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Henry Elementary School educators honored for optimizing students' growth

Rialto, California – **Henry Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Elementary School**, located at 470 East Etiwanda Avenue, in Rialto, has been named to the Renaissance National Honor Roll for outstanding performance in advancing students' achievement in reading. Remarkably, Henry Elementary School is one of only six schools in the State of California to achieve the Renaissance National Honor Roll award.

Five teachers and one librarian were named to the National Honor Roll for outstanding performance at the class level, they are: Teachers: **Delicia Shattuck, Julie Ruffin, Lilianna Hawkins, Laura Reyes, Joseph Alvarez**, and school librarian, **Micah Chatterton**, earned this distinction through the *Renaissance Empowered Educator Program*. This nationwide program guides effective implementation of products designed to differentiate instruction and personalize student practice. Henry Visual and Performing Arts as a whole and these five teachers individually received this honor for outstanding implementation of Accelerated Reader, a K-12 program that personalizes reading practice and enables teachers to monitor comprehension and growth.

Renaissance Learning, an assessment and learning analytics company based in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, recognizes educators who have led students to successfully meet or exceed data targets that research shows lead to optimal student growth in reading and math. The *Renaissance Empowered Educator Program* provides educators with product-specific Empowerment Progressions, a natural progression of data and classroom strategies that increase student engagement and lead to an effective and sustainable implementation. Empowered Educators utilize data to make timely instructional decisions. They also share resources, ideas, and strategies with other educators through an online community.

Henry Elementary School Principal, **Mariyon Thompson**, added, "I would like to thank our exceptional librarian, **Micah Chatterton**, known to many of us as "**Mr. C.**" for his outstanding coordination of AR and commitment to providing our teachers support in reaching this incredible goal. This is a proud moment for us! We have made tremendous academic progress thanks to our entire certificated and classified staff. As the only Visual and Performing Arts school in Rialto, our dedication to outstanding student achievement in reading and the arts has earned us this distinct honor. Our school is committed to continued outstanding growth and achievement in reading."

For more information on the **Henry Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Elementary School** Renaissance National honor or student enrollment for the next school year, please contact Principal Thompson at **(909) 820-7909**.