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Solana Beach School District Proudly Announces Classified Employee of the Year Mashell Ingrande and Teacher of the Year Susana Baum



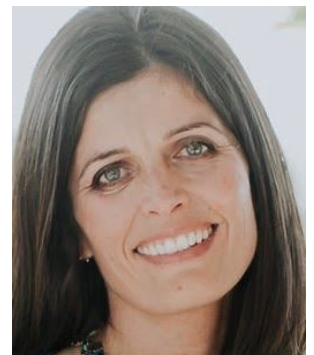
SOLANA BEACH, CA (April 21, 2020)—The [Solana Beach School District](#) (SBSD) proudly announces its districtwide Classified Employee of the Year Mashell Ingrande, secretary at Carmel Creek School, and Teacher of the Year Susana Baum, intervention specialist at Solana Vista School. “During these unprecedented times across the world, we are even more excited to honor and celebrate our teachers and school staff,” said Superintendent Jodee Brentlinger.

Carmel Creek School Principal Lisa Ryder refers to Mrs. Ingrande as an extraordinary, enthusiastic employee. “She is truly exceptional in every aspect of her work, and she always goes the extra mile,” said Ryder. “Mrs. Ingrande is one of our most dedicated employees.”

Mrs. Ingrande (*photo, left*), now in her eleventh year at Carmel Creek, served as the school’s health clerk for six years before moving into her current role as secretary. Among her favorite things at the school is CCN (Carmel Creek News), which is fully operated by students and airs three times each week. She says that the most rewarding parts of her job are watching students learn and build confidence.

“Being nominated as SBSB Classified Employee of the Year by my colleagues is truly an honor,” said Mrs. Ingrande. “It’s because of my colleagues, the students, and our families that I start my day thinking about what I can do to make their day just a little bit easier. They are the reason I love my job.”

Mrs. Baum (*photo, right*) began her education career at Solana Vista 27 years ago as a student teacher and then as a bilingual first grade teacher. She now provides support to students in Kindergarten through third grade via small group instruction in the areas of reading and math. During her career, she has also provided English Language Development support to English learners. According to Mrs. Baum, one of the best parts of her job is the privilege of collaborating with her peers on a continual basis.



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“It's an absolute honor to be recognized in this way,” said Mrs. Baum of the award. “I work in a wonderful learning environment where the staff is like family and we all share the same goal of meeting the academic and social-emotional needs of every student.”

Solana Vista Principal Katie Zimmer calls Mrs. Baum “an amazing educator, always professional, committed, passionate, and unstoppable. She is always looking for ways to support her students and always uses data to guide her actions.”

The District congratulates these award recipients and all of its school site Employees of the Year, who are listed below:

Certificated Category - Employees of the Year

Tracey Pauels – Carmel Creek

Becky Gauthier – Skyline

Billy Hanna – Solana Ranch

Laura Stuber – Solana Pacific

Cara Spitzmiller – Solana Santa Fe

Jeanne Vilsack – Solana Highlands

Susana Baum – Solana Vista

Classified Category - Employees of the Year

Mashell Ingrande – Carmel Creek

Joyce Laveman – Skyline

Tanya Ehlert – Solana Ranch

McKenna Dooley – Solana Pacific

Katie Wimbrough – Solana Santa Fe

Adam Triplett – Solana Highlands

Nancy L'Esperance – Solana Vista

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