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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017-2018 TEACHER OF THE YEAR (T.O.Y.) NOMINEES!



Mio Nishimura/AHS

"[An issue in public education] is teachers who do not appreciate their jobs, so the teacher's feelings are embedded in their students."  
-JM



Debbie Verhoevan/  
NSHS

"Teachers are a mirror and they remain accountable by leading by example."  
-RL



Theresa Rainy/HMS



Juanita Martinez/  
SHS

"A priority I have is building self-confidence in my students so they believe they can learn." -DV



Renata Lahodni/  
ROP

"One of the biggest issues in the teaching profession is public relations. We need to speak positively about our profession in order to foster positive attention."  
-TR



Trisha Moore/LPMS

**SUHSD  
Teacher of the  
Year:**

**ERICA  
HASHIBA  
from Everett  
Alvarez High  
School!!**



Ms. Hashiba has taught Japanese at EHS for the past seven years. When asked why she became a teacher, her response opened the door to the most obvious and overlooked aspect of teaching. Thank you Erica for all of the illumination you provide our profession!

"[Teachers are important] because every single person grows up with a teacher for 12 years. Teachers are producing everyone in our society."  
-EH



Stacey Picciuto/  
WMS



Jennifer Carter  
Carr/EPS