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## Districts Announce 2013-2014 Teachers of the Year

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Therese Long



Cooper Howard Photos provided



Nita Madra



Kim Lockett

The following four Lamorinda teachers were named the 2013-14 Teacher of the Year for their districts: Cooper Howard from Stanley Middle School (Lafayette School District); Kim Lockett from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate (Moraga School District); Therese Long from Sleepy Hollow Elementary (Orinda Union School District); and Nita Madra from Campolindo High School (Acalanes Union High School District). "Once again, we have a tremendous group of teachers who have earned their school district's highest accolades, due to their talents, work ethic, and dedication they provide for their students. These honored educators not only represent their individual schools and school districts, but also embody all of the exceptional teachers we are so fortunate to have in our county," reports Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph A. Ovick. The county's TOY program is directed by the Contra Costa County Office of Education, and uses a three-stage selection process, with a point and percentage system to determine the final candidate. The process includes reviewing applications, observing semi-finalists, and interviewing candidates.

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