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Cal Poly Grad Named National Teacher of the Year

SAN LUIS OBISPO – A Cal Poly speech communication graduate who teaches seventh-grade English in Burbank, Calif., was named the 62nd National Teacher of the Year.

Rebecca Mieliwocki, along with the 2012 State Teachers of the Year, will be recognized today by President Barack Obama in a ceremony at the White House.

Financial services firm ING U.S. co-sponsors the National Teacher of the Year, a project by the Council of Chief State School Officers. The award honors excellence in education and recognizes educators who tap into children’s potential and engage them to unleash their continued success, according to a press release from ING U.S.

Mieliwocki is a teacher at Luther Burbank Middle School, which has 1,100 students enrolled in grades 6-8. She has been teaching for 14 years and has spent nine years in her current position.

After graduating from Cal Poly, she earned a professional clear credential in secondary English education from Cal State Northridge.

This isn’t Mieliwocki’s first award. She was named the California League of Middle Schools Educator of the Year Award winner for Southern California in 2005, and she won the PTA Honorary Service Award in 2009.

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