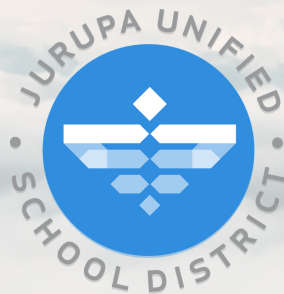


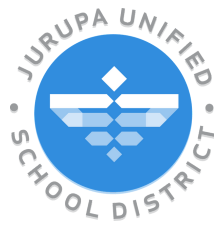
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Jurupa Unified School District's Promise

By fostering a growth mindset in every child, Jurupa Unified School District empowers each child to unlock their potential and succeed in school, in career, and in life. We call this Learning Without Limits—the promise we make and pledge to uphold—to our students, their families, and our community.



Superintendent's Message

Dear Jurupa Unified Award Recipients,

Pride and excellence.

Those two words come to mind when I reflect on your outstanding work in preparing every Jurupa student for college, careers, and Learning Without Limits for a lifetime. Jurupa's staff is monumental to the success of our students. They impact the lives of children not only academically but inspirationally.

Thank you for everything you do to support our students, families, school sites, JUSD, and the Jurupa community. Your work is essential to student success and our five pillars of support:

- Nurturing early learners through programs that create a solid cognitive foundation and stimulate a love of learning.
- Encouraging students to challenge themselves at every grade level, setting them on a path toward continuous achievement.
- Promoting college and career readiness through rigorous, college preparatory curriculum, as well as hands-on, real world learning opportunities.
- Engaging the Jurupa Unified community of stakeholders in our students' success.
- Preparing our students for a future here or anywhere.

I am deeply grateful to each of you for your dedication, imagination, and love of students, learning, and serving others. Congratulations on this honor and on all of your achievements.



A Message from Board President Ortega

Dear Jurupa Unified Award Recipients,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you for being part of the JUSD family. We commend you for earning this distinction as a JUSD Educator of the Year. Thank you for your kindness, leadership, and commitment to students and their learning environment.

You are the true definition of what a public educator is and it is a privilege to be in your presence today. As we are gathered here to honor your achievements, I can only imagine the profound impact you have already made in the lives of each student.

I, along with my board colleagues and district administration, have enjoyed learning about each of you. Your strong work ethic, positive demeanor, and passion for your craft exemplifies everything Jurupa Unified values.

Please know that your work has a ripple effect, creating a generational impact. You spread the love for education beyond the classrooms, rippling into your students' personal lives, their families and the communities they live in.

Thank you for leading the way in modeling excellence at our schools and thus creating safe environments to teach and to learn.

We appreciate all that you do to support and educate every student at JUSD, instilling in them that they are worthy and make an important contribution to society. Your work inspires all of us to continue to learn and serve without limits today and always.





Award Recipients



Classified Employee of the Year

Alma (Gloria) Navarro

Translator Clerk-Typist - Business Services

25 Years of Service

Alma "Gloria" Navarro has been part of the JUSD family for 25 years. In her current position with the Business Services Office, Gloria continues to demonstrate her dedication. During Gloria's time as the Education Center Front Desk Translator Clerk-Typist, visitors, administrators, and staff often commented on her friendliness, attentiveness, and accommodating actions. She is an asset to the Jurupa Unified School District.



Classified Employee of the Year

Pamela Whitman

Database Analyst - Education-Information Technology

15 Years of Service

Pam Whitman works tirelessly with administrators, teachers, and classified staff to ensure that our student data is nothing short of perfection. She is liaison to the state and federal agencies that mandate data reporting, such as the California Department of Education and the Federal Office of Civil Rights. Pam is always happy to work out a difficult problem with a smile and a clear plan of action.



Classified Employee of the Year

Heidi Richey

Administrative Secretary - Education Services

17 Years of Service

Heidi has been a member of the Education Services team for more than a decade, and as Administrative Secretary, she supports two administrators. As the first contact for parents and community members contacting both offices, she represents the district well, making sure that people feel valued and are treated with courtesy. She is known for pitching in wherever additional help is needed, generating goodwill and developing camaraderie with her colleagues.



Classified Employee of the Year

Alison Hernandez

Secretary - Account Clerk - Maintenance & Operations

21 Years of Service

Alison demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to her duties and is a cornerstone of her department. She takes it upon herself to provide exceptional service to faculty and staff, showing flexibility and support. Alison quickly communicates with sites to provide key information, recommendations, and direction. Additionally, Alison is a source of knowledge for all others, and her willingness to gain new skills continues to make her an important contributor.

