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In Touch with TUSD—Preparing Our Students for the Job Ahead

Gregory A. Franklin, Ed. D.

I wonder whether there will be a “good job” in Orange County for my children after they graduate from

college. Or will they have to move to another area of the state, country or world? According to Jim Clifton in *The Coming Jobs Wars* a good job is one that is fulltime (over 30 hours a week), well compensated, and calls on the employee to do what they do best. The problem is that the fastest growing and biggest job sectors in Orange County do not provide many high-wage jobs. They are primarily in lower paying industries like tourism, hotel and restaurant, ambulatory healthcare, and administrative and support services. Should we be preparing our students for those jobs that the economic machine needs

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2013 TUSD California Distinguished Schools

By Mark Eliot
Director of Communications



Orchard Hills School, and Pioneer and C.E. Utt middle schools in the Tustin Unified School District have been named 2013 California Distinguished Schools by the California Department of Education. The three TUSD schools are among 218 exemplary California middle and high schools and 26 Orange County schools selected to receive the award for their strong commitment and innovative approaches to improving student academic achievement.

“These schools have gone the extra mile to provide high-quality instruction that puts their students on the right path toward career and college,” State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said. “Given the enormous challenges schools have faced in recent years, it is inspiring to see this kind of success in so many schools. Our future depends on meeting the needs of every student no matter where they come from or where they live.”

Principal Rich Montgomery and his students celebrate Orchard Hills as a California Distinguished School. Top left to right: Troy Cochran, Mason Reynoso, Hannah Costley, Emily Higgins and Brooke Lee; and bottom left: Rich Montgomery and student Alaysia Owens.

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2013 TUSD Classified Employee of the Year

By Mark Eliot
Director of Communications

Pierre Sanjurjo, a custodian at Beckman High School, has been selected as the 2013 Classified Employee of the Year by the Tustin Unified School District. He was chosen based on his significant contributions to the school community.

The 16th annual awards program recognizes classified or support services employees whose contributions to TUSD have proven to be outstanding. The award is given to a classified employee who provides valuable services to schools and staff, contributes to a positive instructional environment, and goes above and beyond their job requirements.

Sanjurjo is a graduate of Tustin High School and has worked in the District for 12 years. He helped open Beckman High in 2004. He is always there to assist and support the administration and staff, and has made a significant impact on the students as a role model at the school. In and out of the classroom whether it is to repair a desk, remove bees, open a classroom and help students get started on a review, hang pictures, or stand in the rain painting a wall or structure that needs a touch-up, Sanjurjo takes great care and pride in cleaning and maintaining the school as he would his home.

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Beckman Principal Adele Heuer and Superintendent Gregory Franklin with the help of school cheerleaders surprise Beckman's Pierre Sanjurjo, center, as the 2013 TUSD Classified Employee of the Year.

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Happy 4th of July!

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Common Core State Standards (CCSS)



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

The mission of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) is to provide a consistent, clear understanding of the knowledge and skills that young people need to master by the end of high school. Many stakeholders in 46 states worked on the standards in English language arts and mathematics to be certain that time spent in the classroom results in students who are ready for college and career.

In addition to academic content, the Common Core State Standards provide a description of 21st Century cognitive, interpersonal, and intrapersonal skills that work in tandem with the rigorous content standards. These skills focus on the “Habits of Mind” – mental competencies that students develop to be successful in a rapidly changing world. Attributes such as independence, valuing evidence, understanding other perspectives, perseverance, precision, and constructing viable arguments are developed as students learn the academic content.

