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Recognition Program Shines the Spotlight on Classified Education Employees

For the tenth year running, the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) and the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Stanislaus Charter will honor outstanding classified (non-supervisory) education employees in Stanislaus County through a program called “*Employees Making a Difference.*” School districts throughout the county selected their own honorees and forwarded nominations to SCOE. Twenty-seven outstanding classified staff will be honored at a **special reception on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Martin G. Petersen Event Center (720 12th Street, Modesto).**

“This program helps us recognize the efforts of some of our outstanding classified employees, many who are unsung heroes behind the scenes, yet critical to the education of our children,” said Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools Tom Changnon. Employees were nominated from the following service areas: Child Nutrition; Maintenance/Operations; Office/Technical; Para Educators/Instructional Assistants; Support Services/Security; and Transportation.

Six of the 27 nominees will be selected to represent Stanislaus County in the *California School Employee of the Year* program, coordinated by the California Department of Education. The names of these six individuals will be announced at the reception, which is being hosted by key corporate sponsors *Mocse Credit Union, CSEA River Delta Field Office* and the law firms of *Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo, and Dannis Wolliver Kelley.*

For the fifth year, the Education Foundation of Stanislaus County will present the **Jane Johnston Civility Award** to one of the 27 nominees who best exemplify the principles of civility. The award is named in honor of former SCOE Assistant Superintendent Jane Johnston, who helped launch the county-wide Choose Civility Initiative in 2010 and passed away unexpectedly in April 2012. Johnston advocated for and co-chaired the Employees Making a Difference Program (2008–2012), and was active with the Education Foundation of Stanislaus County.

Each district was eligible to send in a certain number of nominees based on district ADA. (i.e.; 0-4999 students = 1 nominee; 5,000-9,999 students = 2 nominees; 10,000- 20,000 students = 3 nominees; 20,000+ students = 4 nominees). The following employees will be recognized:

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Work Site</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Title</u>
Suzie	Andalon	Riverbank High	Riverbank Unified	Principal's Secretary
Kerri	Bell	Stanislaus Elementary	Stanislaus Union	Paraprofessional-LH
Chris	Browning	Ceres Unified School District	Ceres Unified	Lead Payroll Accountant
Jenny	DeSousa	Medeiros Elementary	Turlock Unified	Campus Supervisor
Lisa	Dorrity	Hart-Ransom Elementary	Hart Ransom Union	Paraprofessional
Della	Espinoza	Sylvan Union School District	Sylvan Union	Bus Driver
Brent	Flippo	Ceres Unified School District	Ceres Unified	Maintenance Specialist
Simon	Garcia	Sylvan Elementary	Sylvan Union	Head Custodian
Janet	Hannah	Beyer High	Modesto City Schools	RSP/LH Instructional Paraprofessional
Kathy	Helton	Capistrano Elementary	Empire Union	Administrative Secretary
Jennifer	Johnson	Enochs High	Modesto City Schools	Typist Clerk II
Adelita (Lela)	Lozano	Walnut Grove	Patterson Joint Unified	Bilingual Special Education Para educator-Non Severe/Food Service Worker
Nickie	McConnell	Magnolia Elementary	Oakdale Joint Unified	Secretary II
Martin	Montes	Fairview Elementary	Modesto City Schools	Custodian
Socheath	Ok	Hughson Unified	Hughson Unified	Custodian
Maing	Panerio	Denair Charter Academy	Denair Unified	Campus Supervisor
Judy	Payne	Julien Elementary	Turlock Unified	Health Tech
Rita	Ramirez	Sierra View Elementary	Oakdale Joint Unified	Instructional Aide

Anna	Ramirez-Poat	Mountain View Middle	Chatom Union	Middle School Secretary
Saberina	Reza	Grayson Elementary	Patterson Joint Unified	Attendance Clerk
Leonard	Rodrigues	Foothill Horizons Outdoor School	SCOE	Custodian
Mario	Savala	Mark Twain Junior High	Modesto City Schools	School Safety Officer
Ana	Serrano	Keyes Elementary	Keyes Union	ELD Paraprofessional
Kathy	Smith	Turlock High	Turlock Unified	Job Developer/Coach
Mary Fran	Souza	Bonita Elementary	Newman-Crows Landing Unified	School Secretary
Glinda	Sterling	Mae Hensley Junior High	Ceres Unified	Paraprofessional

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