

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

award winners 2007



award winners summary

UNION NEWSLETTERS

Best News Writing

- 1. United Teachers Los Angeles
- 2. Los Angeles College Faculty Guild
- 3, United Educators of San Francisco
- 4. Faculty of UC Santa Cruz

Best Feature Writing

- 1. United Educators of San Francisco
- 2. United Teachers Los Angeles
- 3. San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers
- 3. San Mateo Community College Federation of Teachers
- 4. ABC Federation of Teachers

Best Persuasive Writing

- 1. San Mateo Community College Federation of Teachers
- 2. San Jose/Evergreen Faculty Association
- 3. Faculty of UC Santa Cruz
- 4. United Teachers Los Angeles
- 4. San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers

Best Continuing Column or Department

- 1. ABC Federation of Teachers
- 2. Rescue Union Federation of Teachers
- 3. United Educators of San Francisco
- 4. San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers
- 4. AFT Staff Guild

Best Art or Photograph

- 1. Glendale College Guild
- 2. United Educators of San Francisco
- 3. United Teachers Los Angeles
- 4. San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers

Best Use of Graphics

- 1. United Educators of San Francisco
- 2. Glendale College Guild
- 3. San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers
- 4. United Teachers Los Angeles

General Excellence (Single-page newsletter)

- 1. Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers
- 2, Rescue Union Federation of Teachers
- 3. San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers
- 4. AFT College Staff Guild

General Excellence (Four-page newsletters)

- 1. Los Angeles College Faculty Guild
- 2. Coast Federation of Educator
- 3. San Diego Adult Educators
- 4. AFT College Staff Guild

General Excellence (Six-or-more page newsletter)

- 1. AFT Part-Time Faculty United
- 2. San Mateo Community College Federation of Teachers
- 3. ABC Federation of Teachers
- 4. San Jose/Evergreen Faculty Association
- 4. Glendale College Guild

Best Newspaper

- 1. United Educators of San Francisco
- 2. United Teachers Los Angeles
- 3. San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Best Flyer or Poster

- 1. Glendale College Guild
- 2. United Educators of San Francisco
- 3. AFT Part-Time Faculty United
- 4. United Teachers Los Angeles
- 4. San Mateo Community College Federation of Teachers

Best Bulletin Series

- 1. United Teachers Los Angeles
- 2. ABC Federation of Teachers
- 3. Ventura County Federation of College Teachers

Unique Performance

- 1. United Educators of San Francisco
- 2. San Francisco Archdiocesan Federation of Teachers
- 2. AFT Part-Time Faculty United
- 3. San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers
- 4. Faculty of UC Santa Cruz

Best Web Site

- 1. United Educators of San Francisco
- 2. Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers
- 3. AFT Part-Time Faculty United
- 4. Los Angeles College Faculty Guild

Best Public Relations

- 1. San Francisco Archdiocesan Federation of Teachers
- 1. United Educators of San Francisco

SPECIAL AWARDS

Special Award "Rookie of the Year" AFT College Staff Guild

Jim Herndon Award United Educators of San Francisco

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Best News Writing

FIRST PLACE United Teachers Los Angeles, AFT Local 1021 **"Class-size caravan rolls across LAUSD"** *By Kim Turner*

Judges' comments: Well organized, easy-to-read. "The lead grabs you and keeps you on the bus to the end of the story."

SECOND PLACE

Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, AFT Local 1521 **"Adjunct Schedules Jump 5.92%"** *By Dan Sparks*

THIRD PLACE

United Educators of San Francisco, AFT Local 61 **"Tentative Agreement-Strike Averted"** *By Matthew Hardy*

HONORABLE MENTION

Faculty of UC Santa Cruz, AFT Local 2199 **"UC Benefits Teach-In: A union-led campaign to defend our benefits"** *By Maria Morris*

Best Feature Writing

FIRST PLACE

United Educators of San Francisco, AFT Local 61 **"Building Power from the Ground Up"** *By Matthew Hardy*

Judges' comments: Important topic for internal unionbuilding. Well-written. Clearly shows that the path from rank-and-file to leadership is a continuum. Good inclusion of member testimonials.

SECOND PLACE

United Teachers Los Angeles, AFT Local 1021 **"A Better Day for South L.A. High"** *By Kim Turner*

THIRD PLACE (TIE)

San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2121 **"Bravewoman conquers fear of math"** *By Vincent Meis*

San Mateo Community College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1493 **"We took on the state and we came out whole: Jinny Sims and the British Columbia teachers' strike"** *By Katharine Harer*

HONORABLE MENTION

ABC Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2317 **"Is Your Pension in Peril?"** *By Katherine Loweree*

Best Persuasive Writing

FIRST PLACE

San Mateo Community College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1493 **"FCC threatens freedom of expression at KCSM-TV"** *By Greg Davis*

Judges' comments: Chilling, timely and informative. Provocative. Reaches out to a larger issue of freedom of expression. Full of facts, arguments, and quotations.

