

Nominee: Deborah Flowers
Nominator: Mary Beth Randall

I am nominating Deborah Flowers for the individual award. She is a school teacher at Hoover High School. I first met her after she moved here to Fresno in 2001. In addition to teaching she also handles IEP's for all students who are blind or visually impaired. She has a special understanding for all of the kids she works with because she herself is blind. She has never let her be stopped from doing anything in her life. Debbie is married and has three grown children. Debbie's dedication to her job is fantastic in so many ways. She makes sure to check up on all of her students regularly and is involved in helping her students to learn how to advocate for themselves.

In conclusion I hope Mrs. Flowers will be considered for this award. I feel she is most deserving.

Sincerely,
Mary Beth Randall

To the Fresno Disability Advisory Commission:

I am writing to nominate Deborah Flowers for the individual award that the commission gives out each year. I've known Mrs. Flowers for a number of years and during all of that time she has been dedicated to helping those with disabilities. She has worked as a teacher for the visually impaired at Hoover High School for most of the time I've known her. The services she has provided to the many students who have gone through her classes have enabled more of them to succeed in school and ultimately graduate high school. As a person who is blind and was mainstreamed, I can attest to the importance of having a person such as Mrs. Flowers available to assist students in school.

Her dedication goes beyond her professional services however. She also takes time out of her personal life to assist students in going to the special olympics for the blind and visually impaired, an event that happens annually. This involves both going to the event and also being involved in various fund raising projects for it. Lastly, she is involved in other organizations that advocate for people who are blind and visually impaired such as the California Council of the Blind.

To conclude, I think that Deborah Flowers is an excellent candidate for this award and I hope you will consider her for it.

Sincerely,
Tom Randall