

## 2015 SRAM Coach of the Year Award

*The Coach of the Year Award acknowledges a head coach whose qualities as a leader and motivator embodies NICA's mission to provide student-athletes with the coaching and camaraderie to help them achieve both competitive and noncompetitive goals in a safe and enjoyable manner.*

### Robert & Kathy Parks, Temescal Canyon High School, SoCal Interscholastic Cycling League



Kathy and Robert individually and together inspire the student-athletes and parents of Temescal Canyon High School. As one student-athlete on the team said, "Not only does Mr. Parks lead our team, train us for the races, and show us support, but Mr. Parks is like a second father to all of the athletes on the Temescal Canyon team. He highly encourages us to do our best in everything we do. He shows each and everyone of us love and support in all that we do and encounter. He hasn't just made a team at our school. He has made a family, and that is truly the most amazing gift anyone can give." Another female student-athlete noted that Kathy herself had never ridden a mountain bike before the team got started. She said of Kathy, "Even though

she was nervous herself she helped me. We learned everything together, and she was always there to confide in. She is a truly amazing coach." Together, Kathy and Robert have brought the sport of mountain biking to Temescal Canyon High School and are obviously making a positive difference in the lives of their student-athletes. Please join me with a warm congratulations for Kathy and Robert!



*"We're learning new things about coaching every day. We're kind of a yin and yang concept going on at all times. It's a good balance for us and the kids...There's nothing like getting hugs from your kids when they finish [a race]."*