



NYSABE 47th Annual Conference *Reaffirming Policy to Transform Practice and Action in Bilingual Education*

February 27 - March 1, 2025 | The Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga, New York | nysabeconference@gmail.com | www.nysabe.net/2025conference

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: NYSABE PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Over the years, the New York State Association for Bilingual Education (NYSABE) has honored individuals for their outstanding dedication, contributions, and commitment to bilingual education. Please accept this **Call for Nominations** as an invitation to acknowledge your colleagues' excellent work at our upcoming annual conference.

By completing your nominations, you are participating in NYSABE's initiative to increase bilingual education awareness in New York State. The awards to be presented this year include:

- **THE GLADYS CORREA MEMORIAL AWARD**
- **THE DR. ANTONIA PANTOJA BILINGUAL ADVOCACY AWARD**
- **THE BILINGUAL PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**
- **THE DR. XIMENA ZATE BILINGUAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD**
- **THE BILINGUAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR AWARD**
- **THE BILINGUAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL AWARD**
- **THE BILINGUAL INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Please review the eligibility criteria and nomination packet requirements for each award below.

Nominations must be submitted electronically with the subject "BILINGUAL ADVOCACY AWARD NOMINATION" to conference email address: NYSABEConference@gmail.com.

Deadline: Friday, December 13, 2024

Sincerely,

James Nieves
NYSABE Past-President

Shirley Vargas
NYSABE Professional Awards Committee Chairperson
Region 1 Delegate

Dr. Elena Dokshansky
NYSABE Conference Chairperson
NYSABE Parent Delegate



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: DR. ANTONIA PANTOJA BILINGUAL ADVOCACY AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize the extensive work and contributions of individuals who advocate for bilingual education and the educational rights of ELLs/multilingual learners in New York State.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Members of the community at large are eligible to receive this award (e.g., elected officials, community leaders, and members of public or private agencies, etc.).
- The most important attribute is the candidate's ongoing advocacy work to ensure quality and equitable bilingual education for all bilingual learners in New York State and in their own communities.
- Candidates should be widely respected and admired within the communities for whom they advocate.
- Prior recipients of this award are not eligible for nomination.
- **The nominee must be a member of NYSABE.**

NOMINATION PACKET:

In addition to the completed **nomination form**, the **supporting documentation** to be submitted by the nominator must include:

- **The nomination letter:** This letter must provide evidence of the nominee's demonstrated support for bilingual education programs. It must state how the nominee has assisted in developing clear goals for quality and equitable educational services for ELLs/multilingual learners; has created an awareness of the importance of bilingual education among the various sectors, such as government, business, and industry; has shown the ability to clarify and improve attitudes toward bilingual education and has developed a relationship of mutual respect to achieve acceptance of bilingual education in the community at large.
- **Three letters of recommendation:** The letters, written by people other than the nominator, must address the evidence of the nominee's advocacy work described above.
- **Nominee's Statement:** This statement details the nominee's beliefs and practices regarding bilingual education (200-250 words).
- **One copy of nominee's résumé or vita.**

NOTE: Each supporting document must be double-spaced and should not exceed four-typed pages. All documents must be in either MS WORD or PDF format.

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NOMINATION FORM: DR. ANTONIA PANTOJA BILINGUAL ADVOCACY AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals who continually strive for the improvement of bilingual education, particularly in New York State.

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

School/Institution: _____

Current Position: _____

Is the nominee a member of NYSABE? ☐ Yes ☐ No (disqualified)

of years as NYSABE member _____

INFORMATION OF THE NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

School/Institution: _____

Current Position: _____

Are you a member of NYSABE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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