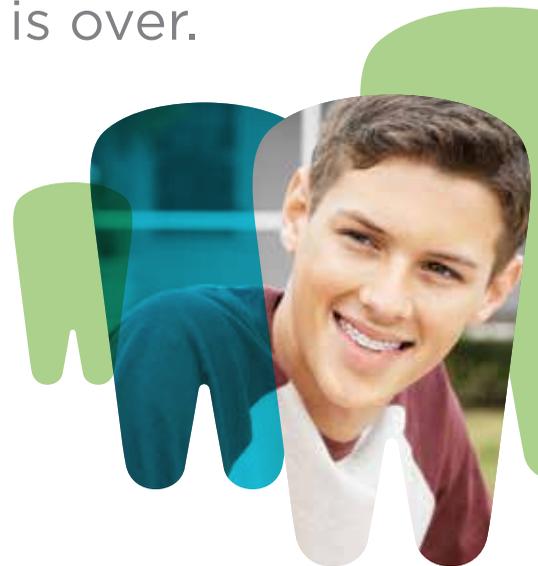
Schools Begin by Fostering “Habits of Mind”

Educators throughout Orange County are designing learning environments that focus on building knowledge through content-rich text, writing, and text-based discussions grounded in research. As they acquire content knowledge, students will use critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration, creativity, and innovation. In your child’s classroom, you will see students who can demonstrate independence, value evidence, and are able to understand as well as critique complex material. Students will come to understand different perspectives and cultures. They will use technology and digital media strategically and capably.

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Maggie Villegas
Principal

Mrs. Holly Helps Arroyo Shine

Arroyo Elementary is thrilled to be honoring Holly Smith as this year's Classified Employee of the Year. Mrs. Holly, as she is affectionately known as to all the

students at Arroyo has been a kindergarten paraeducator for the past eight years. She is always kind, caring and helpful. She supports Ms. Duff, one of our kindergarten teachers in every capacity in the classroom including teaching small groups of students, creating materials, supervising students and always lending a helping hand. She thoroughly enjoys helping our emergent readers learn to decode and also provides continuous support during Writer's Workshop and CGI math time. Her positive demeanor and encouraging attitude are a welcome sight every day at Arroyo. We couldn't be prouder of Mrs. Holly.



Kindergarten teacher Stacey Duff, left, awards Holly Smith with balloons and a bouquet of flowers from Arroyo students.

Arnold O. Beckman *High School*

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Adele Heuer
Principal

Students Against Destructive Decisions

Originally, the mission of SADD was to help young people say "No" to drinking and driving. Today, the mission has expanded to include other drug use, risky and impaired driving due to other distractions and, especially, texting.

Positive peer pressure, role modeling and environmental strategies can prevent other destructive decisions and set a healthier, safer course for teen lives. That is why SADD has become a peer-to-peer education, prevention and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions. Beckman High School junior Michelle Gao has been chosen as a member the SADD National Student Leadership Council for 2013-14. Michelle is among nine students selected from around the country and the only one from the state of California. Michelle is president of the SADD Club at Beckman. The club, led by advisor Melissa Carlile, celebrated Global Youth Traffic Safety Month in May.



SADD 2013-14 National Leadership Council member Michelle Gao.

Barbara Benson *Elementary School*

12712 Elizabeth Way, Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7531



Norma Lemus
Principal

Carla Dekle Does Special Work

Benson Elementary School 2013 Classified Employee of the Year Carla Dekle has been with the Tustin Unified School District for 13 years. She has two children who were

students in the district, and she misses her time attending all the activities during those years.

Carla has worked as a paraeducator from high school to elementary school. She is presently working with the severely handicapped Special Day Class at Benson. She says the most rewarding part of her day is the smiles that come to the faces of the students after they have accomplished even the smallest task. Her most challenging task each day is to keep them involved and trying to find ways to modify their environment so they can participate with the other students and feel a part of the group.

The entire Benson staff thinks Carla is the most wonderful and caring person they know. Congratulations, Carla Dekle!



Carla Dekle put smiles on the faces of her students.

