

Press Release



SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Over 150 Current and Former District Employees Honored at Year-End Celebration

Festive event recognizes honorees, years of service recipients, and retirees



SOLANA BEACH — The Solana Beach School District celebrated the end of the 2021-22 school year with a festive event recognizing and honoring our colleagues on Wednesday, June 1, at the Lomas Santa Fe Country Club.

As it was the first time the year-end celebration has been held since the onset of the pandemic, there were three years' worth of accolades and milestones to salute, including:

- 20 individuals named Certificated Employee of the Year; as well as the entire certificated staff at Skyline, Solana Highlands and Solana Pacific Schools, who were all recognized as Certificated Employees of the Year in the 2020-2021 school year
- 26 individuals named Classified Employee of the Year; as well as the entire classified staff at Skyline School, who were all honored as Classified Employees of the Year in 2020-2021
- 114 Years of Service recipients — 55 honorees with 15 years, 31 with 20 years, 12 with 25 years, 12 with 30 years, three with 35 years, and one with 40 years
- 34 retirees
- 5 Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 18 award winners

Years of Service recipients received pins featuring the district logo and the number of years they have dedicated to students and the Solana Beach School District community, and event sponsor Mission Federal Credit Union provided special gifts of recognition to our District Employees of the Year.

The event's masquerade theme put everyone in the mood for fun. Adding to the good time was an opportunity drawing that took place throughout the evening.



The event was attended by 150 current and past employees.

The celebration was made possible with assistance from our business partners SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, Mission Federal Credit Union, Telacu, and Atkinson, Andelson, Loyo Rudd and Romo, whose generous donations offset a significant portion of the costs. Additionally, our local business partners generously donated gifts for the opportunity drawing.

The following people were celebrated Wednesday:

2021-2022

Certificated Employees of the Year

Lisa Clendenin (Carmel Creek) • Diana Murphy (District Office)
Ashley MacMitchell (Skyline) • Jennifer Battaglia (Solana Highlands)
Matthew Singley (Solana Pacific) • Carrie Brewer (Solana Ranch)
Kathleen Cimo (Solana Santa Fe) • Erin Bartosiewicz (Solana Vista)



Districtwide Certificated Employee of the Year

Kathleen Cimo (Solana Santa Fe)

Classified Employees of the Year

Florence Messenger (Carmel Creek) • Sierra Murphey (Child Development Center)
Renee Clancy (District Office) • Elizabeth Siskowic (Skyline)
Mireya Pope (Solana Highlands) • Susan Callagy (Solana Pacific)
Juliette Croissant-Paris (Solana Ranch) • Christine Suppa (Solana Santa Fe)
Jill Lamb (Solana Vista)

Districtwide Classified Employee of the Year

Susan Callagy (Solana Pacific)

ACSA Region 18 Curriculum & Instruction Administrator of the Year

Sabrina Lee

Years of Service Recipients

15 Years: Shiela Cullins, Laura Hawthorne, Tamara Landis, Gabriela Licon, Jessica Lopez, Catherine Lothspeich, Kimberly Marshall, Jesus Perez, Patricia Ann Petranoff, Shannon Salic, Angelique Sorensen, Mary Ann Stachowski, Michelle Thompson, Jeanne Vilsack, Katherine Weigand, and Judith Wright

20 Years: Erin Bartosiewicz, Michael Campbell, Eleazar Galindo, Stacey Hamilton, Beth Mudd, Deborah Otto, Rebecca Riley, Cara Spitzmiller, Felice Swanson, and Megan White

25 Years: Anita Anderson, Victor Becerra, Robin Kilsby, Diane Murray, Carolyn Roberts, Matthew Singley, and Stephanie Wooten

30 Years: Becky Gauthier

35 Years: Laurie Buechler and Gregory Sims

Retirees

Lisa Denham · 2007-2021 • Suzanne Gurley · 1998-2022

Mary Harrah · 1998-2022 • Ann Head · 2000-2022

Judy Kruse · 2005-2022 • Debra Lee · 2016-2021

Guy Maisenbacher · 2005-2021 • Greg Vasquez · 1997-2021

Felice Swanson · 2006-2022 • Nora Villegas · 2005-2022

2020-2021

Certificated Employees of the Year

Karras Hacker (Carmel Creek) • Katherine Horn (District Office)

Tori Klinge (Online Scholars) • All Staff (Skyline)

All Staff (Solana Highlands) • All Staff (Solana Pacific)

Dawn Butler (Solana Ranch) • Veronica Reist (Solana Santa Fe)

Jesse Mitchell (Solana Vista)

Districtwide Certificated Employee of the Year

Dawn Butler (Solana Ranch)

