



Equity Center

Students Matter. Taxpayers Matter. Equity Matters.

2018

CHAMPION OF EQUITY

AWARD WINNER

ROLANDO PEÑA



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CHAMPION OF EQUITY AWARDS

Our Champion of Equity award is given to honor those whose contributions to equity and adequacy in public school finance in Texas has been so important and far-reaching as to place them among those great Texans who have earned our gratitude and respect.

2018

Rolando Pena, Retired Superintendent & Past Equity Center
Director and Vice President - Membership

2015

Richard Gray IV, Gray & Becker
Toni Hunter, Gray & Becker

2013

Richard Gray III, Gray & Becker

2011

Dick Lavine, Center for Public Policy Priorities

2010

Dr. Catherine Clark, Texas Association of School Boards

2009

Dr. Albert Cortez, IDRA
Demetrio P. Rodriguez, Original Plaintiff in
Rodriguez v. San Antonio (1968)

2008

Robert Damron, Equity Center Past President

2007

The Honorable Carter Casteel, former State Representative

2006

Joe Ross

2005

Martin Pena, South Texas Association of Schools

2004

The Honorable Bill Ratliff, Lieutenant Governor

2003

The Honorable Scott McCown, former State District Judge
The Honorable Wayne Peveto

2002

Dr. John Horn
Jim Shear
Stan Schlueter, The Schlueter Group

2001

Craig Foster, former Executive Director of the Equity Center
Joe Smith, Texas ISD

2000

Jim Coulston
Albert Kauffman, Mexican American Legal Defense and
Education Fund (MALDEF)
Randall Buck Wood, Ray & Wood

1999

The Honorable Bob Bullock, Lieutenant Governor
110 Alvarado Plaintiff Intervenors
Anthony Trujillo

1998

The Honorable Paul Colbert, former State Representative
Bill Chapman
Bruce Wood

1997

The Honorable Harley Clark, former State District Judge
The Honorable Oscar Mauzy
The Honorable Lloyd Doggett

1996

Dr. Jose A. Cardenas, IDRA
Dr. Rodney Cathey
Jimmy Vasquez

1995

Richard Hooker
Richard Kirkpatrick
Billy D. Walker

1994

Bill Grusendorf, Executive Director, Texas Association
of Rural Schools



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85TH LEGISLATURE (2017-18)

CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN
AWARD WINNER

**THE HONORABLE
DREW DARBY**



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CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN AWARDS

Our Champion for Children award is given to honor those public officials whose substantial contributions on behalf of the children of Texas have earned them our deepest respect and admiration. This award is generally presented after a regular legislative session.

85th Legislature (2017-18)

The Honorable Drew Darby

83rd Legislature (2013-14)

The Honorable Jimmie Don Aycok

The Honorable John Otto

The Honorable Jim Pitts

The Honorable Tommy Williams

82nd Legislature (2011-12)

The Honorable Wendy Davis

The Honorable Eddie Lucio, Jr.

The Honorable Kel Seliger

81st Legislature (2009-2010)

The Honorable Robert Nichols

79th Legislature (2005-2006)

The Honorable Leticia Van de Putte