



SALUTES 2009 APPLE BLOSSOM EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS

The NAFC Apple Blossom Awards honor Collier County early childhood teachers who make a unique contribution to the lives of young children and their families. The nominees were evaluated on information submitted by the nominators and "on site visits."

2009 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Diana Daugherty, E. Naples United Methodist Learning Center
 Beth Lansil, Small World Learning Center
 Yadira Mendez, Guadalupe Center of Immokalee
 Ismelda Montez, RCMA RCDA Infant Center

APPLE BLOSSOM CONTINUING EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AWARD

Lisa Auguano, Small World Early Learning Center

APPLE BLOSSOM FINALISTS

Blanca Garcia, RCMA, ICMHS • Claudia CiFuentes Kendall, E. Naples
 United Methodist Learning Center • Maria Marquez, The Children's House
 • Dionette "Dio" Molina, Guadalupe Center of Immokalee • Irene Perez, Perez Family
 Child Care Home

The 2009 Apple Blossom winners and finalists were selected from the following group of nominees

Annette Anderson, *Annette Anderson Child Care Home*
 David Anderson, *Annette Anderson Child Care Home*
 Ana Andrade, *RCMA Youth Haven Center*
 Lisa Auguano, *Small World Early Learning Center*
 Diana Daugherty, *E. Naples United Methodist Learning Center*
 Blanca Garcia,, *RCMA ICMHS*
 Sheena Hunt, *A Step Up: Golden Gate Child Care*
 Claudia Cifuentes Kendall, *E. Naples United Methodist Learning Center*
 Colleen Krebs, *E. Naples United Methodist Learning Center*
 Beth Lansil, *Small World Early Learning Center*
 Maria Marquez, *The Children's House*
 Yadira Mendez, *Guadalupe Center of Immokalee*
 Dionette "Dio" Molina,, *Guadalupe Center of Immokalee*
 Ismelda Montez, *RCMA RCDC Infant Center*
 Sarah Ostertag, *Child's Path Preschool*
 Maria Parra, *Immokalee Child Care Center*
 Irene Perez, *Irene's Family Child Care*
 Maria "Cristina" Riascos, *Guadalupe Center of Immokalee*
 Susan Rohrbaugh, *YMCA Center at Veterans Mem. Elementary*
 Mary Rowles, *Rowles Family Child Care Home*
 Dvora Steinmetz, *Temple Shalom Preschool*