

Public Education Service Award

*Alameda County Board of Education
and
Alameda County Superintendent of Schools commend*

Charles Hamilton

*Teacher, Jazz Director, Composer, Arranger,
Conductor, Producer, Trombone and Flugelhorn*

We, at ACOE, are delighted join in honoring you as the recipient of the *2007 National Foundation for Advancement in Arts Award (NFAA)*. Congratulations, as you are only one of two Jazz Music Directors in the history of NFAA to receive this award for excellence. Under your influence and direction, our children at Berkeley High School, Emerson Elementary School and Willard Middle School have become skilled, professional entertaining performers and competitors, using music as a tool for self exploration and discovery. Your *Legendary and Prestigious Jazz* program has taken the students of Berkeley High around the world, where they have wowed audiences in France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Japan and Holland.

Behind every excellent student performance is a great teacher, and you are honored for being one of them. Your music program has evolved into a model for Arts Learning, not just in Alameda County, but throughout the State of California. At ACOE, we emphasize that "*Art is Education ... for every child ... at every school ... every day.*" Your work and dedication exemplifies the true spirit and meaning of those words.

We look forward to joining the Superintendent and staff as well as the families and students of Berkeley Unified School District who gather every March for the performance of the Berkeley High School Jazz Band at the annual celebration of *Art is Education Month*.

We acknowledge you for nurturing and supporting our young people who, because of your support, will grow into promising adults who are staunch supporters of the arts with a deep understanding of the importance of integrating arts in Education.

Presented February 3, 2007

*Fred Sims, President
Alameda County Board of Education*

*Sheila Jordan, Superintendent
Alameda County Office of Education*