



# Press Release

SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Solana Beach School District Celebrates 2024 Employees of the Year**

SOLANA BEACH, CA (April 18, 2024)— Solana Beach School District (SBSD) Board of Education honored the SBSB Employees of the Year at their regular meeting on April 18, 2024. Solana Pacific School 6th grade teacher Shelby Cleveland was recognized as the districtwide Certificated Employee of the Year. In addition, the Board recognized Sheila Loyd, Instructional Assistant III - Art at Carmel Creek School as the districtwide Classified Employee of the Year. These employees exemplify the SBSB values and mission through their exceptional work, dedication to the District, and far-reaching contributions to the community.



Shelby Cleveland has taught in SBSB for nine years. She exhibits exceptional leadership and dedication to education. Cleveland consistently raises the bar for herself and her peers and is committed to fostering a culture of excellence and continuous improvement. Her mission as an educator is to ensure that every student, regardless of challenges, has the opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Cleveland's classroom is a testament to inclusivity and belonging, where every student is valued and respected. "Shelby is that unique individual who stands out even among the exemplary, as she makes a significant impact and positive difference on the future of students, staff, and our community every day," said Solana Pacific Principal, Elisa Fregoso.

Shelia Loyd is a veteran in education with over 17 years of experience, including eight years in SBSB. Loyd stands out for her exemplary commitment to her school and community. With a reflective and innovative approach to art instruction, she creates a powerful learning experience for students. Loyd's inclusive practices not only foster student voices but also celebrate heritage while nurturing a sense of belonging and cultural appreciation among students. Beyond the art room, Loyd ensures student safety with enthusiasm and care whether at crosswalk duty or overseeing lunch. Carmel Creek Principal, John Galipault said of Loyd, "Sheila is the constant professional in finding ways to further educate herself and enrich the artistic and social-emotional needs of our students."



SBSB also celebrated the outstanding work of the following school site 2024 Employees of the Year:

### **Certificated Employees of the Year**

Kristin Coffman, Speech Language Pathologist (Solana Santa Fe)

Sarah Diorio, Education Specialist (Solana Vista)

Nicolette Dennis, 6th Grade Teacher (Solana Highlands)

Debbie Hacker, 3rd Grade Teacher (Carmel Creek)

Anita Anderson, 3/4 Grade Teacher (Skyline)

Jordan Einbinder, 6th Grade Teacher (Solana Ranch)

### **Classified Employees of the Year**

Kim Rowlands, Instructional Assistant II - Media Center (Solana Santa Fe)

Haifaa Kamel, Instructional Assistant II - Special Education (Solana Highlands)

Diandra Dubose, Instructor - Physical Education (Skyline)

Kerstin Renschler, Instructional Assistant II - Special Education (Solana Pacific)

Sowon Kim, Instructional Assistant II - Special Education (Solana Ranch)

Tiffany Baker, Head Teacher (Child Development Center)

Jesus Ivan Peraza, Senior Maintenance Worker (District Office)

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### **ABOUT THE SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Solana Beach School District, nestled on the north coast of San Diego County, serves approximately

2,800 students. Instruction is rich, varied, and innovative. Our emphasis is on core standards instruction provided through a continuous progressive curriculum. District schools consistently rank at or near the top in district, county, and state accountability measures. Our students and schools have received numerous awards and have been recognized at county, state, and national levels for a variety of accomplishments. Working together, our mission focuses on providing a safe space where learners find their voice, share their gifts, and advance the world.