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Classified Employee of the Year

Scott Batchelder

Food Services Coordinator, Nutrition Services

2 Years of Service

Scott's many duties include: managing the day to day operations of the Food Service warehouse, ordering food and supplies for every district kitchen, providing oversight of inventory, and working with our many vendors. Always pleasant, cheerful, organized, and with a strong sense of customer service, Scott has an ability to cultivate relationships with other staff and with our vendors. This makes him an asset to his department and to the district as a whole.



Classified Employee of the Year

Kelle Wallace

Administrative Secretary - Purchasing

13 Years of Service

Kelle is the cornerstone of the Purchasing Department. Not only does she handle phone calls, mail, timecards, and many other clerical duties, she processes all of the district's contracts, ensuring that schools and departments have the services they need. Kelle has also been very flexible with the changes made to department processes over the last year. Every day she comes to work with a positive attitude and is a great example of a model employee.



Classified Employee of the Year

Mercedes Estrada

Administrative Secretary - Risk Management

5 Years of Service

Risk management is not usually an office that people are excited to have to deal with, and yet Mercedes is always helpful and professional in her interactions. In working with employees, administrators, parents, vendors, medical personnel, attorneys, or insurance representatives, Mercedes handles all situations with excellence. Moreover, Mercedes has distinguished herself by choosing to obtain her Certified Schools Risk Manager certification.



Classified Employee of the Year

Dalia Aceves

Translator Clerk-Typist - Camino Real Elementary

11 Years of Service

Dalia is a ray of sunshine who makes everyone feel welcome the moment they step foot into the front office. She is the first person to greet everyone, and she always does it with such a warm and meaningful disposition. Even in the midst of front office chaos, she has such a powerful way of making staff, students, and parents feel heard and understood. Dalia goes above and beyond in her job, without complaint.

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Teacher of the Year

Zieba Prophete

1st Grade Teacher - Camino Real Elementary

6 Years of Service

Zieba is a phenomenal teacher and human being. She cares about the students in her classroom and every Cub who walks through our gate. Zieba always has an encouraging attitude and believes in everyone. While helping others grow, Zieba expects herself to grow, too. As Testing and Technology Coordinator, she answers questions, solves problems, offers support, and eases minds. Zieba models a growth mindset and leaves each person better than she found them.



Classified Employee of the Year

Daniela Hernandez

Translator Clerk-Typist - Glen Avon Elementary

2 Years of Service

Daniela is a Translator Clerk-Typist, but she does so much more! She is also on School Site Council, is an active member of AVID Booster Club, and volunteers countless hours for booster club events. Daniela is always a ray of sunshine who comes to work with a positive, approachable attitude! The kids love her because she is so sweet, and they all say, "She is the best!" Thank you, Daniela, for always going the extra mile for our Roadrunners!



Teacher of the Year

Heather Broda

Intervention Teacher - Glen Avon Elementary

23 Years of Service

Heather is the kind of teacher who truly cares about her students. She is currently working with upper-grade students who need extra support with reading. Not only does she help them academically, but she also helps them with their self-esteem. Heather also supports the staff with all her positivity, offering moral support to those who need it and writing kind notes to lift our spirits. Glen Avon Elementary is fortunate to have such a caring teacher.



Classified Employee of the Year

Esther Olmos

Bilingual Language Tutor & Instructional Aide - Granite Hill Elementary

14 Years of Service

Esther works tirelessly to support all of our students. Even though she specifically works with RSP and bilingual students, she is quick to jump in and support everyone. She seeks out guidance when needed and values the suggestions she is given. She frequently offers to assist with school events. Ms. Olmos is instrumental in administering the ELPAC. Her calm and gentle personality brings comfort to all staff and students.

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Teacher of the Year

Sherine Candido

3rd Grade Teacher - Granite Hill Elementary

22 Years of Service

Sherine creates a truly amazing learning environment for her students. She encourages them to grow academically, pursue their passions, and find their purpose. Every day, she starts off with positive affirmations to demonstrate to every child that he or she is precious. She has embraced Impact Teams and understands the value of students taking ownership of their learning. She is a gift to Granite Hill and to every child she encounters.



