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SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Solana Beach School District Recognizes 2022 Employees of the Year

The Solana Beach School District is pleased to announce Kathy Cimo, School Nurse, Solana Santa Fe School, as 2022 Employee of the Year–Certificated; and Susan Callagy, Instructional Assistant, Solana Pacific School, as 2022 Employee of the Year–Classified.



Serving the SBSD community since 1994, Kathy has touched both the professional and personal lives of each and every SBSD student, colleague, and family districtwide. Kathy Cimo is a goodwill ambassador for SBSD.

Over the course of her career, Kathy has served in various roles within the District, including Health Aide, Health Clerk, and CDC School-Age Teacher, all which prepared her for her current position as School Nurse. She exudes professionalism, kindness, and care, while managing difficult situations with grace and patience.

On March 12, 2020, when the landscape of education as we knew it changed overnight, Kathy served as a beacon of knowledge to help guide the District through a nationwide pandemic. Her efforts were not only the key to our students' and staff members' health and safety, but contributed to the continuity of learning for all students over the past two years.

Superintendent Jodee Brentlinger commented, "All of our exemplary SBSD employees are the heart and soul of this District. Kathy Cimo stands out as an admirable leader in every sense of the word. Her service at this challenging time has been invaluable."

"Kathy is beyond deserving of this recognition and has been an outstanding leader in our district over these last two years," said SBSD Board President Vicki King. "We have been so fortunate to have her hard working, compassionate, and knowledgeable dedication to the health and safety of our students and staff."



Susan Callagy is an Instructional Assistant at Solana Pacific School. Susan has the ability to make an ordinary day feel special for both her students and colleagues. Whether it's teaching life lessons on the playground, or providing words of encouragement to those in need, Susan has positively impacted the lives of all she comes into contact with for the 16 years she has been with SBSD. She effortlessly develops relationships with her students and their families that foster trust and connections, leading to academic and social-emotional success.

Susan demonstrates kindness in everything she does, and has an intrinsic ability to connect with others while making those around her feel appreciated.

“Susan exemplifies the vision of our District, ‘Inspiring wonder and discovery in learning and life,’” said Superintendent Brentlinger. “Her caring manner motivates students to engage in learning.”

“Susan Callagy has served our district in many roles for over 15 years.” said President King. “Her positive attitude, ability to make everyone around her feel special, and her contagious smile brighten the lives of everyone she touches.”

District board members and administrators celebrated the honorees with a surprise visit, bearing flowers and balloons.