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Benjamin Beswick *Elementary School*

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Erick Fineberg
Principal

We Can Count On Lauren Vlatkovich

Beswick is proud to celebrate Lauren Vlatkovich as our 2013 Classified Employee of the Year. Ms. Vlatkovich has been working as a behavior interventionist for the past six years in TUSD. In her role, Ms. Vlatkovich works closely with the classroom teacher to implement strategies, run academic centers, conduct discreet trials, support transitions, and set up lessons and materials. She is a responsible, dependable employee who takes initiative and can always be counted on in the most stressful situations to remain calm and analyze the situation before quickly and effectively stepping in to defuse situations. She is intuitive, flexible and focused and is a tremendous asset to her team.

Ms. Vlatkovich has a positive attitude and a wonderful sense of humor. Despite the high-stress environment, she is always able to brighten the room and make the staff laugh. She supports her coworkers and has an unending supply of patience, love and respect for the students.



Lauren Vlatkovich, second from left, with her husband Jesus Pulido, daughter Aubrey, Principal Erick Fineberg, mother and father Carol and Joe Vlatkovich celebrate Lauren's recognition as Beswick's Classified Employee of the Year at the TUSD Board Meeting.

Columbus Tustin *Middle School*

17952 Beneta Way, Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7352



Dean Crow
Principal

PAL Students Lead the Way

Our Peer Assistance Leadership class (PAL), with the assistance of a Violence Prevention Youth Development grant, has developed a new anti-bullying program called "Peers Against Harassment."

The students produced an hour-long presentation that included bullying facts, bullying tales from celebrities, politicians, and athletes, students telling their own bullying stories, inspirational songs and videos about bullying and its effects, and how Columbus Tustin is going to stem the tide of bullying. The students saw how bullying is not an obscure problem that happens elsewhere, but is instead a real one, and that we are not going to let this silent epidemic continue.

Leadership created anti-bullying posters to be placed in every classroom and around the campus. We also have a lockbox and "Anonymous Bullying Report" forms where students can report being either the victims of bullying or witnesses to it elsewhere. We also hold special meetings at lunchtime where concerned students can meet with other Leadership students and the school counselor to discuss any issue regarding bullying.



Columbus Tustin's Leadership class celebrates the success of its Peers Against Harassment program.

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Christine Matos
Principal

Parents and Teachers Navigate Spring Conferences

By Christine Dinger, Counselor

Spring parent/teacher conferences at Currie Middle School were held in our new activity center. We were excited to teach parents how to monitor and support their child's learning by utilizing our school resources, the Currie Web site, Haiku, and the Parent Portal.

Each teacher met with approximately 35 students and parents over the course of four days. Sixth and seventh grades focused on teaching parents how to use the Parent Portal. Working one-to-one with parents and students, teachers helped them create their accounts and navigate resources within the program. Parents learned how to access valuable information about their children's education, such as grades, transcripts, attendance, and current assignments. They also learned how to e-mail their children's teachers directly from the site. Parents who were already actively utilizing the Parent Portal learned how to use the school Web site and Haiku.

The conference focus for eighth grade involved familiarizing parents and students with the California State University college preparatory pattern of classes, referred to as the A-G courses. Families worked in small groups of five students and parents to one teacher. A review of middle school transcripts was conducted, along with an explanation of credits. In addition, families were introduced to high school graduation requirements. Eighth-grade families were also invited to create Parent Portal accounts.

Feedback from spring conferences has been overwhelmingly positive, and we continue to hear about the empowerment of knowledge our families are feeling.

Guin Foss *Elementary School*

18492 Vanderlip Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705 • 714/730-7552



Kelly Fresch
Principal

Teacher of the Year 2013

We are excited to announce that Beth Milkovich has been selected as Guin Foss's Teacher of the Year for 2012-13! What an incredible choice! She is a "gifted" teacher and a role model for all.

Ms. Milkovich has worked as the Invention Convention coordinator, Science Subject Area Committee teacher rep and supporter of the Holiday Performance at Guin Foss. In addition, she is an active team member of our Positive Behavior Intervention System and has participated in Gifted and Talented education and Cognitively Guided Instruction professional-development trainings. She works hard day in and day out to support the needs of all her students, not resting until she feels they have every opportunity to master a skill.

