

CATE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

Dear Irene,

On behalf of the Executive Board of the *California Association of Teachers of English*, I am pleased to inform you that you have been nominated to receive the *CATE* Award of Merit. This award recognizes outstanding contributions of persons and organizations toward the improvement of teaching English/Language Arts in California. Hunt for Natures was nominated by Jeanine Ugalde of the Greater San Diego Teachers of English. Your nomination was discussed and approved by the *CATE* Board of Directors.

This award will be presented at the Friday Luncheon, February 8 during the *CATE* Annual Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Santa Clara, California. You are invited to a special reception in the hospitality suite thirty minutes before your award presentation. You will be notified of the designated rooms prior to the convention. It would be appropriate to speak briefly to give your reaction to the award (a two minute maximum) when you are introduced, if you wish.

We would be pleased to have you as our conference attendee, and will pay for two complimentary luncheon tickets. For your convenience, CATEweb (www.catweb.org) provides an online service in case you would like to order additional meal tickets for family or friends, or to select additional events you would like to attend. We hope that you will be able to take part in the entire convention.

CATE is delighted to recognize outstanding organizations such as yours whose work has benefitted so many English teachers. I hope you will be able to be with us. Please let me know by January 30 (email address below) whether you can be there to accept the award yourself, or whether another person will be there to receive the award for you. Your timely response will enable us to make appropriate preparations for the convention. You may wish to make a copy of this letter to send to your administrators, superintendent, family and friends so that they can celebrate with you.

Congratulations! I look forward to meeting you in February.

Warm Regards,

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