

Anna Reagle

Alice Byrne Elementary School

2016 Rodel Exemplary Teacher

Bragging rights

“ My students never cease to amaze me. It doesn't matter how high I set my expectations, they always find a way to exceed them. They are motivated to work hard and always do their best. The courage and strength they show just by coming to school every day is admirable. They are somehow able to forget about everything negative that life has thrown their way and walk into my classroom with smiles on their faces, ready to learn. I am beyond proud of every single student that I have in my classroom.

Learning from a mentor

“ An important lesson that I learned from my mentor, Kari Stewart, is to always lead by example. Kari wasn't afraid to take risks in education. She challenged her students to think deeply and reflect on their learning, and she encouraged them to ask questions. This inspired me to influence others in the same way. In my classroom, I model hard work, motivation, responsibility, respect, and kindness. I am a positive role model and inspire my students to become lifelong learners. I lead by example with dedication, passion, and excitement for learning. I strive to ask more questions, challenge more students, and encourage others to take risks. I strive to mentor others in the same way that Kari mentored me.

A tip for parents

“ In order for children to be successful in school, education must be a priority. The value of a good education begins with parents. If parents share the excitement of learning, the rewards of hard work, and the need for a good education with their children, they will inspire them to succeed. Once the parents emphasize the power of education, the teacher and the school are there to support the child on their path toward learning and high achievement.

Collaborating for student success

“ I wouldn't be the teacher that I am today without collaboration. I have been blessed with so many amazing opportunities to develop as a professional alongside passionate and dedicated teachers. These opportunities to share ideas and gain insight from others have motivated me to continuously reflect on my teaching practice and make changes to support the individual learning needs of my students. Collaboration has enriched and strengthened my teaching, which has made an immense impact on my students.



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Yuma Elementary District

Fifth grade

Experience: Ten years in education, all as a fifth-grade teacher; currently serving on the Personalized Learning Team for the district, and the PBIS Team, member of the Elementary Science/STEM Cadre for the district, and lead teacher for the Student Council; previously served on the Leadership Committee, Technology Committee, Behavior Committee, Social Committee, and the School Site Council

Degrees: B.A. in Liberal and Civic Studies and M.A. in Education from Saint Mary's College of California; Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential for Early Childhood Education; ESL Full Endorsement

The Rodel Exemplary Teacher Initiative honors extraordinary teachers and asks that they each mentor high-potential student teachers.

What sets the program apart from typical student teaching programs is that mentor teachers are selected based on their outstanding student achievement in high-need schools, their ability to mentor new teachers, and the recommendation of their principals and Rodel's observation team. This ensures that student teachers are learning from the best. In addition, Rodel provides further training and support to both mentors and student teachers to assure Promising Student Teacher Graduates start their careers as outstanding educators.

Since 2004, 167 Rodel Exemplary Teachers have been named and more than 650 Rodel Promising Student Teachers have been mentored.
