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**OMSD Superintendent Receives the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Commission of San Bernardino County presented
Ontario-Montclair School District Superintendent Dr. James Q. Hammond
the Don Williams Memorial Award**

At the 35th Annual Recognition of Service to Youth Awards Ceremony, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission of San Bernardino County presented Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) Superintendent Dr. James Q. Hammond the Don Williams Memorial Award.

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission of San Bernardino County is composed of citizen members representing all areas of the county and has adopted as its purpose the responsibility to "Provide citizen leadership for the support and evaluation of existing programs for the development of new and improved program, which reduce delinquency and divert young people from the Juvenile Justice System."

During Dr. Hammond's tenure as Superintendent of OMSD, he has led numerous initiatives that have resulted in high levels of student academic achievement and increased attendance. The District's current average daily attendance is over 97%. Additionally, suspension rates have dropped and there has been only one (1) expulsion over the last three (3) years. Dr. Hammond has been instrumental in bringing distinctive programs to OMSD schools including: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM), Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA), Project Based Learning (PBL), Gifted & Talented Education (GATE), and four (4) Accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) World Schools.

Under Dr. Hammond's leadership, the Parent Education Center (PEC) was opened, serving families with training and resources to better support parents in addressing students' needs. Additionally, Dr. Hammond developed the "Rising Star" program in order to recognize students who have demonstrated the greatest improvement in their behavior and academic achievement. The Rising Star recognition has become a highly coveted recognition and one that has proven to be an effective incentive for students.

For the above programs and successes, Dr. James Q. Hammond is truly deserving of this year's Don Williams Memorial Award.

OMSD Board President Elvia M. Rivas stated, "The Board of Trustees sets very high expectations for Dr. Hammond and he never disappoints. It is affirming and encouraging that outside agencies, such as the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission, who do so much for our youth, recognizes that Superintendent Hammond's efforts and contributions truly make a difference for our future leaders."

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