SECOND PLACE

San Jose/Evergreen Faculty Association, AFT Local 6157 **"Academic Bill of Rights?"** *By David Yancey*

THIRD PLACE

Faculty of UC Santa Cruz, AFT Local 2199 **"The Denton Medal: Reasonable Compensation"** *By Yonatan Katznelson*

HONORABLE MENTION (TIE) United Teachers Los Angeles, AFT Local 1021 "P.E. in Crisis" By Joshua Pechthalt San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2121 **"Changing the way people think about unions, leadership"** *By Ed Murray*

Best Continuing Column/Department

FIRST PLACE ABC Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2317 **"Pieces of Chalk"** *By Steve Harris*

Judges' comments: Philosophic and insightful. Chatty tone while discussing important issues. Engaging.

SECOND PLACE

Rescue Union Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 3581 **"From the Secretary..."** *By Jay D. Chopp*

THIRD PLACE United Educators of San Francisco, AFT Local 61 **"Union Talk"** *By Dennis Kelly and Linda Plack*

HONORABLE MENTION (TIE)

San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2121 **"Faces"** *By Vincent Meis*

AFT College Staff Guild, AFT Local 1521A **"First Report Card," "The Stakes Are High"** *By Velma J. Butler, Sandra Lepore and Steve Weingarten*

Best Art or Photograph

FIRST PLACE

Glendale College Guild, AFT Local 2276 **"Science education outreach is a hit with students"** *By Susan Cisco*

Judges' comments: Captures the excitement of learning. Facial expressions in photo match content of article. Sensitivity of purpose conveyed. Effective composition.

SECOND PLACE

United Educators of San Francisco, AFT Local 61 **"Tentative Agreement-Strike Averted!!!"** *By Matthew Hardy*

THIRD PLACE

United Teachers Los Angeles, AFT Local 1021 **"UTLA hits the streets, 10,000 strong"** *By Kim Turner*

HONORABLE MENTION

San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2121 **"Education needs Phil Angelides"** *By Chris Hanzo*

Best Use of Graphics

FIRST PLACE

United Educators of San Francisco, AFT Local 61 **"Building Power from the Ground Up"** *By Matthew Hardy*

Judges' comments: Effective collection of action shots. The pictures give the feeling of people reaching out to the union.

SECOND PLACE

Glendale College Guild, AFT Local 2276 **"The Advanced Technology Division"** *By Patricia Chamroonrat and Susan Cisco*

THIRD PLACE

San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2121 **"Why I joined the Union"** *By Gwynnd Maestre and members of AFT 2121*

HONORABLE MENTION

United Teachers Los Angeles, AFT Local 1021 **"We are UTLA"** *By Kim Turner*

General Excellence (Single-page)

FIRST PLACE Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1936 **PVFT Flyer** Edited by Carolyn Savino and Ann Sisco

Judges' comments: Good news coverage on page 1. Nice banner and good use of pre-printed template. "We've said it all before, it's really good."

SECOND PLACE

Rescue Union Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 3581 *The RUFT Reporter Edited by Jay D. Chopp*

THIRD PLACE

San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2121 *AFT Bulletin Edited by Chris Hanzo and Ed Murray*

HONORABLE MENTION

AFT Staff Guild, AFT Local 1521A **Hot Off The Press** Edited by Velma J. Butler, Sandra Lepore and Mary VanGinkle

General Excellence (Four-page)

FIRST PLACE Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, AFT Local 1521 *Read On Edited by Cherri Senders*

Judges' comments: The writing is superb, and information is easy to retrieve. Good use of screens to emphasize stories, and good use of color template.

SECOND PLACE

Coast Federation of Educators, AFT Local 1911 *Union News Edited by Bob Fey*

THIRD PLACE San Diego Adult Educators, AFT Local 4289 *Shoptalk Edited by Ina Porter, Jana Westfall and Randall Cornish*

HONORABLE MENTION

AFT College Staff Guild, AFT Local 1521A *In Strength and Unity Edited by Velma J. Butler, Sandra Lepore and Steve Weingarten*

General Excellence (Six-or-more page)

FIRST PLACE AFT Part-Time Faculty United, AFT Local 6286 *State of the Union Edited by Neal Kelsey, Copy Editor, Mike Mello*

Judges' comments: Good mix of articles and good use of humor. The negotiation report provided the right information for members. One judge said, "they had the elegance to publish a poem."

