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## news release

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# Playa Vista to Sponsor LAX Coastal Area Chamber's Annual Eddy Award Dinner

*Los Angeles, Calif.* – For the 24<sup>th</sup> year, the LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce will recognize the outstanding contributions of teachers from local schools during the annual Teacher Eddy Awards Dinner.

This year's event, sponsored by Playa Vista, will begin at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 15 at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport, 5711 W. Century Blvd., in Westchester and will recognize teachers from elementary school through the university level for their efforts in educating our young people.

The event will also recognize the 2007 *Friends of Education*, selected from the community for their support of education in Westchester, Playa del Rey and Marina del Rey.

"This is our version of the Oscars for our teachers," said event co-chair Gwen Vuchsas. "Teachers seldom get the recognition they deserve, but we want them to know how special they are."

This year's honorees are:

James Tatosian, Cowan Avenue Elementary School

Laura McGovern, Kentwood Elementary School

William Fulco, Loyola Marymount University

Jennifer Neumayer, Loyola Village Elementary

Shaquana Slack, Loyola Village Elementary/MAGNET

Patricia Cracchiola, Open Magnet Charter School

Larry Rubin, Orville Wright Middle School

Chrstitina Wantz, Orville Wright Middle School  
Heather Joseph-Witham, Otis College of Art and Design  
Inez Turner, Paseo Del Rey Natural Science Magnet School  
Marek Zielina, Playa del Rey Elementary  
Patricia Hedge, St. Anastasia School  
Ron Rishagen, St. Bernard High School  
Rosie Roberts, St. Bernard High School  
David Mallen, St. Jerome School  
Donna Geyer, Visitation School  
Darla Hederer, Westchester - Emerson Comm. Adult School  
Jordan Catapano, Westchester High School  
Rick Steele, Westchester Lutheran Elementary School  
Yavonka Hairston, Westchester Magnet Math & Aerospace  
Dorothy Armstrong, Westport Heights Elementary School  
Daniel Buck, Westside Leadership Magnet  
Sean How, Westside Neighborhood School

Each teacher will receive a crystal Eddy Award, made possible by a generous donation from Playa Vista. In addition, teachers and principals will be eligible for a series of impressive prizes at the event.

Seats at the dinner are just \$40 per person and can be reserved by contacting the Chamber. For more information, please call (310) 645-5151.