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Poway Unified Announces PUSD Classified Employees of the Year Rick Claur and Susie Warriner Receive School District Honors

The Poway Unified School District is proud to announce Rick Claur, Electrician, and Susie Warriner, School Secretary at Poway High School, have been chosen as the PUSD Classified Employees of the Year for 2015. Mr. Claur and Ms. Warriner learned of their award with surprise announcements at their sites this morning.

Each year, a committee of District and site representatives selects the two District Classified Employees of the Year (one representing school sites and one representing District departments) based on work performance, contributions to the Poway Unified School District, and community service.

San Diego County Office of Education also sponsors a Classified Employee Recognition Program, honoring one member of classified service for San Diego County. This year's Poway Unified representative at the county level is Rick Claur.

Rick Claur Electrician

Rick Claur is simply an extraordinary employee. He takes on any job assigned to him with a "can do" attitude. Rick is known for his ability to fix the unfixable, saving the District thousands of dollars each year. In these challenging financial times, Rick "believes in solving problems, not adding to them."

Mr. Claur's supervisor, Mike Tarantinto, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations describes Rick as a lifelong learner. "If he already possesses the knowledge and skills to complete the job, he does so in a timely manner and according to industry standards. If he needs to acquire new knowledge and skills, he's on it!"

Rick understands the importance of teamwork, routinely offering instruction and guidance to the individuals with whom he works. His respect for his colleagues is obvious, and they return that respect by looking to him as a coach and mentor. Rick serves as a mentor to the employees in his department, leading less-experienced electricians to find solutions to problems and acquire new skills. If an employee needs help completing a job, he or she knows that Rick can be counted on for that help.

Locally, Rick volunteers at his church and gives of his time and talents to humanitarian work, recently helping to rebuild and restore residences in the wake of a devastating tsunami in the Philippines.

Timeliness and responsiveness are critical to Rick. Nights, weekends, or holidays, he is only a phone call away, ready to take on the next assignment, ready to perform to the very best of his abilities, ready to do whatever is needed to ensure that our District's students and staff have the best facilities possible to support their learning and their work.

Poway Unified thanks and honors Rick as one of the 2015 Classified Employees of the Year.

Susie Warriner

School Secretary, Poway High School

Susie Warriner embodies professionalism in every aspect of her work. As the primary discipline secretary at a comprehensive high school of 2,200 students, she routinely deals with situations that require confidentiality, respect, and the processing of critical documents and paperwork in an accurate and timely manner. She is always available to other staff members for answers or clarifications when questions arise.

Susie is always willing to help others, interacting with students, parents, and co-workers in a pleasant and supportive way. Her supervisor, Assistant Principal, Pete McKee recognizes Susie's role as a valuable resource not only to school staff and parents, but also to the students she serves. "She is a mentor to many of the students she sees in the discipline office, offering a great deal of guidance and support to those in need. Susie treats everyone with a positive and professional attitude. She is warm, approachable, and engaging. She represents a willingness to help others, a desire to learn new things, and she is always looking for ways to improve how things are done."

Outside of her role as Secretary, Susie is a Key Club advisor. She maintains all student member records, permission slips, and facilitates field trip requests. She is a liaison with the Kiwanis leaders, improving relations between school and community. She encourages Poway High School students to provide community service, develop character and leadership skills.

In her own community service work, Susie trains, directs and leads the Stephen Ministers at Hope UMC, building awareness of the program within the congregation and community. As a member of the Retired Officers' Spouses Club, Susie was chosen to teach and facilitate at The Command Spouse Leadership Course (CSLC) at the US Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, where she offered spouses of soon-to-be Commanding Officers an in depth program to enrich their own leadership and management skills and make positive contributions to the family, command and community environments where they served. She is a member and volunteer of Emmaus, participating yearly in the three day long "Walk to Emmaus" helping others experience spiritual renewal. She cooks, cleans and prays for the participants.

Poway Unified thanks and honors Susie as one of the 2015 Classified Employees of the Year.

2015 Poway Unified School Site and Department Classified Employees of the Year

The following is a list of all PUSD Classified Employees of the Year. All of these finalists are outstanding representatives of the high caliber staff that is characteristic of Poway Unified School District classified employees.

Site	Name	Position
Adobe Bluffs	Kathy Vasko	Office Assistant II
Canyon View	Linda Campise	Library Media Technician-Elementary
Chaparral	Rhandy Galvez	Custodian
Creekside	Deborah (Debbie) Lambert	Health Services Technician
Deer Canyon	Judy Andrews	Health Services Technician
Del Sur	Rodrigo (Rod) Valdez	Lead Custodian
Garden Road	Sharlyn Hurtado	Instructional Assistant-Preschool
Highland Ranch	Amy Yamasaki	School Administrative Assistant-Elementary
Los Penasquitos	Nelly Malham	Behavioral Intervention Instructional Assistant
Midland	Carol Anderson	Library Media Technician-Elementary
Monterey Ridge	Nicole Moore	Instructional Assistant I - Special Ed
Morning Creek	Christopher (Chris) Lynch	Lead Custodian
Painted Rock	Marianna Koehmstedt	Food and Nutrition Assistant II
Park Village	Joyce Anderson	Library Media Technician-Elementary
Pomerado	Kathryn (Kathy) Webb	School Administrative Assistant-Elementary
Rolling Hills	Nancy Wilkens	Behavioral Intervention Instructional Assistant
Shoal Creek	Gustavo Bernal	Lead Custodian
Stone Ranch	Russ Vollrath	Instructional Assistant II-Special Education
Sundance	Celestine Raj	Instructional Assistant II-Special Education
Sunset Hills	Anne Smith	Computer Resource Assistant
Tierra Bonita	Cheri Kellhofer	School Administrative Assistant-Elementary
Turtleback	Teresa Small	Health Services Technician
Valley	Tomoyo Ponceau	Noon Duty
Westwood	Jackie Chesebro	School Administrative Assistant-Elementary
Willow Grove	Kelley Magill	School Administrative Assistant-Elementary
Bernardo Heights	Jane Lauderdale	School Administrative Assistant-Middle School
Black Mountain	Janet Alkema	Library Media Technician-Secondary
Meadowbrook	Debra Soloman	School Secretary
Oak Valley	Katie Andrews	Attendance Accounting Assistant II
Twin Peaks	Gary Carpenter	Lead Custodian
Abraxas	Heather Key	Instructional Assistant II-Special Education
Del Norte	Teresa (Teri) Johns	Office Specialist
Mt. Carmel	Deborah Thomas	Library Media Technician-Secondary
Poway High	Susan (Susie) Warriner	School Secretary
Rancho Bernardo	Paz Villanueva	Custodian
Westview	Iban (Ivan) Ramirez	LAN Administrator
BSS	Brigitte Russo	Executive Assistant
CTAE & Alternative Programs	Denise Kelly	Instructional Assistant-Vocational Education

Early Childhood & ESS	Betsy Crook	Administrative Assistant II
Finance	Naomi Sweet	Administrative Assistant II
IT	Vincent March	LAN Administrator
LSS	Kathy (Katherine) Rinehart	Executive Assistant
M & O	Ricardo (Rick) Claur	Electrician
PSS	Lorrie Larsen	Payroll Technician
Special Ed	Maria Amaya	Administrative Assistant II
Student Support	Lynn Salo	Office Assistant II
Transportation	Hilda Chaiday	Bus Transportation Aide

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