

Comal Independent School District

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Goodwin Frazier's Barragan named Comal ISD's 2007 KENS5 ExCEL Teacher of the Year

Goodwin Frazier Elementary fifth-grade teacher Celia Barragan is Comal ISD's 2007 KENS5 ExCEL Teacher of the Year.

Barragan received a "golden apple" trophy, as well as \$1,000 from the San Antonio Federal Credit Union in a ceremony attended by the entire student body at Goodwin Frazier Elementary Tuesday.

Barragan will be recognized during a special report, which will first air Thursday, Nov. 15, during the KENS5 newscast at 6 p.m. It will re-air on KENS5 Saturday, Nov. 17, between 7:30-9 a.m.

Barragan received her bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University) in elementary education with a minor in bilingual education. While she was attending school full time, Barragan held two jobs and participated in the work-study program at the university. A year later, Barragan earned her master's degree from Texas State in curriculum and instruction, and then began teaching at the age of 22.

"I love my job," Barragan said. "I love the children and I love working with parents."

In her 31 years of teaching, Barragan has been the Elementary Teacher of the Year at Travis Elementary in San Marcos, the Secondary Teacher of the Year at Maria Hernandez Middle in San Marcos, the Bilingual Teacher of the Year in

San Marcos, and the Teacher of the Year at Comal ISD's Canyon Intermediate School.

"My thirty-first year of teaching finds me as energized, excited and full of high expectations as ever," Barragan said. "I am ready to give my students my best, with lots of love, straight from the heart."

In addition to her regular classes, Barragan currently teaches bilingual education, and English Second Language (ESL) classes at Goodwin Frazier Elementary. She is also a team leader at GFES, and is on the math, reading/language arts, and language proficiency assessment committees at Goodwin Frazier Elementary.

Barragan's community involvement includes being an active member of the Holy Family Church, helping distribute more than 700 pairs of shoes yearly to school children in San Marcos in the "Nosotros La Gente Shoe Drive," working on the Texas State University Tomas Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award Committee, working with the bilingual summer reading program at the New Braunfels Public Library and participating in the Reading Fiesta in June at the Westside Community Center in New Braunfels.

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