The 25th annual Rose Queen and Court Luncheon, hosted by the Alhambra Tournament of Roses Committee and the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, will take place at noon, Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Everyone is invited to meet the 96th Rose Queen and her court in the Lakeview Room of Almansor Court, 700 S. Almansor St., Alhambra.

Members of the royal court are Rose Queen Ana Marie Acosta, 17, Polytechnic School, and Rose Princesses Jamie Kwong, Sarah Hansen, Katie Lipp, Elizabeth Woolf, Kayla Johnson-Granberry, and Kayla Johnson-Granberry.

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## Cal State L.A. honors Supt. Laura Tellez-Gagliano as Distinguished Educator

For their major contributions to teaching and learning, three educational leaders — Angel Barrett, Laura Tellez-Gagliano, and Susan Wang — were honored as Distinguished Educators at Cal State L.A.'s 24th Annual Distinguished Educator Award Dinner on Nov. 1.

With a 35-year stellar career in education, Dr. Tellez-Gagliano, Ed.D, serves as superintendent of the Alhambra Unified School District. She began her career as a teacher in

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Realizing the college dream: AUSD hosts College Fair

By Danna Li

The 6th Annual AUSD College Fair, which took place Oct. 17 at San Gabriel High School (SGHS), welcomed high school students to explore a variety of post-graduation options. The fair hosted more than 60 colleges and universities, vocational schools, and military services. The variety of schools allowed high school students to find their niche and decide which institution was best for their futures.

“The College Fair is beneficial for students because the one-on-one interaction with an actual representative brings students one step closer to realizing their dream of actually being able to attend college,” said College Fair Coordinator Monica Marquez.

On the night of College Fair, the Matador Arena and gym were packed with students and parents from Alhambra, Mark Keppel, and San Gabriel High schools. Some of these students, such as AHS senior Aaron Robles, sought information regarding community colleges.

“My grades throughout high school were mediocre, so I don’t qualify at the UCs and privates, which have the programs that I desire, so I’d rather go to a community college,” Aaron said.

Aside from higher education institutions and military services, the College Fair also offered non-college booths, such as the Alhambra Educational Foundation and the Princeton Review. The Alhambra Latino Association (ALA), which is an expanding non-profit organization committed to promoting cultural awareness, was also present at the fair.

“Here’s your first opportunity to explore higher education and the different fields that are out there,” Ms. Marquez said. “This fair is a way to get financial aid and for them to apply for scholarships. We also had representatives here, so if you’re interested, you can talk to them.

The other two awardees are from the Los Angeles Unified School District, where Dr. Barnett serves as a lead instructional director and Ms. Wang as a principal. Additionally, a Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mary Falvey, former dean of the Charter College of Education at Cal State L.A.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Charter College of Education at Cal State L.A., the event took place at the Golden Eagle Ballroom on the Cal State L.A. campus, beginning with a reception and silent auction at 5 p.m. and followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. All proceeds from the awards dinner will support the Friends’ Scholarship Endowment and Faculty Development funds.

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