Classified Employee of the Year

Susie Quesada

Activity Supervisor - Ina Arbuckle Elementary

9 Years of Service

Susie has worked at Ina Arbuckle since 2015. She is patient, takes time to listen to students, and her warm and calm demeanor help de-escalate situations. Even with limited time during recess, she makes connections with students and implements restorative practices. Loved and respected by all students and staff, Ms. Susie is diligent in her duties and treats every student and situation with care and respect.



Teacher of the Year

Jodie Piper

Intervention Teacher - Ina Arbuckle Elementary

16 Years of Service

Ms. Piper earned this recognition through her tireless work and devotion. She provides invaluable reading support to our students. Besides supporting our reading program, she is the SST and Testing Coordinator. In addition, she organizes our winter performance and sixth-grade promotional ceremony. Mrs. Piper is the Science Camp coordinator and serves on Ina's PTA board. We all appreciate Jodie's fun-loving personality and pleasant demeanor.



Classified Employee of the Year

Karla Tiscareno

Translator Clerk-Typist - Indian Hills Elementary

8 Years of Service

Karla is a lady of many hats: translator clerk-typist, attendance clerk, teacher translator, enrollment specialist, and parent resources contact. With a smile for everyone who visits her desk or calls her, she has the ability to calm any child, parent, or colleague with her support and genuine concern. She is able to run the office with ease – answering phones, helping parents, calling students to come to the office, and putting band-aids on scrapes.

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Award Recipients



Teacher of the Year

Sharon Baguyo

Kindergarten Teacher - Indian Hills Elementary

33 Years of Service

Mrs. Baguyo's patience and loving attitude make her a favorite among kindergarteners and parents. The staff respects her as she is often put in leadership roles. Sharon is part of our intervention program in the afternoon with our primary students, and provides instruction in reading and writing to those students who are struggling. Her positive attitude makes Mrs. Baguyo the perfect candidate for this honor.



Classified Employee of the Year

Elisa Marquez

Translator Clerk-Typist - Mission Bell Elementary

21 Years of Service

Elisa is the first person parents encounter when they enter the Mission Bell office. She greets visitors warmly and professionally, offering whatever help she can provide. Elisa has a positive attitude and shows respect to all while also being firm when necessary. When new students arrive, she helps to encourage them to alleviate their nervousness. Elisa's quick sense of humor helps to make the office a pleasant place for all who visit.



Teacher of the Year

Joanne Tyler

Intervention Teacher - Mission Bell Elementary

29 Years of Service

Joanne is an exemplary teacher who demonstrates enthusiasm and excitement each day as she helps struggling readers become successful. She is thorough with her intervention documentation Ms. Tyler coordinates all mental health and behavioral referrals, and follows up to make sure students and families receive the help they need. Joanne is an active and integral part of the day-to-day operations at Mission Bell and is most deserving of this accolade!



Classified Employee of the Year

Julie Bowes

Preschool Teacher with B.A. - Pacific Avenue Academy of Music

5 Years of Service

Julie shows her dedication to the students of Jurupa and PAAM, having served as the morning Head Start/Preschool teacher since 2015. Julie's classroom is warm and inviting, and students are highly engaged in learning. She also supports her families outside of class when needed. Julie participates in both the Fall and Spring Festivals and is well-known for staying after hours to support her colleagues.

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Award Recipients



Teacher of the Year

Robyn Anderson

4th & 5th Grade Teacher - Pacific Avenue Academy of Music

24 Years of Service

Robyn is well-respected by her colleagues, wears many hats, and is an important part of Pacific Avenue Academy of Music. At PAAM, she is a member of the Leadership Team and serves on School Site Council. She is the 100 Mile Club coordinator and is one of two AVID coordinators on campus. Robyn supports the Young Ladies League and is also the Science Fair coordinator and College and Career Ready coordinator for PAAM. Congratulations, Robyn!



Classified Employee of the Year

Sherri Cruz

Student Attendant Aide - Pedley Elementary

11 Years of Service

Winston Churchill once said, "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." Sherri is always able to look on the bright side of things. For that, she is beloved by all at Pedley. Always willing to go above and beyond for others, Sherri works to find ways to improve her school by being an example to all. Teachers love working with Sherri because she is patient with students, exudes kindness, and has a great work ethic.



