Ron Lee Technology Award
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Denise Maduli-Williams
San Diego Miramar College

Denise has been teaching ESOL and English for more than two decades. She earned her BA in English and Linguistics from Cal Poly State University and then joined the Peace Corps and taught English in Botswana. Next, she taught in New York City public high schools while earning her MA in TESOL from Columbia University Teachers College. For the past 15 years she has taught ESOL and developmental English in community colleges in Chicago and San Francisco. She is now an assistant professor of ESOLL and English at San Diego Miramar College. Her passion is educational technology, which she enthusiastically integrates into all of her classes. When she's not teaching you can find her enjoying the beach, behind her camera as she hones her photography skills, or cheering on her school-age sons at their basketball and flag-football games.
Undarmaa Maamuujav
California State University, Los Angeles

Undarmaa Maamuujav came to the United States as an international student in 2002 to pursue her MA TESOL at California State University, Los Angeles. Coming from a landlocked country Mongolia, she did not know much about the world outside. But joining the TESOL community, she asserts, opened a whole new world and provided many opportunities she would not have otherwise had. Undarmaa is a proud member of TESOL and CATESOL, as well as Cal State LA community where she has taught writing and ESL courses for 12 years. This fall she has joined University of California Irvine to teach Academic English.
Raymond Carson
Irvine Valley College AESL

Raymond Carson has been teaching English as a second language for 15 years. He taught in-company business English abroad in Barcelona, Spain for four years. After relocating to downtown Los Angeles, he taught ESL for UCLA Extension and UCI Continuing Education at various levels for the Intensive English Programs. Currently, Raymond teaches multi-skills Adult ESL at Irvine Valley College and writing classes for Academic English at UCI, School of Humanities. He is an active member of CATESOL Orange County Chapter and a contributor to the CATESOL NEWS.
David E. Eskey Memorial Award
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Sharin Jacob
University of California, Irvine

Sharin Jacob is a first-year doctoral student in Language, Literacy, and Technology at UC Irvine. Her research will focus on maximizing English Learners’ engagement in high quality computer science & engineering instruction. She started in education serving second language learners in San Diego as an ESL teacher. She went on to earn a MA with distinction in TESOL at Cal State University Los Angeles. Post graduation, her RA work focused on broadening STEM participation for traditionally underrepresented students.
IEP Level Professional Development Award
Sponsored by ELS Language Centers

Ixchell Reyes
University of Southern California, International Academy

Ixchell Reyes has been teaching ESL in Higher Ed for 10 years. She is a tech geek and enjoys creating a spirit of community among students and with other colleagues. She has been volunteering with the Inland Empire Chapter for four years. Her favorite hobby is taking iPhones apart and fixing them.
Community College Level Professional Development Award
Sponsored by National Geographic Learning

Sally Winn
City College of San Francisco,
ESL Department

Sally Winn has been teaching ESL at City College of San Francisco since 1990. She has taught all levels in both credit and noncredit (adult ed) with the majority of time in noncredit. Previously she taught for six years at Shoreline Community College in Seattle and one year in Athens, Greece. She was a Fulbright lecturer in Romania in the 80s. She has presented at CATESOL regional and state conferences, and at TESOL conferences in the U.S. and abroad. She has contributed to a variety of TESOL publications, including TESOL Matters, TESOL Journal, TESOL Newsletter and New Ways in Using Games in Communicative Language Teaching. She currently edits the ESL department newsletter at CCSF and serves on various committees. Her favorite place is in the classroom and on field trips that take her students out of the class to introduce them to the rich resources of their community.
Jennifer Land
Alameda Adult School

Jennifer Land began her professional teaching career at Alameda adult school, teaching one class. In her second year, she taught two classes. Now starting her third year with three beginning literacy classes a day, she hopes this trend doesn’t continue. However, each term has brought improvements to the way classes are set up and each new experience helps figure out ways to make learning better. On the weekend she volunteers with Hayward’s literacy plus program.
Adult Level Kareen Kjelstrup Memorial
Professional Development Scholarship
Sponsored by Cambridge University Press

Kenneth M. Ryan
West Contra Costa Adult School

Ken has been teaching Adult Level ESL for West Contra Costa Adult Education in Richmond and San Pablo for the past 23 years. His current professional development goals are to improve his Beginning ESL Literacy instruction, connect with other teachers to share ideas about Literacy instruction, and to raise awareness professionally and institutionally of the need to focus on the success of these learners.
Norma Shapiro Memorial Library Award
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Lisa Gonzalves
University of California, Davis

Stemming from previous work as an immigrant law advocate, Lisa Gonzalves has worked as an adult ESL instructor in the San Francisco Bay Area for over a decade, primarily at the adult school level. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Linguistics at UC Davis, emphasizing the need for more representation of adults with little to no first language literacy in TESOL research and education policy.
Yu Harishima
Rolling Hills Preparatory School

Yu Harishima is a 10th grade student at Rolling Hills Preparatory School in Los Angeles. In 2015, Yu moved to the US with her parents. Soon after, she went to Britain by herself before moving back to the States in 2016. Yu enjoys taking English classes after school and making friends from different countries to practice English. Her favorite subject is Mandarin, and she is active in cheer, the International Club, and the school council. Yu also plays tennis regularly and volunteers at a Japanese Saturday school every week.
Jia Qi Niu
American English College

Jia Qi is an extraordinary student from China and has studied at American English College for the past three summers. Jia is always eager to learn and participate in class. She started the program with very little confidence but quickly advanced to be a powerhouse of a student. Jia is grateful for this honor and would like to express her gratitude to all the judges.
Luisa Patino was raised by a single-mother in Colombia. She received Bachelor’s Degree in Tourism Administration in Colombia. Luisa came to the U.S. to achieve her biggest goal: mastering a second language. She studied in the ESL program at Mount San Antonio College and recently won an ESL scholarship. Her goal is to obtain an MBA with a Hospitality Management Emphasis at Cal Poly Pomona.
The Adult Level Student Essay Winner is Ngoc Tam Trinh, an Intermediate High/Advanced Low ESOL student from Pinole, CA. She attends West Contra Costa Adult Education, Richmond, CA, and her teacher is Inocencia Dacumos. She’s a 19-year-old Vietnamese woman who came to US 8 months ago and likes it here! In the future, she would like to go to college and study other languages as well.