



# PTA Partners in Leadership

California Family-School Partnership Award recipient announced

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***Congratulations to Virginia, Georgia, California, Florida, Idaho, Kentucky, and Illinois State PTAs on their state's winners***

National PTA's [Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family School Partnership Awards](#) recognize local PTAs that effectively engage families by working to achieve the PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships.

The recipient of the 2010 Outstanding Family-School Partnership Award, given to a PTA demonstrating exemplary all-around achievement of the National Standards, is **K.W. Barrett Elementary PTA in Arlington, Virginia**. This PTA reaches out to all populations in its diverse school, provides opportunities for learning at home, and communicates high expectations for all students.

The Family-School Partnership Award of Excellence is given to six PTAs, each representing the best in one of the six National Standards. The 2010 recipients are:

**Standard 1 - Welcoming all families into the school community: Chattahoochee High School PTSA, Alpharetta, Georgia.** When budget issues cut front office staff, PTA volunteers stepped in to make sure everyone felt welcomed as they came into the school.

**Standard 2 - Communicating effectively: Olivewood Elementary PTA, Lake Forest, California.** This PTA has increased the number of Spanish-speaking families involved in its school and PTA by using word of mouth and bilingual notices and partnering with an English Language Advisory Council. **President** Crystal Jenkins.

**Standard 3 - Supporting student success: Chapel Trail Elementary PTA, Pembroke Pines, Florida.** This PTA supports a program in which parent volunteers teach and mentor students in art. It also provides after-school tutoring to improve student performance on the state assessment.

**Standard 4 - Speaking up for every child: Seven Oaks Elementary PTA, Eagle, Idaho.** When the school had to drastically cut the number of field trips, Seven Oaks PTA brought field trips to the students with schoolwide assemblies that enhanced classroom learning.

**Standard 5 - Sharing power: Harmony Elementary PTA, Goshen, Kentucky.** This PTA has formed a number of committees in conjunction with school staff to improve the school and increase student achievement.

**Standard 6 - Collaborating with community: Northeast Elementary PTA, Evergreen Park, Illinois.** This PTA partners with a local D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program and a local recreation center to provide after-school activities at low or no cost to families.

National PTA congratulates these inspiring PTAs—and all the award applicants. All applicants receive an Award of Merit for demonstrating commitment to building family-school partnerships.

Learn more about the awards at [PTA.org/Hearst](#), and share the press release announcing the recipients.