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Poway Unified’s Dr. Jennifer Burks Named California Technology Administrator of the Year for 2020

(SACRAMENTO, CA) – The Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) recently released the list of State Administrators of the Year for 2020. Congratulations to Dr. Jennifer Burks, PUSD Associate Superintendent of Technology and Innovation, for being named California’s Technology Administrator of the Year!

Upon her arrival to Poway Unified in 2017, Dr. Burks created the District’s new educational technology department from scratch. As the first-ever Associate Superintendent of Technology and Innovation for Poway Unified, she oversees both the Information and Education branches of technology. Her vision for creating 21st century classroom learning environments has come to life in pioneer initiatives like the Voyager Program, Digital Citizenship Program, i-Ready, and the first Launch Lab at Pomerado Elementary School.

“The fact that she accomplished so much in such a short period of time speaks to her incredible work ethic and commitment to professional growth,” Superintendent Marian Kim Phelps said. “Jennifer’s dedication to creating inclusive, innovative learning environments for all students is just one of the many reasons why she is deserving of this award.”

Dr. Burks, in addition to the other 2020 recipients, will be featured in EdCal Magazine later this summer and honored at the Leadership Summit Statewide Awards Ceremony on November 6 in San Diego.

About the ACSA Awards Program

Each year, 21 Administrators of the Year awards and five special awards are given to outstanding California educational leaders and school-community partnership programs. This year, the 2020 awards committee reviewed close to 300 finalist nominations.
“There are so many dedicated and deserving educational leaders in our state, narrowing the honorees to just one from each category was a true challenge for the committee,” past ACSA President Holly Edds said in a statement. You can view the full list of winners here.

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