



# Aurora Public Schools

## APS Honors 2011 Principals of the Year

Aurora Public Schools would like to congratulate administrators Gerardo De La Garza and Bonnie Hargrove for earning 2011 Distinguished Principal of the Year honors.

The award recognizes principals who demonstrate outstanding leadership and success at their schools.



De La Garza, principal at North Middle School Health Sciences and Technology Campus, credits much of his success to the growth and maturity of his leadership style.

“I’ve learned that a style of command and control is unproductive and does not effectively utilize the power of my staff,” De La Garza said. “Now my style is to engage everyone’s intelligence in solving challenges as they arise.”

Prior to his leadership role at North, De La Garza held positions as assistant principal at East Middle School and Aurora Central High School.



Hargrove, who is in her fourth year at Dalton Elementary School, recognized parents, students and fellow staff members who have helped mold her into the principal she is today. She also credits her success to the career path she traveled.

“I am grateful to have been afforded the time to develop first as a teacher, teacher/coach, dean and assistant principal,” Hargrove said. “Each position added a new dimension to my growth as a leader.”

## iPad Giveaway at Town Hall Meeting

Please join the Aurora Public Schools Board of Education and Superintendent John L. Barry for a town hall meeting. Hear updates about APS, ask questions and share your views with board members and the superintendent.

**Thursday, Nov. 10**

Professional Learning and Conference Center  
15771 E. 1st Ave., Aurora, CO 80011  
6 p.m.

**Parents, students and community members who attend will be eligible to win a free iPad courtesy of the Northrop Grumman Corporation. APS staff members are not eligible. Winners must be present to win.**

Spanish interpretation services will be available.