Ms. Milkovich tackles her data with a determinedness to search for holes and then, with tenacity, reteaches the necessary skills and praises the students for their accomplishments. Ms. Milkovich is a superstar!



Beth Milkovich and her third graders.

Helen Estock *Elementary School*

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Nancy Jenkins
Principal

Fundraising Night is a Big Success!

Where can you go after school to get a yummy dinner and be served by your teachers, principal and many other staff members from your school? Over 20 employees from Helen Estock Elementary School came out in their red-and-white school shirts to take orders, serve drinks, make fries and even serve at the drive-through window at a local business. At many times during the evening, the dining room was packed with families enjoying their time with their children, sharing their meals and socializing with other families. Children were laughing, playing, and having fun in the play area with many of their peers.



Estock special education teacher Tara Bennett, kindergarten teacher Leslie Martin and fourth-grade teacher Kendra Foster help serve food at the event.

Although this event was a fundraiser for our school, it was so much more! Seeing the support for our school, the enjoyment of families and the community all coming together was truly rewarding and memorable. The topping to McEstock Night? A check was presented to our PTA for more than \$670!

Foothill *High School*

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Al Marzilli
Principal

The Right Attitude

Congratulations to Jeff Farr and Terri Franklin for receiving the honor of Foothill High School's Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year for 2013, respectively.

Jeff has been teaching for 24 years, 21 in Tustin Unified School District. As the lead teacher/coordinator of the Green Power Academy, he has brought a new and innovative program to our campus, which has opened the door for our students to pursue engineering. His positive attitude and dedication to both his students and fellow staff members is beyond compare.



Terri Franklin and Jeff Farr make Foothill a great place for students.

Terri, a counseling technician, has worked at Foothill for four years. She has great rapport with students, parents, and staff. She responds to every request or problem with a smile. Terri is a reliable team player, has excellent organizational skills, and is up for any challenge.

Jeff and Terri always have the right attitude. They contribute significantly to making Foothill one of the "happiest places on earth."

Robert Heideman *Elementary School*

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Eric Kilian
Principal

Two Thumbs Up!

Dedicated. Focused. Creative. Rigorous. Tireless. These are just a few of the many strong adjectives that could be used to describe Norah Kawasaki, Heideman's 2013 Classified Employee of the Year. Ms. Kawasaki currently works at Heideman as a paraeducator, supporting students in all grades throughout the day. She has served in TUSD for 25 years.

With her gift of meeting students' learning needs

and getting them to reach high expectations, Ms. Kawasaki does whatever it takes to help a student to overcome challenges. Her support in reading and math at Heideman has directly impacted increased reading and math scores as she readily collaborates with teachers during Response to Instruction (RtI) and Math Intervention times. Heideman is fortunate to have her as a part of our team and for the great things she does for students.

For Ms. Kawasaki's great work at Heideman, we want to give her two thumbs up!



Fourth-grade teacher Jen Resendiz congratulates Norah Kawasaki, right, for being named Heideman Classified Employee of the Year.

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Michele Boudreaux
Principal

The Highlander Spirit

Hewes is thrilled to announce that Karen Fox is our Classified Employee of the Year. Mrs. Fox has worked in the Tustin Unified School District for 17 years. She has held various positions in the District, but is currently a school secretary working closely with the assistant principal.

She also helps run the front office, disseminates information to our parents, handles all aspects of student attendance, and oversees the finances for the ASB.



Hewes' Classified Employee of the Year Karen Fox helps run the front office.

Mrs. Fox has a way of making everyone feel welcome when they come into the office. Students also feel comfortable talking to her when they have a problem and need help. And whenever she can, she lends a helping hand and ear to her co-workers.

Mrs. Fox also attends many of our students' school activities and performances. She truly supports all the members of our school community, and encompasses the Highlander spirit!