SECOND PLACE

San Mateo Community College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1493 *The Advocate Edited by Eric Brenner and Dan Kaplan*

THIRD PLACE

ABC Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2317 *ABC Teacher Edited by Steve Harris*

HONORABLE MENTION (TIE)

San Jose/Evergreen Faculty Association, AFT Local 6157 *Faculty Matters Edited by Barbara Hanfling, Sterling Warner and Patti Berg*

Glendale College Guild, AFT Local 2276 *Chaparral Edited by Mona Field*

Best Newspaper

FIRST PLACE

United Educators of San Francisco, AFT Local 61 San Francisco Educator Edited by Matthew Hardy

Judges' comments: Solid writing, competently edited. Nice flow of information. Strong layout with effective use of two colors. Lots of members-in-action photos. SECOND PLACE United Teachers Los Angeles, AFT Local 1021 United Teacher Edited by Kim Turner

THIRD PLACE

San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers , AFT Local 2121 *Union Action Edited by Vincent Meis*

Best Flyer or Poster

FIRST PLACE

Glendale College Guild, AFT Local 2276 If only I had the Chaparral... By Susan Cisco

Judges' comments: Humorous and contemporary, yet clearly identifies the challenge posed to unions of getting publications into the hands of members. Topnotch technical execution. Fabulous use of color.

SECOND PLACE

United Educators of San Francisco, AFT Local 61 Strike Vote! By Matthew Hardy

THIRD PLACE

AFT Part-Time Faculty United, AFT Local 6286 **Albert Einstein supported fair labor practices** *By Neal Kelsey*

HONORABLE MENTION (TIE) United Teachers Los Angeles, AFT Local 1021 The Admiral vs. The Teachers

By Marla Eby and Carolina Barreiro

San Mateo Community College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1493 Faculty: Our Special Interest By Ruth Strong

Best Bulletin Series

FIRST PLACE

United Teachers Los Angeles, AFT Local 1021 *UTLA Bargaining Flash By Marla Eby and Kim Turner*

Judges' comments: Good mix of facts and inspiration, yet infuses a sense of humor into a serious subject. Member-centered. Serves a crucial purpose, is instantly recognizable, and the graphics carry the message of text. Met the challenge of communicating with members during this important time.

SECOND PLACE

ABC Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2317 Special Education Advisory Committee By Richard Hathaway

THIRD PLACE

Ventura County Federation of College Teachers, AFT Local 1828 *AFT Negotiations Update By Connie Jenkins*

Unique Performance

FIRST PLACE

United Educators of San Francisco, AFT Local 61 Looking Forward DVD By Matthew Hardy and Dennis Kelly

Judges' comments: Excellent use of music coupled with clear narration. Captures the spirit, the vigor and the sacrifice needed to win a union battle.

SECOND PLACE (TIE)

San Francisco Archdiocesan Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2240 **Recruitment/Retention Brochure** *By Christian Clifford*

AFT Part-Time Faculty United, AFT Local 6286 Whup-Ass By Neal Kelsey

THIRD PLACE

San Francisco Community College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2121 **Retirement Primer for Part-Timers** *By Cliff Liehe*

HONORABLE MENTION

Faculty of UC Santa Cruz, AFT Local 2199 *Union Words By Farnaz Fateni*

Best Web Site

FIRST PLACE

United Educators of San Francisco, AFT Local 61 www.uesf.org By Matthew Hardy

Judges' comments: Up-to-date information with a lot of member pictures. Easy navigation. Huge range of content, well organized. Links to You Tube effective. Makes an effort to keep current and relevant. One judge said, "Every time you log on you get a new picture and new content."

SECOND PLACE

Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1936 www.pvft.net By Ann Sisco and Andrea Byers

THIRD PLACE AFT Part-Time Faculty United, AFT Local 6286 **www.ptfu.org** *By Neal Kelsey*

HONORABLE MENTION Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, AFT Local 1521 www.aft1521.org

Best Public Relations

Judges' comments: These two very different efforts reflect stages of union development: Embrace members first then embrace the community.

FIRST PLACE (TIE)

San Francisco Archdiocesan Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2240 **Recruitment/Retention Brochure** *By Christian Clifford*

Judges' comments: Amazing job of appealing to gut instincts about fairness and choice in a context of a very strong organization—the church—a more complex organizing challenge than most.

United Educators of San Francisco, AFT Local 61 **Trilingual Flyers and KRON-4 News piece** *By Matthew Hardy*

Judges' comments: The messaging, the outreach to the community in an informational drive, and the successful use of the media were all very effective. The union's message came across really well on TV.

Special Award "Rookie of the Year"

AFT Staff Guild, AFT Local 1521A *Retiree Chapter Newsletter*

By Velma J. Butler, Sandra Lepore and Barbara Hamon

Judges' comments: Targeted to an important audience, and will help keep retirees in the fold.

Jim Herndon Award

United Educators of San Francisco, AFT Local 61 Looking Forward DVD By Matthew Hardy and Dennis Kelly

Judges' comments: Well-done video piece that shows the rank-and-file effort necessary to win a union battle. Fills a crucial need for every local by capturing the energy and enthusiasm to inspire union members in the future.

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