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Local teacher awarded \$5,000 as Elementary Educator of the Year

AUSTIN, Texas — Celena Miller, a science lab teacher for Cesar Chavez Elementary, was recently honored with the Elementary Educator of the Year Award from the Association of Professional Educators (ATPE).

“As head of Science Department, I try to promote positive communication through creating a sense of belonging, developing trust between colleagues and students, promoting open and honest communication and creating an overall harmonious work environment,” Miller said. “I am passionate about science, passionate about teaching, and especially passionate about teaching children.”



Miller was presented with a plaque and a \$5,000 check at the 2016 ATPE Summit Awards Banquet held at the Austin Convention Center.

“We are proud and excited to be able to recognize outstanding educators who have shown their commitment to furthering public education,” ATPE Executive Director Gary Godsey said.

Nearly 1,000 educators from across the state celebrated the achievements of public school employees at the banquet. With more than 100,000 members statewide, ATPE is the state’s largest educator group and the voice of public education.

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The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) has been a strong voice for Texas educators since 1980. It is the leading educators’ association in Texas with more than 100,000 members statewide. With its strong collaborative philosophy, ATPE speaks for classroom teachers, administrators, future, retired and para-educators and works to create better opportunities for 5 million public schoolchildren. ATPE is the ally and the voice of Texas public education.