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TCTA recognizes Edinburg CISD educator and board trustee with statewide awards

AUSTIN – The Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA) has named an Edinburg CISD educator and a board trustee as statewide award recipients.

School Board Trustee **Ciro Trevino** has been named the 2008-09 Trustee of the Year, given for outstanding service to education, students and the community.

Cristin De La Cruz, a counselor at Hargill Elementary School, was named the 2008-09 Faculty Representative of the Year, an award given to honor a local affiliate leader who has demonstrated outstanding school district service and has contributed to the growth and success of a TCTA local affiliate organization.

Both were selected based on nominations submitted by the Edinburg CTA, a local affiliate of the statewide TCTA. Founded in 1927, TCTA is an association for Texas teaching professionals and serves 50,000 members across the state.

In nominating Mr. Trevino, the Edinburg CTA noted that he is “a retired [county tax assessment collector] who has committed his life to being a public servant. He has excellent rapport with all school board members as well as teachers, students and members of the community.”

Mr. Trevino has served as a board member for the Edinburg CISD for the past three years and helped pass a bond package to provide new schools to the community during that time. An accountant for many years, Mr. Trevino attended McAllen Business College and served in the U.S. Navy.

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The nominating CTA cited Mr. De La Cruz's leadership in recruiting potential members as the main reason for submitting his name, noting, "He stresses the fact that his members are not alone, that there is help if the need arises. Due to his recruitment tactics, which are commendable, he has managed to recruit 70 percent of the staff at his campus. His TCTA membership campaign is year round, even during the summer months."

Mr. De La Cruz received his bachelor's degree in 1986, majoring in history and minoring in Spanish. He received his master's degree in 1990, in guidance and counseling and administrative supervision and then earned his mid-management certification. Before becoming an educator, Mr. De La Cruz served in law enforcement.

TCTA has presented Faculty Representative of the Year awards since 1989, and nominations may be submitted by any of TCTA's more than 200 local affiliates.

TCTA will honor award winners in February in Austin, during the association's annual convention. Educators from across the state will participate in professional development seminars, elect TCTA leaders for statewide and district positions, review and vote on the association's 2009 legislative program and adopt policy positions on many current education issues.