to motivate more people to become educators and continue to carry out this important work. Hayes has taught for the past 12 years. She earned an associate's degree from Naugatuck Valley Community College, a Bachelor of Science from Southern Connecticut State University, a Master of Arts from Saint Joseph University and a certification from the University of Bridgeport.

PROGRAM

Welcome

CHRISTOPHER J. STEINHAUSER

Superintendent Long Beach Unified School District

Remarks by

JAHANA HAYES National Teacher of the Year

THE PRESIDENT



STATE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Meghan Ables, Arkansas Heather Anderson, Oregon Jessica Anderson, Montana Melody Apezteguia, Utah Revathi Balakrishnan, Texas Jennifer Brown, Alabama Teresa Cianchetti, Ohio Justin Coffey, Kansas Chelsea Collins, New Jersey Mairi Cooper, Pennsylvania Natalie DiFusco-Funk, Virginia Talya Edlund, Maine Melyssa Ferro, Idaho Nathan Gibbs-Bowling, Washington Linda Glasgow, Montana Leticia Guzman Ingram, Colorado Sandra Hall, Delaware Mary Hansen, Department of Defense Education Activity Jahana Hayes, Connecticut Amy Hewett-Olatunde, Montana Audrey Jackson, Massachusetts Daniel Jocz, California Rick Joseph, Michigan Ryan Kaiser, Maryland Topher Kandik, District of Columbia Roger King, Wisconsin Susan Koch, Vermont Suzanne Koty, South Carolina Tracy Lafreniere, Rhode Island Ashley Lamb-Sinclair, Kentucky Érnest Lee II, Georgia Sarah Lutz, South Dakota Christine Marsh, Arizona Dana McDonough, New York Diane McKee, Florida Amy Jo Meiners, Arkansas Melanie Mesa Blas, Guam Stephanie Mew, Hawaii Dora Miura, Northern Mariana Islands David Morales, New Mexico Anna Morris, Mississippi Monique Motta, Virgin Islands Amy Neal, North Dakota Amy Pierson, Wyoming Ashley Preston, New Hampshire Tim Royers, Nebraska Jean Russell, Indiana Andrea Santos, West Virginia