Teacher of the Year

Griselda Huizar

Special Education Support Teacher - Pedley Elementary

5 Years of Service

Griselda is a dedicated and hard worker; she does everything with expertise and humility. She portrays Learning Without Limits by spending time nurturing and promoting our school's vision. She supports our students, staff, and parents by being part of our PTO, Student Study Team, Saturday School, Grade Level Leadership, and District Committees. She also serves as Behavioral Social-Emotional Learning-B-SEL Coordinator and Principal's Designee.



Classified Employee of the Year

Rosa Lopez de Gutierrez

Activity Supervisor - Peralta Elementary

1 Year of Service

Rosa works as an activity supervisor but has also helped as an instructional aide and translator clerk-typist. When kids have an issue, they always know that Rosa is someone they can count on to help. She is firm but fair, and you can tell that she loves her job. She is always proactive in looking at situations, taking steps to deal with issues before they develop. Rosa makes Peralta a special place.

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Teacher of the Year

Rebecca Miller

3rd Grade Teacher - Peralta Elementary

15 Years of Service

Coaching great John Wooden once said, "I think the teaching profession contributes more to the future of our society than any other single profession." Rebecca is truly making a better future for our Peralta students. Becky serves as a unit writer for the district NGSS Units of Study, grade level leader, and induction coach for new teachers. Her strength in communication, active listening, organization, planning, and collaboration are regularly on display.



Classified Employee of the Year

Valeriano Vizcarra-Garcia

Elementary Head Custodian - Rustic Lane Elementary

9 Years of Service

Vale is a treasured friend to all at Rustic Lane. He greets everyone with a smile and takes great pride in his work, going out of his way for the team. Whether it is the opening of school, a special event, a daily task, or supporting teachers and staff, Vale does everything with diligence, care, and an amazing attitude. Vale's example reminds us that we are all a part of something greater – we are a family.



Teacher of the Year

Tiffani Taylor

3rd Grade Teacher - Rustic Lane Elementary

18 Years of Service

Tiffani guides our youngest Leopards to be the strongest humans they can be with her amazing, caring heart and unwavering dedication. Tiffani connects with her students and supports them as individuals. Whether it is a home visit, an extra phone call, or sharing an important message of celebration with a family member, Tiffani is passionate about seeing her students find success and that is her guiding force. Thank you for being a model educator!



Classified Employee of the Year

Maria Carrazco

Activity Supervisor - Sky Country Elementary

9 Years of Service

Maria is always willing to go that extra mile. She helps teachers and the office staff with copies, laminating, and assisting wherever she is needed. A friendly face that students can rely on every morning, she is well known to all on campus and is a great resource for our Spanish-speaking parents. She is there to answer questions about general information or specific activities happening at Sky Country. Maria is a great asset to Sky Country Elementary!

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Teacher of the Year

Kelly St. Amant

1st Grade Teacher - Sky Country Elementary

5 Years of Service

Kelly has worked countless hours to create a Lego STEM room for Sky Country. Kelly is always looking for ways to improve the room and bring more STEM resources to our school. She assists with the choir, serves as our school representative for the Science Units of Study, and serves on the PBIS committee. Kelly also takes time to check in with at-risk students and monitors their social, emotional, and physical well-being. Her tremendous heart for our students is inspiring.



Teacher of the Year

Maria Martinez-Saballos

Dual Immersion Kindergarten Teacher - Stone Avenue Elementary

6 Years of Service

Maria's enthusiasm, love, and dedication to teaching is amazing. She provides assistance in the areas of ELPAC, EL Reclassification, and Units of Study. Maria assists with parent involvement and prepares engaging activities as the Saturday School teacher. She runs ELAC meetings, participates in our parent classes and the father/daughter dance, and volunteers many hours to support Stone Avenue students. Her helpful character reaches all of our students, teachers, and parents.



Classified Employee of the Year

David Sosa

Activity Supervisor - Sunnyslope Elementary

3 Years of Service

Mr. David, as he is known around campus, takes pride in his job as an Activity Supervisor. He builds positive relationships with students and looks out for their best interests at all times. He takes the time to check in with the office to see how he can help on the playground. He recently made intramural flag football for sixth-grade students a reality on our campus. Clearly, Mr. David is an asset to Sunnyslope.



Teacher of the Year

Francisco Chavez

5th Grade Dual Immersion Teacher - Sunnyslope Elementary

2 Years of Service

Mr. Chavez is well-liked and respected by Sunnyslope staff. He currently serves as Administrative Designees. In this role, he has become a positive influence, role model, and team player. Mr. Chavez is always willing to help. He often volunteers to help with dismissal duty even when it is not his scheduled date. He also lends a helping hand when we are short-staffed. Mr. Chavez has become an integral part of our Sunnyslope Family.