Hicks Canyon *Elementary School*

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Cindy Agopian
Principal

Hicks Canyon Salutes Two Fantastic Employees

Monica Ward has been selected as 2013 Teacher of the Year for Hicks Canyon Elementary School. Monica has worked at Hicks Canyon for five years and has been teaching for 11 years. As a second-grade teacher, Monica serves on the leadership team and was recently chosen as the Hicks Canyon Elementary Cotsen Mentor Teacher. Monica is married to John and has a daughter Makenzie.

Aimee Glenn has been named 2013 Classified Employee of the Year for Hicks Canyon. Aimee has worked as a Response to Instruction (RtI) reading intervention paraeducator at Hicks Canyon for the past three years. Aimee and her husband, Mike, have three children, Kaitlyn, Brady and Kellie. We are so lucky to have both of these fabulous educators as part of our Hicks Canyon team.



Monica Ward, left, and Aimee Glenn celebrate their honors as Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year, respectively.

Hillview *High School*

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Tim O'Donoghue
Principal

Hillview's Seniors Have Exit Interviews

Like the other high schools in the Tustin Unified School District, Hillview High School students have to both earn 230 credits and pass the High School Examination in both math and English in order to receive their diploma.

One additional but important activity that Hillview seniors also have to complete is an Exit Interview. The purpose of the Exit Interview is for students to reflect upon their growth and accomplishments, as well as gain experience with public speaking and interviewing.



Hillview teacher Heather Combest helps senior Pedro Martinez prepare for his exit interview.

Graduating seniors answer a series of questions from a panel composed of community members, administrators and school staff. In some cases, a student's former elementary or middle school teacher also serves on the panel. Students are required to dress up for the interview.

As principal, I am extremely proud of our graduates who have worked so hard to turn their lives around.

Ladera *Elementary School*

2515 Rawlings Way, Tustin, CA 92782 • 714/730-7505



Derek Pinto
Principal

They Go Above and Beyond

Aside from her regular duties as a fourth/fifth-grade teacher, Traci DiLellio has coordinated our Response to Instruction (RtI) program, assisted in staff hiring, and was one of the first teachers to use her iPad and Smart Board together in the classroom.

Mrs. DiLellio has also taken on a leadership role academically, working on the Reader's Workshop, Writer's Workshop and the Reading A-Z online leveled-reading program. She also introduced the Wordly Wise vocabulary building program that is now used in the third- through fifth-grades.

DiLellio also serves as a new teacher mentor. She has served on the School Site Council for the last two years, and is also the administrative designee who takes responsibility for the school when the principal is absent. Mrs. DiLellio consistently goes above and beyond what's required, demonstrating a commitment and dedication that is inspiring to all. We are proud that Mrs. DiLellio is representing Ladera as our Teacher of the Year.

Pablo Alba has been a TUSD employee for about 24 years. In the time we've worked together at Ladera, he has shown a regular willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. You can feel that he has a real sense of pride in his job, and in our school.

Pablo attends to potential safety issues, interacts with the children, monitors the playgrounds, directs traffic, and always seems to anticipate the needs of our students and staff. We are proud that Mr. Alba is representing Ladera as our Classified Employee of the Year.

Need driving lessons? See page 16.



C.C. Lambert *Elementary School*

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Deanna Parks
Principal

It Takes a Village to Raise a Child!

And Lambert is lucky to have a village leader! Our kindergarten paraeducator, Bev Gilbert—who also happens to be our Classified Employee of the Year—takes “going above and beyond” to an entirely new level. Singlehandedly, she has worked with local vendors for donations, built garden boxes, coordinated with district maintenance and operations, and with her husband’s help put a lot time and effort into creating an incredible garden area for all kindergarten students. She is working with students to fill this beautiful space with vegetation and fill their hearts with a love for gardening.

Mrs. Gilbert doesn’t stop there. She leads all kindergarteners in creating art projects they are proud of while giving them the opportunity to work with various art media throughout the year. Every Lambert celebration is adorned with one of Mrs. Gilbert’s banners of congratulations. Lambert is really lucky to have such a dedicated village leader to help our children grow!



