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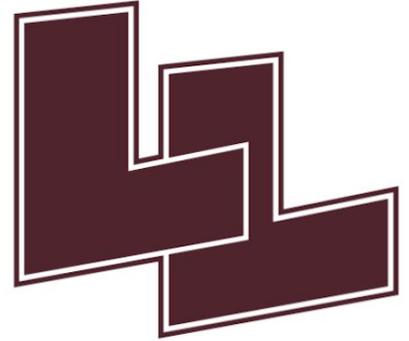
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Mark Estrada honored by Hispanic Chamber of Commerce with Orgullo Award



The Greater Caldwell County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce honored Lockhart ISD Superintendent Mark Estrada with the Orgullo Award at its 32nd Annual Gala Saturday night. It was presented, “in honor of his unwavering service to and support and encouragement of education and growth for members of our community in school and beyond.”

“I want to say thank you to the Greater Caldwell County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for this honor,” said Superintendent Estrada. “Whenever you receive an award like this, I think it’s important to realize great work happens not because of one person, but because of others--plenty of people who I have worked with in this district.”



“It takes an entire community to raise kids. We know that. I can tell you story after story in which this community has supported me,” continued Estrada. “There is no more important time than now for our community to continue to support our teachers and support our staff. That’s what drives us to continue to do the important work, knowing that we have a



partnership with the parents and the community, and that we're in this together.”

Also in attendance were LISD Board President Steve Johnson, Vice President Michael Wright, Secretary Tom Guyton, and Trustee Becky Lockhart.

Estrada was one of five honorees at the event. Raquel Barron, of All About You Boutique, was honored with Business Woman of the Year. Ron Faulstich, of Printing Solutions, was honored

with Business Man of the Year. Alfonso Sifuentes, of Green Group Holdings, LLC, was honored with Business of the Year. The final award of the evening, historically referred to as the Pioneer Award, was given to Fermin T. Islas, a founding member of the Greater Caldwell County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber announced the award would henceforth be named the Fermin T. Islas Award.

“The evening was a celebration of what is best about our community--our people,” said LISD Board President Steve Johnson. “The Board is particularly proud our superintendent was honored with the Orgullo Award. We have seen over these past several years his leadership of our students and staff has made a tremendous difference, and with the community’s support, I know we have greater things to see on the horizon.”

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