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Classified Employee of the Year

Linda Scott

Activity Supervisor & Crossing Guard - Troth Street Elementary

10 Years of Service

It is truly an honor to work with Ms. Scott, who is the cheerleader of cheerleaders. With her work ethic and never-ending energy, Ms. Scott goes the extra mile to make sure that students have fun activities on the playground on fun Fridays. Birthdays are never quiet around Ms. Scott and everyone appreciates the attention. Troth is a special place, but it is people like her who leave a lasting imprint.



Teacher of the Year

Heliodoro (Eli) Salazar

4th Grade Teacher - Troth Street Elementary

24 Years of Service

Mr. Salazar is a generous and caring teacher who inspires and guides students to reach their full potential. He is a science teacher at heart and engages students with many hands-on experiments. He is an inclusion teacher who works tirelessly with students at all levels. Students who have had Mr. Salazar in the past come back and thank him for his influence. We thank you, Mr. Salazar, for making a difference in the community we serve.



Classified Employee of the Year

Avis Tarkington

Crossing Guard - Van Buren Elementary

14 Years of Service

Mrs. Avis Tarkington is one of the most cheerful, energetic, kind, and loving Van Buren Eagles. As the crossing guard, she not only goes the extra mile to ensure our students' safety, but she welcomes them and sees them off with a ginormous smile and delightful attitude. Our students love her. As a treasured member of the Van Buren team, she spreads her beautiful smile, warm and loving soul, and awesome hugs.



Teacher of the Year

Vicki Craig

3rd Grade Teacher - Van Buren Elementary

6 Years of Service

Vicki Craig is an extremely dedicated teacher. She constantly pours her heart and soul into her classroom. Her above and beyond attitude ensures the success of her third-grade students. She serves as our AVID lead teacher and supports our teachers with their AVID needs. She also supports our BSEL team and organizes Van Buren's talent show. It is evident that her presence at Van Buren is greatly valued and impactful, not only for our students but also for our staff.

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Classified Employee of the Year

Mike Pressley

Custodian - West Riverside Elementary

12 Years of Service

Mike is a conscientious worker who always does his best to complete every task. In spite of a busy schedule, he finds time to do the little extras and never hesitates to go the extra mile to make life easier for the rest of the staff. Mike takes great pride in his duties and works hard to maintain a safe and clean campus. Pleasant and courteous with everyone, Mike's friendly smile and positive attitude are always appreciated!



Classified Employee of the Year

Araceli Tovar

Middle School Principal's Secretary - Del Sol Academy

17 Years of Service

Araceli played a big part in opening Del Sol by ordering supplies and equipment, maintaining records, and developing routines and systems necessary for the daily operations of our school. She greets and registers new students and provides trainings and assistance to colleagues. She rolls up her sleeves and helps her office team when times get busy. Fondly referred to as "The Keeper," she keeps everyone on task and focused on the main goal, all while keeping everyone happy.



Teacher of the Year

Anne Borchardt

Special Education Support Teacher - Del Sol Academy

30 Years of Service

Mrs. Borchardt was instrumental in opening the school and piloting the school's full inclusion program for Special Education students. She mentors teachers, providing guidance, training, and assistance to colleagues when needed, and shares inclusion strategies with staff. If Mrs. Borchardt is concerned about a student, she doesn't hesitate to conduct a home visit to the pleasant surprise of Del Sol families served.



Classified Employee of the Year

Joelle Sapien

Middle School Principal's Secretary - Jurupa Middle School

13 Years of Service

Joelle Sapien is truly an amazing person and Panther. She goes above and beyond her job duties to ensure that students, staff, and families are taken care of. She has been an irreplaceable manager of the office, budget, school calendar, facilities, and the organization of substitutes. Joelle has assisted and trained a number of fellow secretaries – and principals. She is a true professional. After retiring in December, Joelle is already missed by JMS and throughout JUSD.

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Classified Employee of the Year

Brenda Villegas

Instructional Aide - Mira Loma Middle School

1 Year of Service

Brenda is a very sweet, hard-working, and friendly instructional aide. She loves her students, and it shows. She is soft-spoken yet full of love when she is working with students. She has a heart for students and is amazing with them, always smiling and cheerful, and willing to help anyone at any time. She has a positive attitude, is patient and kind, and lends a helping hand. Thank you, Ms. Villegas, for being a caring, student-centered, and helpful staff member.