Bev Gilbert and group of happy kindergarteners are ready to plant in our new “Kinder-Garden.”

Loma Vista *Elementary School*

13822 Prospect Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705 • 714/730-7528



Katy Sheyka
Principal

Terry Smith is One of a Kind

The entire Loma Vista Elementary School community is extremely proud to recognize Terry Smith as our 2013 Classified Employee of the Year. Terry has served our Loma Vista Cougars as a Special Education paraprofessional educator for the past eight years.

Always with a smile and a positive attitude, Terry performs a myriad of duties in support of student success. She works directly with our resource students, supporting the teacher by assisting with classroom management, providing instructional assistance and targeted interventions, and much more.



Terry Smith, center, is congratulated by Loma Vista Teacher of the Year Karen Knudson and Principal Katy Sheyka, right.

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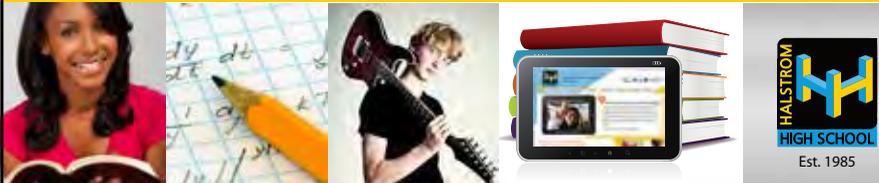
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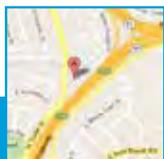
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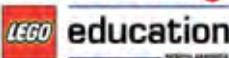
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Myford Pride

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Amy Fedderly
Principal

Students know that, if they exhibit good behavior, they will be rewarded with Paw Pride tickets. Students save these tickets and redeem them for a variety of rewards and prizes. A popular reward is earning lunch or a pizza party with Myford's principal, Amy Fedderly. Students who earn the pizza lunch are allowed to bring three friends, and Ms. Fedderly supplies the pizza. We had so much success this year that students are already being scheduled for pizza parties for next year. Ms. Fedderly thinks this is a wonderful problem to have, and she looks forward to supporting her students again next year with more exciting incentives!



Third grade Paw Pride Pizza Party attendees.

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Patrice Pauley: Looking Out for Students and Staff

W.R. Nelson Elementary is pleased to recognize Patrice Pauley as our Classified Employee of the Year for 2013. Ms. Pauley has worked as a health clerk at Nelson for 23 years. In her role as our health clerk, Ms. Pauley looks out for the health and well-being of our students on a daily basis. She is also our liaison to the Assistance League of Tustin's Operation School Bell program.

John Laurich
Principal

Ms. Pauley also cares for the well-being of our staff, as she coordinated the Tustin Unified School District's Biggest Loser weight competition at Nelson School. As a valued member of our professional learning community, Ms. Pauley is always willing to help out wherever and whenever needed. The family at W.R. Nelson is very happy to recognize the hard work and dedication of Patrice Pauley by naming her our 2013 Classified Employee of the Year.



Nelson Classified Employee of the Year Patrice Pauley

Orchard Hills *School*

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Principal

A Distinguished School and a "Classi" Employee

We are proud to announce Amador Espinoza as our 2013 Classified Employee of the Year. As our plant manager, Amador manages both an elementary and middle school campus. While his job performance is top notch, it is his caring personality, his heartfelt commitment to help everyone on our campus, and his positive interactions with others that truly set Amador apart! Regardless of the task, Amador can be heard saying, "I'll be right there!"



Amador Espinoza is a key component to Orchard Hills being named a 2013 California Distinguished School.

Moreover, we are honored to announce that Orchard Hills School has been named a 2013 California Distinguished School! We have earned this award in less than three years, before even promoting our first class of middle school students to high school. Our school has earned the state's highest honor for a public school due in large part to the collective responsibility that all Orchard Hills stakeholders share. A special thank you goes out to Kim Gullo and Cari Smith, the lead writers for this project.

