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Poway Unified Announces 2022 ‘PUSD Teachers of the Year’

Nay Flinn, Aimee McCoy, Andrea Ford Receive School District Honor

(San Diego, CA) – The Poway Unified School District (PUSD) is proud to announce that **Nay Flinn**, Kindergarten Teacher at Connect Academy; **Aimee McCoy**, 8th Grade Humanities and AVID Teacher at Mesa Verde Middle School; and **Andrea Ford**, Spanish Teacher at Westview High School have been chosen as the PUSD Teachers of the Year for 2022. These teachers embody the PUSD culture and mission through their job performance, dedication to the community, and contributions to the District. Their names will be forwarded to the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE), which sponsors a countywide recognition program for teachers.

Jeanne “Nay” Flinn: Kindergarten Teacher at Connect Academy

Nay has been with PUSD for 27 years – her entire teaching career. She believes her greatest accomplishment is the relationships and connections she has created with her students. As a veteran teacher and leader, Nay has been able to create a successful, future-focused kindergarten program for Connect Academy, the new virtual K-8 school in Poway Unified. The program embraces a student-centered environment through both virtual and on-campus learning. Nay is creating an outdoor learning space at Connect Academy, which will include gardening, hands-on STEM connections, blended technology, and social and emotional skill building.

Nay is dedicated to the future of learning and establishes opportunities for both her own students and others in the community to grow their skills, passions and experiences. She has spent hours writing grants to gain support for STEAM and hands-on learning in PUSD, assisted Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in earning badges and awards, volunteered with the First Lego League and Robotics Programs, and allows future teachers from local universities to observe in her virtual classroom. Nay’s commitment to her students, the District, and the community exemplify the leadership and dedication she has as an educator and makes her an outstanding representative of PUSD.



Jeanne “Nay” Flinn, Connect Academy

Aimee McCoy, 8th Grade Humanities and AVID, Mesa Verde Middle School

As a graduate of Poway Unified herself, Aimee knows the difference one teacher can make in a student’s life. She strives to instill a love of learning in all of her students in the same way her former PUSD teachers did in her life.

Over the course of her eight years at Mesa Verde, Aimee’s impact on campus has become increasingly evident. She has successfully developed an integrated AVID course that allows for students to learn the necessary study skills that AVID teaches in conjunction with a Humanities course. Aimee also worked to create an environment that encourages effective and meaningful technology for student learning. She assists teachers of all grade levels and subject areas to create engaging, technology driven lessons for students. In addition, she advocated for a weekly advisory period for students to provide connection to campus adults outside of academics. This time would provide a space for team building, social emotional learning and relational focuses such as No Place for Hate. Aimee’s drive to support all students in their learning endeavors exemplifies the nature of her character and the assets she brings to PUSD.



Aimee McCoy, Mesa Verde Middle School

Andrea Ford, Spanish Teacher, Westview High School

Andrea, who has taught in the Poway Unified School District for 14 years, is a Spanish Teacher for all levels. Andrea played an important role in the shift to a standards-based classroom in her subject area, a shift that most programs have yet to accomplish. She created a new curriculum from scratch, and worked tirelessly to align the World Language program at Westview with best practice and has been able to guide her team and others in the district through this shift.

She values the opportunity to be a safe adult to students and families that may be struggling, specifically with emotional and mental challenges that high schoolers often face. Andrea makes it a priority to sponsor various campus clubs relating to language and community service. She also works with colleagues to organize and offer student trips abroad. These trips provide students an opportunity to practice their skills in Spanish-speaking countries and immerse themselves in the culture while traveling.



Andrea Ford, Westview High School

Andrea takes her role as an educator seriously and her impact is evident on Westview’s campus. Her devotion to creating the best experience for students – both in and out of the classroom – are reasons why PUSD is proud to recognize her as an honoree.

2022 Poway Unified School Site Teachers of the Year

Congratulations to all of our site certificated employees who represent the best of #TeamPUSD:

Abraxas High School	Kim Bourda
Adobe Bluffs Elementary School	Linda Reeve
Alternative Programs	Katie Schmid
Bernardo Heights Middle School	Linjue Cao
Black Mountain Middle School	M. Katie Stromayer
Canyon View Elementary School	Entire Teaching Staff
Career Technical & Adult Education/MBMS	Joseph Ismay
Chaparral Elementary School	Christina Glady
Connect Academy	Jeanne "Nay" Flinn*
Creekside Elementary School	Samantha Maritzen
Deer Canyon Elementary School	Entire Teaching Staff
Del Norte High School	Megan Volger
Del Sur Elementary School	Karen Garrett
Garden Road Elementary School	Kerry Ensberg
Highland Ranch Elementary School	Monica Eckmann
Los Peñasquitos Elementary School	Kara Fradsham
Meadowbrook Middle School	Alice Allen
Mesa Verde Middle School	Aimee McCoy*
Midland Elementary School	Elizabeth Sovern
Monterey Ridge Elementary School	Debbie Fleurbaaij
Morning Creek Elementary School	Lauren Casciato
Mt. Carmel High School	Mindy Davis
Oak Valley Middle School	Bonnie Gonzalez
Pomerado Elementary School	Hannah Hudak
Poway High School	Daniel Barnett
Rancho Bernardo High School	Joy Rose
Rolling Hills Elementary School	Shannon Quintanilla
Shoal Creek Elementary School	Dana Mueller
Stone Ranch Elementary School	Tracey Yeager
Sundance Elementary School	Danielle Oakes
Sunset Hills Elementary School	Tiffany Castillo
Tierra Bonita Elementary School	Margaret Dutcher
Turtleback Elementary School	Christina Rodocker
Twin Peaks Middle School	Kodi Keller
Valley Elementary School	Veronica Tapia
Westview High School	Andrea Ford*
Westwood Elementary School	Madeleine Wilkinson
Willow Grove Elementary School	Annie Parker

**Indicates District Level Teacher of the Year*

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