Teacher of the Year

Susan Wisener

Math 8 & ASB Teacher - Mira Loma Middle School

17 Years of Service

Susan is a pillar of MLMS and wears many hats. She serves as the seventh-grade ASB teacher, Math 8 teacher, Math department chair, Units of Study writer, advisory council member, after-school tutor, dance decorator extraordinaire, ROAR carnival master, fundraising guru, field-trip planner and the queen of recycling! Mrs. Wisener ALWAYS makes time for her students. She does a great job with the end of the year activities and is incredibly dedicated. We love you!



Classified Employee of the Year

Erika Van Holland

Secretary - Mission Middle School

6 Years of Service

Guidance, effectiveness, and positivity; these characteristics define Ms. Erika, who supports our students as the Assistant Principal's Secretary. On any given day, you'll see Ms. Erika providing guidance to students with positive rapport! In the many tasks she juggles each day, she always finds time to support students and staff with a "can-do" attitude. We are proud of the support Ms. Erika brings to Mission, and we are better for her being part of the Mustang family!



Teacher of the Year

Pam Ogden

ELA & Honors ELA Teacher - Mission Middle School

34 Years of Service

Pam engages students in the written word, provides books for her students, and works to make connections with all. Pam supports the arts and serves as Impact Team Lead, NEA-J site representative and student-teacher mentor. She is taking a group of Travel Club students on an East Coast trip, securing scholarships for two students to attend. There are thousands of students who love reading, excel at writing, and care for others because of Ms. Ogden.

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Classified Employee of the Year

Dina Argumosa

High School Principal's Secretary - Jurupa Valley High School

4 Years of Service

It has been said, "No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another," and Dina is very cherished. No matter the burden, she is present to help. Dina is calm, strong, reasonable, humble, respectful, supportive, loving, persistent, and consistent. She always knows when others need an empathetic ear and provides the needed attention. Dina is the steadfast light in the office; people are drawn to her bright countenance and giving spirit.



Teacher of the Year

Kelly Dodd

U.S. History & P.E. Teacher - Jurupa Valley High School

35 Years of Service

Kelly is this school's "go-to gal." She pushes her students to meet their potential, both physically and academically. She is a kind, compassionate, and thoughtful colleague. She is a very supportive co-worker and shows a genuine interest in fostering the next generation of teachers. As a senior class adviser, Kelly does her best to make our seniors' last year at JVHS memorable and fun. Her boundless school spirit shines across campus.



Classified Employee of the Year

Sharon McDonough

Career Center Clerk - Patriot High School

14 Years of Service

Sharon McDonough is dedicated to staff and students, and we are very fortunate that she is a part of our Warrior family. Sharon has been a huge part of PHS for several years, and to quote one of her colleagues, "she is basically an institution at this school." She is dedicated to the success of every PHS student and is committed to attending to the small details that make a difference in the lives of students and staff.



Teacher of the Year

Victoria Bautista

AVID & History Teacher - Patriot High School

10 Years of Service

Victoria Bautista is a teacher who always does things "the Warrior Way." As an AVID co-coordinator, she spends a lot of her time attending and planning AVID events. Mrs. Bautista started Patriot's first Academic Decathlon and Astronomy Club, and she spearheaded the planning for Science Night with UC Riverside. Ms. Bautista participates in department and data team meetings and provides valuable ideas, lessons, and strategies to her department and beyond.

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Classified Employee of the Year

Roxanne Valdovinos

High School Assistant Principal's Secretary - Rubidoux High School

4 Years of Service

Roxanne is always smiling, and has great rapport with all staff and substitutes. Roxanne does a great job at keeping up with tasks and finding subs for last-minute call-offs, professional development events, and IEP meetings. She goes above and beyond her assigned tasks and lends a helping hand to anyone who needs it. Roxanne makes every day pleasant with her sense of humor and lively personality.



Classified Employee of the Year

Julissa Valencia

Secretary - Account Clerk - Learning Center

8 Years of Service

Aristotle said, "We are what we repeatedly do; excellence then is not an act, but a habit." Julissa is a bright light in our office, always ready to help and provide exemplary service to everyone. She is an "out of the box" thinker who is always looking for new ways to improve processes. She brings professional attributes to the Learning Center and genuinely cares about delivering excellent work. She is truly a kind-hearted and caring individual.



