

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2018

To involve parents and communities in their children's education to achieve lifelong student success, **Families In Schools** (FIS) established the **Excellence in Parent Engagement Award** in 2010. This annual award recognizes extraordinary achievement by leaders within the state of California who have successfully promoted and implemented policies or best practices that support FIS' mission.

Awardees have included parent leaders, nonprofit leaders, business leaders, school board members, among others:

- Dr. Sylvia Rousseau, Professor Emerita, USC – Inglewood, CA
- Hilda Avila, Community Representative (LAUSD) – Wilmington, CA
- Hugo Enciso, DELAC Chairperson (ABCUSD) – Cerritos, CA

Learn more about former awardees:

<https://youtu.be/VaDpFp80TKI>

Nomination Guidelines

To nominate an individual please complete the following application and send to FIS by email to alliance@familiesinschools.org or fax to (213) 484-3845.

The deadline to submit a nomination is **August 29, 2018**. Individuals may only submit one nomination.

Awardees will be selected based on their leadership in one or more of the following areas:

1. **Advocacy:** Advocated for policies that advance parent involvement/engagement, increase accessibility to resources for families, and/or stronger partnerships between schools, families and their community.
2. **Engagement:** Implemented programs that have been proven effective at helping parents develop their knowledge and skills on how to support their children's education at home and at school.
3. **Capacity Building:** Implemented programs that helped school and nonprofit staff (that work with preschool to 12th grade families) strengthen their knowledge and skills to effectively engage parents in supporting their children's education.

Selection Process and Criteria

Nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of past recipients, community leaders, and Families In Schools' Board and staff. Up to three nominees will be chosen by the selection committee. Nominees must demonstrate excellence in one or more of the three categories listed above. In addition, the selection committee will look for:

- individuals that exemplify collaboration in conducting their work;
- evidence of policy impact on educational systems, practices, and ultimately student achievement;
- individuals that are well respected by their peers and partners;
- individuals focused on social justice by targeting their work to traditionally underserved communities

Selection Timeline

June 1, 2018	Call for nominations for 2018 Excellence in Parent Engagement Awards
August 29, 2018	Nominations are due to FIS by email to alliance@familiesinschools.org , by fax to (213) 484-3845 or by mail to Families In Schools (Attn: Parent Engagement Nominations, 1545 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite #700, Los Angeles, CA 90017)
September 17, 2018	Recipients announced
November 7, 2018	Recipients honored at Alliance 2018

To nominate an individual, please fill out the application below.

EIGHTH ANNUAL NOMINATION APPLICATION

Name of nominee and contact information

First: _____ Last: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of the nominator and contact information (person submitting this application)

First: _____ Last: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please mark the area for which you are nominating the person (mark one or more as necessary in the column to the left):

Mark	Area
	Advocacy: Advocated for policies that advance parent involvement/engagement, increase accessibility to resources for families, and/or stronger partnerships between schools, families and their community.
	Implementation: Implemented programs that have been proven effective at helping parents develop their knowledge and skills on how to support their children’s education at home and at school.
	Capacity Building: Implemented programs that helped school and nonprofit staff (that work with preschool to 12th grade families) strengthen their

	knowledge and skills to effectively engage parents in supporting their children's education.
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Summary of Achievement/Work – Please provide a brief description (500 words max) of the individual's work, highlighting their achievements, leadership, and excellence in the area of parent engagement marked above. Address the following questions:

- What work did the individual lead or accomplished?
- Is the individual collaborative in conducting their work? If yes, how?
- What has been the impact of the individual in the school, community, district? Is there any evidence that the work helped to improve student achievement?
- Is the individual well respected in the community?
- How is the work of the individual linked to social justice? Does the individual focus their work on low-income, immigrant, or communities of color?

(500 words max)

Letters of support – Include letters of support from no more than two individuals (or organizations) that validate the nomination and provide information about the value and impact of the nominee's work and achievements.

Any other information, such as publications or media stories. (No more than two publications)

Applications due August 29, 2018

Please contact Kristin Johnson with any questions at (213) 201-3913 or e-mail alliance@familiesinschools.org