

# The Tustin News

## BRAVO

### TUSTIN HIGH PROGRAM WINS STATE AWARD

Tustin High School's T-Tech Academy of Technology & Engineering has been recognized as one of the five best Career Technical Education programs in the state.

T-Tech received the 2015 Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association following an intensive application process and on-site visit.

The program has grown from 25 students six years ago to more than 250 today. It has become a county-wide model for STEM education, with UC-approved courses in all four grades plus extracurricular activities that include the OC Maker Challenge, UC Irvine's Energy Invitational and the prestigious Boeing Summer Internship.

### LOCAL BUSINESS HONORED FOR PHILANTHROPY

Tustin-based HKA Inc. Marketing Communications was recently honored with a 2015 National Philanthropy Day Orange County award in the small-business category. The accolade was based on nominations from nonprofits including local chapters of the National MS Society, Alzheimer's Association and Susan G. Komen.

HKA also recently took home a silver in the international Stevie Awards for Women in Business, Community Involvement Program category - and was the highest-placing U.S. company in this category. The Tustin agency was recognized for its Locally Proud initiative, which awarded one area nonprofit a full year of no-cost HKA services in celebration of the agency's 30th anniversary.



COURTESY OF HKA INC. MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS  
**HKA Inc. Marketing Communications team members celebrate a philanthropy award. Back, from left: Layne Ballard, founder and president Hilary Kaye, Kristina Sarenas, Andrew King, Jade Terry, Alicia Caldwell and Jennifer Main. Front: senior vice president Kevin Twer, Annie Chambers and Natalie Rietkerk.**



COURTESY OF TUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL  
**From left, Tustin Unified Superintendent Greg Franklin, Tustin High teacher and T-Tech Academy director Ed Hernandez and school board Vice President Lynn Davis as T-Tech Academy receives the Golden Bell Award.**

### TUSTIN UNIFIED'S ADMINISTRATORS OF THE YEAR

Here are Tustin Unified's 2016 Administrators of the Year. They will represent the district during the 2016 Orange County Administrators of the Year program in the spring.

- Secondary Principal of the Year: Christine Matos of Tustin High School
- Middle Grades Principal of the Year: Dean Jennings of C.E. Utt Middle School
- Elementary Principal of the Year: Beth Rabel Blackman of Helen Estock Elementary School
- Central Office Administrator of the Year: Crystal Turner, assistant superin-

tendent of Administrative Services

- Curriculum and Instruction Administrator of the Year: Maggie Villegas, director of Elementary Education
- Secondary Co-Administrator of the Year: Michele Boudreaux of Tustin High School
- Elementary Co-Administrator of the Year: Jackie Christy of Hicks Canyon Elementary School
- Adult Education Administrator of the Year: Dustin O'Malley with Alternative Education Programs
- Career Technical Education Administrator of the Year: Donnie Rafter, assistant principal at Beckman High School

- Brooke Edwards Staggs