



# 2008 Classified Champions

The focus in education is always on classroom learning and rightly so. But in order to get children to school, make sure they are fed and have clean, well-maintained facilities in which to learn, a cadre of employees is necessary.

These workers, known as classified staff, who drive buses, mop floors and prepare the meals our students eat during the day, are critical components to any educational organization. Not only do they support education outside of the classroom, but inside of it as well.

This year, the Board of Education honored 15 of these Classified Champions, who exemplify the best characteristics of district employees.

“They are an invaluable part of the educational system,” said Norm Tanaka, a district personnel director in charge of the Classified Champion awards. “If we are going to achieve success for every student by name, we need contributions from every single employee.”

Without the efforts of classified employees like our champions, it will be impossible to for us to succeed in educating our children.”

The district also recognized six classified employees who were Service Award Representatives. The winners of the Service Award competed to become recognized at the state level.

A list of the honorees follows.

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**Julie Borgogno**, Bancroft, Clerk. Julie’s contribution to the school, students, staff and community are immeasurable. Julie is able to coordinate a multitude of activities. She has made a tremendous impact on Bancroft’s students, staff, teachers and families with her creative ideas, wonderful attitude, and amazing follow through in all she does.

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**Linda Carey**, Superintendent’s Office, Administrative Assistant. She has always been the consummate professional and always stressing the positive. ...what stands out most of all is Linda’s willingness to help whenever help is needed.



**Gloria Chung**, Budget Services, Fund Specialist. You can always count on her to give you correct answers immediately. ... No matter how



frustrated we are when we call her for help with our budget, she is always cheerful, always helpful and never makes us feel dumb for asking in the first place.

**Roberta Erickson**, Registrar, Arthur Benjamin Health Professions. Even though her title is registrar, (she) is often seen at the front counter, helping students, parents and community members with their needs. She wears numerous hats and even helps monitor the campus, all with a smile on her face.



**Monica Garland**, Human Resources, Personnel Office Assistant. While preserving the integrity, and protecting the liability of the district, she maintains empathy while conducting her duties which is a rare combination of skills. Monica is responsible for a number of duties that overlap and could take her in various directions during the day.



**Carolyn Knox**, Sutter, Office Technician. No narrative available.



**Jonie Luke**, Rosemont, Custodian. (She) has made a difference for the students, staff, parents and community at Rosemont by making sure that she provides help and assistance to make sure the activities and programs in the evening go smoothly. She takes the time and effort, many times on her own time, to assist students, teachers and organizations to see that we have access to the things we need. ... The kids know she cares about their lives and about them.



**Tonie McGlothlin**, Office Technician, Child Development. She is extremely dedicated to our comprehensive program that serves the district’s youngest and neediest children and families. On weekends or after regular



work hours, Tonie has taken many professional development classes to continue to excel in her job. She truly has an untiring commitment to our department.

**Cindy Nguyen**, Human Resources, Personnel Technician. Cindy is a phenomenal team player; yet does not let her team member status on various committees and HR teams detract from her daily duties for LSU B. Cindy solves problems that address employees and also thinks of proactive ways to fix processes so that the problems do not reoccur and affect future employees.



**Alice Rogers**, Woodbine, Office Clerk/Teacher Aide. Ms. Rogers has a positive attitude that is contagious. She has a way of warming up to the most cantankerous students and melting their hearts into big teddy bears who willingly learn when working with her. She is vital to making our school a successful place for everyone to feel



welcome and valued.

**Diane Salais**, Multilingual/Multicultural, Parent Advisor.

The most important impact Diana has had on students and our SCUSD community, is the powerful access to services she has facilitated for students and families that otherwise would have little hope or opportunities. She has helped them navigate the complex system of services in order to succeed.



**Linda Lee Smith**, Office Manager, Luther Burbank. She is very helpful and positive, which is welcoming to visitors, students and staff alike. A positive attitude by front office staff, especially in administra-



tion, gives more confidence to the community that we are improving every day.

**Laury Stansbery**, Luther Burbank, Instructional Assistant. She puts in her own time for the students. She fixes many things in the classroom, saving the district a call to a craftsman and saving the district money. She looks forward each day to working with and assisting the students.



**David Wong**, Burbank, Instructional Assistant. He instills pride, positive attitudes and the importance of education in each of his students. With these attributes he passes on to his students, they will leave



(Burbank) and treat other people thoughtfully and with respect. His attitude is always positive and cheerful.

**Luis Zabala Jr.**, Custodian, Kennedy. (He) is a stand out because he leads by example. He cares deeply about our students, our school, our district and our community. His attitude, effort and productivity reflect his belief that going above and beyond is the only way to be. In my experience, Mr. Zabala is a rare individual who is definitely a gift to our program.



**2007-08 Service Award Representatives**

**Christina Ahokava**, Edward Kemble, Campus Monitor.



**Shirley Arruda**, Superintendent's Office, Executive Services Supervisor.



**Mary Dawidczik**, Erlewine, Food Service Assistant.



**Robert Mamo-la**, Erlewine, Plant Manager.



**Rebecca Mendoza**, Golden Empire, Teacher Assistant.

