

2004 Classified Champions

Classified employees, those who clean our schools, transport our children, provide clerical and technical support, maintain our buildings, feed our students and staff and provide education support in the classrooms make up approximately half of the district's staff. Each year, outstanding classified employees are recognized by the Board of Education for providing service above and beyond their regular duties. An excerpt from each employee's nomination form is next to each champion's picture.



Sophia Alderete, Office Technician I, Safe Schools Office, 1 year. Sophia can take an assignment and improve upon the original idea. She

designed a brochure explaining the services of the Safe Schools Office.



Fanny Cheung, Controller, Luther Burbank, 13 years. She never lets anything slip through the cracks. She is our "gate-keeper," "problem-solver" and "Jane of all trades."



Tina Chuck, Office Technician III, Staff Development, 8 years. Tina's initiative and excellent problem solving skills enable her to solve challenges before they become problems. She

maintains the smooth operation of the eSchools Solutions Internet program.



Katy Duncan, Food Service Assistant III, Isador Cohen, 14 years. More than our school's cafeteria lady – she's involved in classroom projects and is active on school committees. She

arranged for the Sacramento Banjo Band to perform and has been in our school's talent show.



Colleen Gale, Clerk II, Hubert Bancroft, 13 years. She's spent countless hours writing grants that have benefited us in technology, safety, arts and music, and

helps monitor our participation in grants and the home visit program.



Rosy Garcia, Office Manager I, Pacific, 3 years. She helps coordinate family nights and translates at parent/teacher conferences.



Connie Garcia-Lopez, Instructional Aide, Woodbine, 6 years. She developed a repertoire of materials to use for special needs students. She's also the director our

schools's START program.



Martina Gomez, School Operations Specialist, Adult Education, 19 years. Martina designed an easy to read class schedule that went to 100,000 families. Because of this, there is a renewed interest in

our programs.



Rosa Gonzalez, Parent Advisor, Early Headstart, 15 years. She donates astronomical personal time and donations to assist our teen families. Rosa has a passion and strong belief that

is never too late to become whatever you want to be.



Elisa Gonzalez, Teacher Assistant, Bilingual, Luther Burbank, 2 years. There is never a "bad" time to ask for her help. If she cannot answer a question, she is a willing researcher.



Angela C. González, Clerk II, Parkway, 14 years. She goes to basketball games to cheer for students and to parent functions to assist our staff. She even coordinated a

school dance.



Shilon Greene, Instructional Aide, Special Education, Clayton B. Wire, 15 years. Though she doesn't live by the school, she comes to the community meetings and

serves on several school committees.



James Hernandez, Plant Manager, Bowling Green, 10 years. He uses initiative – always anticipates a need, plus he's always smiling. He even comes in on Saturdays to take care of our garden.



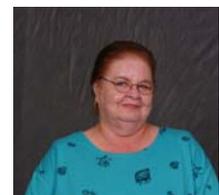
Bernard Hubbard, Community Liaison, C.P. Huntington, 5 years. During the holidays, he took it upon himself to contact the Highway Patrol for toys to

distribute to needy kids. He also helps feed the hungry and gathers food baskets for families.



Karen Jensen, Office Manager I, Thomas Jefferson, 15 years. Karen is always searching for innovative ideas to better our school. If you need to know

anything, ask Karen.



Dianne Lewis, Food Service Assistant III, Ethel Phillips, 16 years. She coordinated used clothing give-aways and provides Christmas to those families that would otherwise

do without.

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Alyssa Maciejewski, Instructional Aide, Elder Creek Children's Center, 5 years. When she walked in the center it became alive. She's worked hard to make it a brighter place.



Cokie Mannerino, Plant Manager, Marian Anderson, 23 years. She is available at a moment's notice and will do anything asked of her.



Becky Martinez, Office Manager I, Hollywood Park, 19 years. Becky can do 100 things at the same time. She's on the school Site Management Team, chairs

the social committee, assists in PTO activities and goes out of her way to help everybody.



Dee Mendoza, Teacher Assistant, Bilingual, Golden Empire, 23 years. She started and staffs our much needed study hall program. Carnival, 6th grade promotion, calling parents

are all in a day's work for her.



Joy Mohr, Workability, Special Education, 12 years. She helps our special-needs young people to be successful adults. The support she gives our students far exceed her

normal duties.



Mikel Moore, Instructional Aide, Special Education, Jedediah Smith, 11 years. Mikel has given of herself to students who have had a difficult time in a classroom

with several changes of teachers over the past two years. She is dedicated, caring and committed.



Linda Osborn, Instructional Assistant, Special Education, Sutter, 27 years. Always willing to help, Linda even prepares curriculum-related food items to help the

communicatively handicapped students comprehend the time periods they've studied.



Ron Rudi, Carpenter Supervisor, Operations Support, 11 years. Ron personally meets with principals, plant managers and parent groups to define the scope of work for each

site project.



Esther Sheffield, Instructional Aide, Special Education, Theodore Judah, 9 years. Esther routinely makes home visits after work to assist teachers and parents in

developing closer home/school communication. She is often invited to family functions.



Judy Teeple, Bus Driver, Transportation, 14 years. Judy transports our special needs preschool children. She has a natural rapport with children and sees to their comfort. She allows

each of them to bring a blanket and pillow because they sometimes fall asleep.



Si Vang, Parent Advisor, Hiram Johnson, 17 years. He is in daily contact with families who may be unfamiliar with the American educational system. He interprets the importance of education in

every home contact, by phone or in person.