Classified Employee of the Year

Luisana (Ana) Esparza

Cafe Manager - Nueva Vista High School

8 Years of Service

Ana supports our students, fulfills their nutritional needs with the resources available, maintains a clean and safe work environment, and assists with the added work that comes with our Fun Fridays, all with a smile on her face and a nurturing spirit. Students respect her, and she is passionate about her role at NVHS showing great care for our students. Students just love her! Ana, thank you for being such a positive member of the NVHS Aztec family.



Teacher of the Year

Kathleen Jaramillo

History, Art History, & Earth & Space Science Teacher - Nueva Vista High School

23 Years of Service

Kathleen is an exemplary teacher who gives her undivided attention to her students and their needs. She is a strong educational advocate who cares and supports all students under her care. She attends IEPs, crafts schedules, and outlines personal plans of support for each student. Kathleen is a valuable asset to NVHS ensuring students are supported, successful, inspired and loved!

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Certificated Administrator of the Year

Rosa Santos-Lee

Director of Elementary Education

26 Years of Service

Tonight we are honored to recognize Rosa Santos-Lee, Director of Elementary Education, as the Certificated Administrator of the Year. Rosa, a member of the JUSD family since 1994, has served as a teacher, TSA, assistant principal, elementary principal, and, since 2016, Director of Elementary Education. In every role, in every setting, she has excelled. Her focus on our students, her passion for curriculum and instruction, and the amazing way she supports principals and schools sets her apart. Whether it's Impact Teams, Units of Study, the arts, induction, or coaching principals and leading positive change, she sets an example that all of us strive to follow. Our students continue to grow and achieve thanks to her dedication, passion and leadership. We are lucky to have her as our Certificated Administrator of the Year!



Classified Manager of the Year

Dana Toland

Director of Maintenance & Operations

3 Years of Service

Dana is a shining example of what hard work and dedication to the job looks like. He is here early in the morning and stays late in the afternoon to ensure that our school sites are in tip-top shape for our students and staff. Through his leadership, the Maintenance and Operations Department has been elevated to new heights, providing optimal learning environments for our students. Our school facilities and grounds have become safe havens for our students and places where they come to not only learn, but also to be safe, secure, and nurtured. Simply put, JUSD is a better district because of Dana's leadership, work ethic, and relentless commitment to our staff and students.

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Principal of the Year

Sylvia Bottom

Principal - Glen Avon Elementary

18 Years of Service

Mrs. Sylvia Bottom possesses the leadership qualities that make her so deserving of this recognition. Sylvia has been an administrator since 2008 and at the helm at Glen Avon Elementary since 2013. Her knowledge, leadership, vision, dedication, constant focus on "what's best for kids," and personal integrity make her a huge asset to our district. Under her leadership, Glen Avon has been recognized as a California Distinguished School and Title I Academic Achievement Award recipient. Sylvia is a strong instructional leader who promotes collective efficacy to improve student learning and growth. She also shares her expertise -- and her focus on student ownership of learning -- with her colleagues. Many principals have been extremely fortunate to have her assigned as a mentor. Sylvia Bottom is an innovative leader who has earned this recognition.



Confidential Employee of the Year

Krystal Freeman

Assistant Superintendent's Secretary - Organizational Leadership & Planning

5 Years of Service

Krystal is the true definition of a servant leader. Her commitment to excellence in her job and the way she treats others are second to none. No matter what it takes, she will always go out of her way to make sure the job is done to meet the highest standards or to find answers for people when they need help. She is the first to volunteer to help other departments when they are in need, and her ability to work with others has brought success across the district. Her positive attitude, customer service, and willingness to help have given her a reputation that garners praise and respect from all who come in contact with her. Krystal is not only committed to her job, she is committed to our students, staff, and the district, where her unwavering dedication is evident in all that she does on a daily basis. Krystal IS the district standard of Soaring without Limits!