Classified Employees of the Year

Lynn Fleming (Carmel Creek) • Claudia Klumpyan (Child Development Center) • Natalie Cokrlc (District Office) • Francesca Vaccarino (Online Scholars) • All Staff (Skyline) • Mario Borunda (Solana Highlands)

Eleazar Galindo (Solana Pacific) • Monica Smith (Solana Ranch)

Karen Staton (Solana Santa Fe) • Emanuela Pampanini (Solana Vista)

Districtwide Classified Employee of the Year

Eleazar Galindo (Solana Pacific)

SDCSBA – Dede Alpert Award

Dr. Debra Schade

ACSA Region 18 – Classified Leader of the Year

Jennifer Orr

ACSA Region 18 – Confidential Employee of the Year

Kristie Towne

Years of Service Recipients

15 Years: Eric Au, Susan Callagy, Estrella Cortes, Andrea Dischler, Kelly Ehrhorn, Daniela Escalera, Tiffany Farnsworth, Sue Freel, Natali Galt, Leisa Graciano, Janice Hinman, Amber Hishmeh, Leilani Johnson, Judy Kruse, Tamara Landis, Guy Maisenbacher, Heidi Peace, Edith Quintero-Snyder, Janet Shur, Kathryn Stamer, and Susan Walker

20 Years: Terry Arone, Jennifer Battaglia, Lauren Beebe, Christine Campbell, Susan Eyres, Angel Hastings, Erik Johnson, Joyce Laveman, Amy Trusso, and Francesca Vaccarino

25 Years: Kathleen Bayisa and Lisa Salley

30 Years: Julie McCarthy, Rachel Ray, and Judith Tillyard

35 Years: Lisa Mumby

Retirees

Loretta Allen · 2004-2020 • Judith Alpert · 1994-2020
Pegi Anaya · 1985-2021 • Caroline Brown · 1980-2020
Margaret Kuski · 2004-2020 • Allison Lazerus · 1995-2020
Nancy Loch · 2004-2021 • Cyndy McBride · 2002-2021
Joe McDowell · 2003-2020 • Virginia Payzant · 2006-2020
Nancy Reitzler · 2002-2020 • Laura Stuber · 1997-2020
Alice Prince · 2006-2021 • Julie McCarthy · 1991-2021

2019-2020

Certificated Employees of the Year

Jeanne Vilsack (Solana Highlands)
Becky Gauthier (Skyline)
Billy Hanna (Solana Ranch)
Tracey Pauels-Dillinger (Carmel Creek)
Cara Spitzmiller (Solana Santa Fe)
Laura Stuber (Solana Pacific)

Districtwide Certificated Employee of the Year

Susana Baum (Solana Vista)

Classified Employees of the Year

McKenna Dooley (Solana Pacific)
Tanya Ehlert (Solana Ranch)
Melani Graeser (District Office)
Joyce Laveman (Skyline)
Nancy L'Esperance (Solana Vista)
Virginia Payzant (CDC Preschool)
Adam Triplett (Solana Highlands)
Katie Wimbrough (Solana Santa Fe)

Districtwide Classified Employee of the Year

Mashell Ingrande (Carmel Creek)

ACSA Region 18 – Elementary Principal of the Year

Jerry Jones

ACSA Region 18 – Central Office Administrator of the Year

Caroline Brown

Years of Service Recipients

15 Years: Victor H. Becerra, Mario Borunda, Erin Bostrom, Autumn Coffino, Brittany Eddy, Shawntanet Jara, Amy Leyes, Neva Ayn Magalnick, Natalie McPheters, Lydia Noble, Kerstin Renschler, Jean Sargent, Angela Tremble, Mary Vaccarino, Nora Villegas, Melissa Watson, Francisco Zamora, and Leticia Zurita

20 Years: Dawn Butler, Michelle Burzo, Marci Greim, Nora Guseman, Ann Head, Regan Hjalmarson, Jon Jordan, Veronica Reist, Dorothy Tsai, Patricia Weinberg, and Maria Willis

25 Years: Allison Lazerus, Tracy Saunders, and Marilyn Tajalle

30 Years: Lisa Campbell, Isabelle Harley, Debbie Keller, Nancy L'Esperance, Estela Leidy, Christie McCampbell, Connie Salgado, and Christine Suppa

40 Years: Caroline Brown

Retirees

Ruth Foley · 1997-2020 • Debbie Keller · 1987-2020

Jacquelyn Kenny · 1996-2020 • Joyce Krzmarzick · 2007-2020

Nancy L'Esperance · 1990-2020 • Kathy Myer · 2001-2020

Lisa Owen · 1988-2019 • Hugo Perez · 2006-2019

Vicki Pilling · 1991-2020 • Connie Salgado · 1990-2020

Kathy Schmedding · 2001-2019

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.

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