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Teacher of the Year PAC-West District 2026

The Department of Defense Education Activity – Pacific Region is pleased to announce [Humphreys West Elementary School](#) educator Ms. Tulin Harrison has been named the Pacific West District's 2026 Teacher of the Year.

Harrison, who teaches fourth grade, is a 20-year career educator. She has been recognized for her commitment to innovation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, project-based learning, and multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS). She was named Teacher of the Year in Walton County School District and has led numerous initiatives, including creating a schoolwide maker space, establishing STEM clubs for primary and intermediate students, and coaching successful Lego League teams.

She was inspired to follow in the footsteps of her mother, who also taught for DoDEA.

Harrison prioritizes student-centered learning environments that foster inquiry, collaboration, and real-world problem-solving. She is passionate about ensuring all students have equitable access to high-quality instruction that meets their academic and resiliency needs. Her work in curriculum development and assessment for learning emphasizes the importance of data-driven decision-making and intentional planning to support student success.

A former military-connected child herself, Harrison understands firsthand the unique experiences and challenges military-connected students face.

Harrison holds an Education Specialist degree in curriculum and instruction and administrative studies from the University of West Florida, a Master of Education in educational leadership from the University of West Florida, and a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education, exceptional student education, and English for speakers of other languages from the University of West Florida. She is currently working on a Doctor of Education in curriculum and instruction from Liberty University with an expected completion of December 2026.



Tulin Harrison
[Humphreys West ES](#)
4th Grade Teacher