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### **Recognition Program Shines the Spotlight on Classified Education Employees**

For the eight 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-six outstanding classified staff will be honored at a **special reception on Monday, January 26, from 4:00-5:30 p.m.** at the **Martin G. Petersen Event Center (720 12<sup>th</sup> 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 26 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 Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard.*

According to Stanislaus Charter ACSA President Christine Facella, the local organization is again pleased to partner with the county in this effort. “Our classified employees have a vital role in educating students,” said Facella. “They provide a healthy, supportive, and well maintained educational institute which allows teachers to teach students in an optimal environment.”

For the third year, the Education Foundation of Stanislaus County will present the **Jane Johnston Civility Award** to one of the 26 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:

Nominee First Name	Nominee Last Name	Work Site	District	Title
Polly	Ammon	Central Valley High School	Ceres Unified School District	Office Manager
Emma	Cornejo	Hickman Elementary	Hickman Community Charter School District	Para-Educator
Bernadette	Cruz	Chatom Elementary	Chatom Union School District	School Secretary
Dinah	Henschel	Martone Elementary	Modesto City Schools	Student Records Clerk
Jose	Hernandez-Silva	Cesar Chavez Jr. High	Ceres Unified School District	Custodian III
Vicki	Johnson	Denair Charter Academy	Denair Unified School District	Principal's Secretary
Brian	Lee	Eisenhut Elementary	Stanislaus Union School District	Lead Custodian
Ben	Liang	Turlock Unified School District	Turlock Unified School District	Maintenance Worker
Guadalupe	Lopez	Hughson Elementary	Hughson Unified School District	Attendance Clerk
Vicki	Lucas	East Stanislaus High	Oakdale Jt. Unified School District	Principal's Secretary
Teresa	Manriquez	Adelante Continuation High	Riverbank Unified School District	Administrative Assistant
Lillian	Melin	Beyer High School	Modesto City Schools	Campus Supervisor
Phoebe	Minick	Outdoor Education	Stanislaus County Office of Education	Bus Driver
Alicia	Miranda	Osborn Two-Way Immersion	Turlock Unified School District	Health Technician
Jose	Monroy	La Loma Jr. High	Modesto City Schools	Custodian
Irma	Olvera	Northmead Elementary	Patterson Jt. Unified School District	Attendance Clerk
Kathy	Prada	Turlock High School	Turlock Unified School District	Administrative Secretary II

Connie	Preciado	Cloverland Elementary	Oakdale Jt. Unified School District	Lead Custodian
Rigoberto	Ramirez	Orestimba High School	Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District	Custodian
Khush	Samra	Keyes Elementary	Keyes Union School District	Attendance Clerk
Randy	Scoggins	Orchard Elementary	Sylvan Union School District	Custodian
Rebecca	Snow	Mae Hensley Jr High	Ceres Unified School District	Library/Media Clerk
Raul	Torres	Glick Middle School	Empire Union School District	Cafeteria Manager
Oscar	Velazquez	Waterford Unified School District	Waterford Unified School District	Lead Custodian
Angela	Warenas	Walnut Grove K-8	Patterson Jt. Unified School District	Campus Supervisor
Roberta Sue	Watson	Sylvan Union School District	Sylvan Union School District	Childcare Teacher

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