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### **Commission Grants Eminence Credential to Nancy Cassaro-Fracchiolla of Off Broadway Fame**

SACRAMENTO – And the Eminence credential goes to ...

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing awarded an Eminence credential today to Nancy Cassaro-Fracchiolla, creator of the hit “Tony n’ Tina’s Wedding,” the longest running production in Off-Broadway history. Ms. Cassaro-Fracchiolla’s noted stage and screen career includes roles in the television series “Nip/Tuck” and “Grounded for Life,” and the 1990 film “Goodfellas.” The document, formally titled a Single Subject Credential based on Eminence, was granted in the subject area of Drama.

In the nearly forty years since credentials based on Eminence were introduced, the Commission has awarded less than thirty. To earn an Eminence credential, individuals must demonstrate that they are recognized beyond the boundaries of their community, are demonstrably advanced in their field, and have been acknowledged by their peers as beyond the norm for others in the field.

Ms. Cassaro-Fracchiolla has been active in theatre and art instruction in the Palisades community for the past 12 years, including work in the Visual and Performing Arts department at Palisades Charter High School where she has demonstrated skill at working with and inspiring students. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Hofstra University in New York and has been awarded numerous honors for her work as both actor and writer in theatre, film and television. Her letters of recommendation include endorsements from actor/producer/director/writer Alec Baldwin and Academy Award winning writer/director Bill Condon.

Ms. Cassaro-Fracchiolla’s presentation to the Commission may be viewed on the Commission’s website at [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov).

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