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Classified Employee of the Year

Lori Cassen-Snyder

Elementary Cafe Manager - Stone Avenue Elementary

20 Years of Service

From Stone Avenue Elementary, the Classified Employee of the Year is Lori Cassen-Snyder. Lori is dedicated to ensuring that the students of Stone Avenue are well-fed and feel loved. She goes the extra mile to make sure students receive a healthy meal and a smile every day. In addition, she fosters relationships with students and parents alike, and is a member of the Parent Teacher Organization. She puts in additional hours as PTO President and supports the school through fundraisers, parent involvement, and ensuring that our students have opportunities outside of the classroom. She is quick to take "at promise" students under her wing to support their academic and social-emotional needs. She does all this and is able to keep our kitchen in top shape, providing breakfast and lunch for the hundreds of students at Stone Avenue to help them stay healthy and ready to learn.



Counselor of the Year

Franklin Marmolejo

Guidance Coordinator - Rubidoux High School

14 Years of Service

Franklin Marmolejo, School Counselor of the Year, has a positive attitude and is always willing to help students and colleagues. He truly cares about the students at RHS and goes above and beyond to build relationships with students, families, and staff to ensure the academic and personal success of all students. Frank empowers each of his students, scheduling them into appropriate classes as well as providing them with CTE, A-G, and high school graduation information while assisting them in the decision-making process. He is always willing to share any opportunity he comes across that benefit students academically. Franklin has joined committees such as the College and Career Fair and CCGI to provide students with educational and career options. He has also become the liaison on our campus to the Young Men's Conference. Mr. Marmolejo takes great pride in his work, and student success is his priority. He is an extremely valued member of our counseling team and staff at Rubidoux High School.

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Teacher of the Year

Laura Gonzales

Intervention Teacher - West Riverside Elementary

22 Years of Service

Mrs. Gonzales has been a pillar at West Riverside for the past 22 years. She comes to work each day with creative ideas, a cheerful attitude, and a willingness to help. As Principal Designee, she carries herself professionally and is available whenever needed. As a Literacy Teacher, she provides resources to successfully implement guided reading strategies, always going above and beyond to serve struggling students. She assists teachers with DIBELS and Istation assessment data, making herself readily available. Mrs. Gonzales is an Instructional Coach helping teachers in the classroom and providing professional development across the district. She is instrumental in making Math Units of Study a success, and each member of the team treasures working with her. Mrs. Gonzales' outstanding organizational and leadership skills have made her the perfect person to participate in School Site Council, ELAC, and our Student Success Team. In addition, she regularly translates at IEP meetings and works tirelessly to make West the best!



Teacher of the Year

Rochelle Rowe

Math 7 & Accelerated Math 7 Teacher - Jurupa Middle School

26 Years of Service

Mrs. Rochelle Rowe is an incredibly passionate, caring, dynamic, and dedicated educator, both for her students and her colleagues. She seeks to meet every student's learning needs and continuously creates accessible lessons. She volunteers her time to tutor students before and after school. Rochelle encourages students to relearn concepts they have had trouble with and allows students the opportunity to flourish in her math classes. She is open to suggestion, exchanges ideas on a daily basis, and shares her materials freely with new and established peers. Rochelle is a teacher-leader on campus, is our Math 7 department head, and is on our Leadership Team, Impact Team, and Positive School Culture Committee. She volunteers for Instructional Council and the Safety Committee at the district level. She has also earned her Masters Degree in Administration and serves as Principal Designee. Rochelle has the determination, enthusiasm, integrity, and positivity that students and her peers respect.

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Teacher of the Year

Janiece Bailey

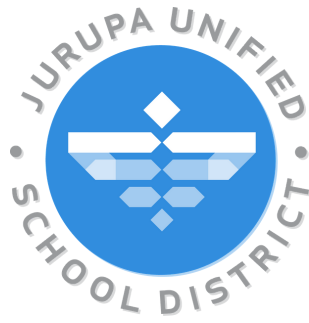
Avid & English Teacher - Rubidoux High School

10 Years of Service

Mrs. Bailey is passionate about her work and a catalyst for the success of students at Rubidoux. As a teacher and a Student Success Team Coordinator, whenever there are students who are struggling, Mrs. Bailey is a motivating force to encourage students to perform to their full potential. She does not give up on any student, and seeks resources to help students overcome any obstacle. Mrs. Bailey does an extraordinary job as 504 coordinator and Impact Team leader. She volunteered for and accepted the challenge of teaching the CCAP program for students taking college classes in their sophomore year. She challenges students and personally connects with them to provide exactly what they need: a teacher and a mentor! Janiece Bailey has shown the willingness to go above and beyond expectations. She always has a smile on her face, a sweet demeanor, and a kind heart.



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