



FEBRUARY 6-9

Annual Conference

**Honoring our Roots and Expanding our Horizons:
BILINGUALISM FOR ALL**

Para-Educator of the Year

The National Association for Bilingual Education will recognize achievements by an outstanding bilingual para-educator for the second time at its annual conference. This award will be given to a current bilingual para-educator who works with students and parents in a community to ensure English language learners' success. At the NABE conference in Tampa, Florida, a dedicated para-educator will be honored for his or her abilities to support children's achievement and parent action as keys to students realizing their educational and personal goals. Two other distinguished para-educators will also be recognized for their contributions.

Your NABE representative is invited to submit the name of one para-educator by November 10, 2007 to the reviewing committee that includes administrative, bilingual educator and para-educator representatives. The Para-Educator of the Year will receive: complimentary registration for this year's annual conference; transportation and one night's lodging at the conference; a plaque and an award of \$500. Recognition will occur during the annual NABE conference in February, 2008. Award winners will be contacted in early December, 2007.

**Please complete and mail the application packet as explained below by November 10, 2007 to:
NABE 2008 Para-Educator of the Year (next page for NABE address).**

For additional information about the para-educator award, please contact:

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Nomination criteria require that each para-educator meet all of the following to be eligible for this award:

1. Current NABE member (If not already a member, dues should be paid by the nominating school district at the time of application.)
2. Current bilingual para-educator who works with English learner students and parents in ways that add to student success and school/district program capacity.

3. Served as a para-educator for at least two years.
4. Participates in personal growth in school/district, educational institution or community opportunities.
5. Demonstrates a bilingual philosophy in school and community achievements.
6. Improves learning opportunities for students and parental support for children
7. Nominated by a NABE affiliate officer or SIG chairperson.
8. Complete portfolio submitted (cover, photos, statements, recommendation letters)

Portfolio contents and expectancies for a complete nomination packet, 2 copies each

1. NABE nomination cover page and affiliate officer or SIG chairperson signature or a current NABE member.
2. Two photographs of 5" X 6" size or high quality JPG or TIFF image file
3. Biographical information of no more than two paragraphs
4. Statements about the nominee, two paragraphs each describing responses and examples to criteria items 4, 5, and 6, not to exceed two pages in total.
5. Three to four recommendation letters (one by the nominee's immediate supervisor) responding with examples of criteria items 4, 5 or 6.



Para-Educator of the Year

Nomination Cover Sheet

Deadline for submission is November 10, 2007

Submit application to:
NABE 2008 Para-Educator Award
1313 L. Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20005-4100
Fax: 202-789-2866

For complete application, please send this copy and one more with two copies each of the biography, photo, criteria statements, and letters of recommendation. No materials will be returned.

Nominee's name: _____

NABE membership ID#: _____ Or attached payment verification for membership

Position/Title: _____

Years in current position: _____ Grade level(s): _____

Languages spoken: _____

Name of School District and School: _____

Immediate supervisor name _____

Position: _____

School/District address: _____

School/District telephone # _____ fax #: _____

Nominee's home address: _____

Nominee's home telephone number: _____

List nominee's most recent 4 years of para-educator experience:

List nominee's most recent 4 years of bilingual /professional education trainings:

Affiliate Officer or SIG chairperson signature or current NABE member certifies this one candidacy qualifies from its affiliate state:

signature chapter name date

Candidate signature provides permission for publishing materials' to promote award.

signature chapter name date