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Poway Unified Announces 2020 ‘PUSD Classified Employees of the Year’

Anna Noel, David Oliva, Donna Lawrence Receive School District Honor

(SAN DIEGO, CA) – The Poway Unified School District is pleased to announce that **Anna Noel**, Instructional Assistant II for Rancho Bernardo High School, **David Oliva**, Bus Aide for Transportation, and **Donna Lawrence**, Library Media Technician for Oak Valley Middle School, have been chosen as the PUSD Classified Employees of the Year for 2020.

A committee comprised of District and school site representatives selected the three District Classified Employees of the Year based on job performance, dedication to the community, and contributions to Poway Unified. Additionally, the San Diego County Office of Education sponsors a recognition program for classified employees, which honors members for all of San Diego County. This year, Poway Unified School District is pleased to announce that **David Oliva** has also been named San Diego County Classified Employee of the Year and has been forwarded to the California Department of Education for consideration as State Classified Employee of the Year!



Anna Noel, Instructional Assistant II, Rancho Bernardo High School

Anna, who has dedicated 18 years to the Poway Unified School District, is known to be a passionate staff member who goes above and beyond for students with severe disabilities. She ensures the success and inclusion of all students by working in a one-on-one environment tailored to their needs and interests. She is dedicated to providing students with experience and growth opportunities they otherwise would never have - a trademark to the work of an Instructional Assistant.

Anna is a co-advisor for the Best Buddies program at Rancho Bernardo High School, and has helped change the way General Education students relate to Special Education Students. Her

commitment to students' quality of life is evident in her daily interactions with them in the classroom, around campus, and in the community.

At the end of the day, she works tirelessly to ensure each student has a positive, inclusive, and rewarding "RB Experience."



David Oliva, Bus Transportation Aide, Transportation

David is known to be an excellent, dedicated, and loyal employee with outstanding attendance and a positive attitude. He is versatile, dependable, flexible, and is sought after by management to assist in challenging roles. David has served in Transportation for five years, and is often the responsible bus aide on some of Poway Unified School District's most challenging routes, often putting himself in harm's way.

David reacts calmly and appropriately in emergency situations, and is often consulted for advice on how to positively influence students' behaviors while aboard the bus. His commitment to the well-being and safety of others extends to his off-duty hours. He has personally created customized books for the comfort and entertainment of students on his assigned route and continuously thinks of ways to improve the ride (and day) of all students under his care (like playing bus karaoke, for instance). His vigilant concern for others' safety comes second nature as a trained EMT, a key quality necessary in the transportation of students.

David is also a natural community advocate. He has taken courses in American Sign Language, completed a certificate in Autism Behavioral Intervention, and continues to adapt himself to the needs of others to bring greater meaning to lives inside and outside the school community.



Donna Lawrence, Library Media Technician, Oak valley Middle School

Donna maintains the ebb and flow of a library that supports a school of 1,534 students. Her care for materials and resources is unsurpassed, and her willingness to continue to learn and thrive in the changing digital world shows her true commitment to achieve excellence in all she does.

She is known to supply staff with what they need, when they need it from the library. Her ability to filter needed materials through grade levels and disciplines, while keeping staff apprised of what is available and when, is no small feat. Donna supports all activities and works to give everyone equitable access to the library and all resources. She does this with encouragement, true diplomacy, and incredible work ethic.

Donna truly strives to give each and every student the individualized attention they may need. The library is a vital part of the campus, and Donna is at the center of its success. She is there to celebrate and support students and will always share a kind word for their concerns.

2020 Poway Unified School Site and Department Classified Employees of the Year

Congratulations to all of our site and department classified employees who represent the best of #Team PUSD:

SCHOOL

Abraxas High School
Adobe Bluffs Elementary School
ASES/ESS/Preschool
Bernardo Heights Middle School
Black Mountain Middle School
Canyon View Elementary School
Career Technical, Adult and Alternative Education
Chaparral Elementary School
Creekside Elementary School
Deer Canyon Elementary School
Del Norte High School
Del Sur Elementary School
DO - Finance
DO - FM&O
DO - LSS
DO - PSS
DO - SSS/SPED
DO - Tech & Innovation
Garden Road Elementary School
Highland Ranch Elementary School
Los Penasquitos Elementary School
Meadowbrook Middle School
Mesa Verde Middle School
Midland Elementary School
Monterey Ridge Elementary School
Morning Creek Elementary School
Mt.Carmel High School
Oak Valley Middle School
Painted Rock Elementary School
Park Village Elementary School
Pomerado Elementary School
Poway High School
Rancho Bernardo High School
Rolling Hills Elementary School
Shoal Creek Elementary School
Stone Ranch Elementary School
Sundance Elementary School

Nominee

Rebecca Hernandez
Sundee North
Melanie Hart
Natalie Reyes
Connie Hunt
Gloria Lew
Barbara Parzyk
Jodi Tibbs
Dorothy Lewis
Hiroko Baba
Parisa Amini
Nancy Diamond
Stephanie Allensworth
Steve Llamas
Linda Campos
Lauri Mason
Candice Dumais
Bryce Newall
Rose Kilgore
Gloria Reinhart
Mary Hall
Nelly Jaoude
Tim Heller
Sarah Cockrell
Linda Phillips
Virginia Gaters
Mariza Gonzales
Donna Lawrence
Julie Kramer
chose not to nominate
Sammi Gaudreau
Linda Lorenz
Anna Noel
Henrietta Balvaneda
Tammi Leisenring
Cathy Blalock
Valerie Norris

Sunset Hills Elementary School
Tierra Bonita Elementary School
Transportation
Turtleback Elementary School
Twin Peaks Middle School
Valley Elementary School
Westview High School
Westwood Elementary School
Willow Grove Elementary

Louisa Ramirez
Scott Taylor
David Olivia
Marco Ramirez
Mattalin Romero
Cris Rollins
Jocelyn Garcia
Jacob Arevalo
Mary Gore

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