

## Announcements

### Congratulations to CSEA Members!

**Katie Arcila** (Trailblazer) was recently awarded the Distinguished Art Teacher Awards by the Arts and Business Consortium For El Paso County. According to Fox News' report on the award, "Students say Arcila's classroom environment is fun and a place to express yourself. She even holds mini dance parties, making it easy to build a strong relationship with the whole class." The report contains two student quotes as well: "She has a way of pulling the attention of the students, so it's really easy to connect with her also," said Rebecca Kruger, a fifth grader, and "It's fun. You can express yourself. It's not a test," said Daniel Mohr, a fourth grader. Here's the full [story](#).

**Christina Classen** (Doherty), **Robert Higgins** (Digital at the Wasson campus), **Michelle Johnson** (Mitchell) and **Erica Rewey** (Palmer) were selected by the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs to receive this year's Diamond Awards. The Diamond Awards program was started by the Rotary Club 15 years ago with the purpose of choosing one student-nominated teacher from each D11 high school to be recognized and honored for exceptional service in education. The teachers selected have shown that their impact reaches far beyond the classroom. The selection committee spends many hours every year reading through each nomination submitted. According to the committee's chairperson, "Every year we are convinced that we are recognizing the very best and every year we find even more teachers that qualify for this award." Each winning teacher is awarded a beautiful clock with their name and award inscribed and a gift of \$250."

### AR Elections Coming Soon

Earlier this week all members received an email regarding elections in the buildings for next year's Association Representatives. All members are invited to run to serve as an Association Representative for their school. Anyone interested in serving as an AR next year should contact [CSEA](#) by April 26, even if currently serving as an AR.

## Events

### Happy Hiking and Socializing Afterwards

Thursday, May 12      4:45 to 5:00      Sonderman Park, 740 West Caramillo St.  
Meet in the parking lot

Weather permitting, we'll hike the 1.5 to 2 mile trail together. We'll have some bottled water and light snacks for all. This a family friendly event, and leashed dogs are allowed if they are human and other dog friendly. Portable bathrooms are available.

Thursday, May 12      After the hike      Odyssey Gastropub, 311 N. Tejon  
The fun continues as we eat, drink and socialize! If you don't feel like hiking, please join us for this social time.

Please RSVP so we can plan for supplies and seating at <http://vols.pt/dJ6mWK>

## Contract Fact

### ARTICLE XV.F.3      Teacher Resignation From Stipended Position Deadline

A teacher desiring to resign from a stipend position effective the following year shall notify the principal in writing prior to May 1. A teacher who fails to do so shall be required to fill the position unless personal health problems make this impossible, a qualified replacement is available and agrees to accept the assignment, a program or scheduling change substantially altering the program delivery and requirements, when notice and a description of such change is not provided at least thirty (30) days prior to May 1, or the teacher transfers from the building.

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