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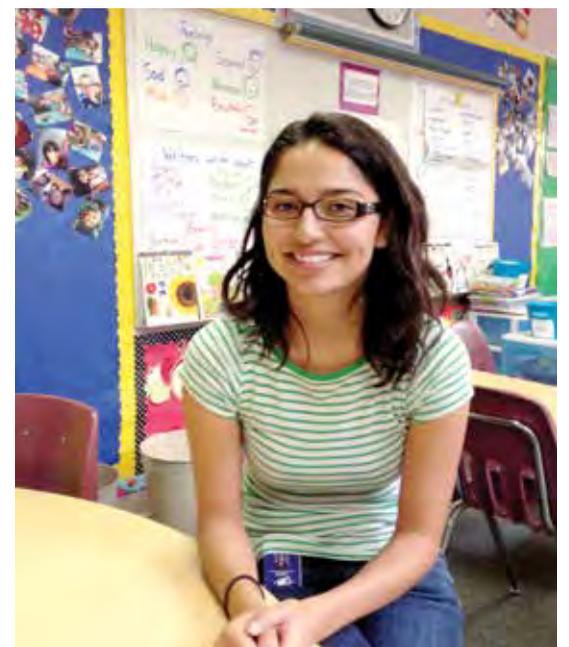


Molly Murphy
Principal

Brenda Rodriguez: A PBI Inspiration

Peters Canyon's Classified Employee of the Year Brenda Rodriguez is a paraeducator behavior interventionist (PBI) in Mrs. Youpel's SDC classroom. She serves as a one-on-one aide for a student with autism and has worked for Tustin Unified for the past three years. "Miss Brenda" helps out wherever she is needed and always goes above and beyond the call of duty.

On her own, Ms. Rodriguez comes up with ideas and materials for her student. She works very hard to identify with her scholar and bring out his personality. Ms. Rodriguez has done this through cards, music, jokes, hugs and other motivational ideas to get her student to work hard and stay focused throughout the day. She has a true gift with children and a special bond with her student. Ms. Rodriguez has brought out a side of her student that we had not seen. Her big heart, teamwork attitude and gentle spirit have brightened Peters Canyon.



Brenda embodies the Trailblazer spirit at Peters Canyon helping students blaze a trail to success.

Red Hill *Elementary School*

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Will Neddersen
Principal

The "Can Do" Spirit

Congratulations to Carre Stahovich for being selected as Red Hill's 2013 Classified Employee of the Year!

Mrs. Stahovich is our computer resource technician, and has been a part of the Red Hill team for the past six years. As schools become more dependent upon technology for their day-to-day instruction, Mrs. Stahovich is a valuable resource. She can come into a classroom and solve any issue that arises to make sure that our students and staff have access to technology.

She is also very proactive in maintaining the computers, Smartboards and LCD projectors to ensure that these devices work for their full lifespan. The staff appreciates the "can do" attitude that Mrs. Stahovich brings to our campus.

We also want to congratulate Mrs. Harrison's and Mrs. Crain's class for winning first-place for grade-levels three to five in the Muzeo Trash Artist Challenge. The winning piece was titled "Recycle to Save Our Cycle." It depicts the life cycle of a monarch butterfly through the use of different items that would have been put into a landfill.



Carre Stahovich proudly displays her award as Red Hill's Classified Employee of the Year.

Pioneer *Middle School*

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Tracey Vander Hayden
Principal

Pioneer Middle School Keeps on Celebrating!

In addition to being named a 2013 National and California Schools to Watch-Taking Center Stage school, Pioneer Middle School was recently named as 2013 California Distinguished School and California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll (CBEE) school. Pioneer has clearly demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time and a reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. Our faculty continues to work tirelessly to keep the focus on high expectations and student academic achievement and to continuously improve practices. It is obvious that this hard work and dedication is paying off for our students, no matter what their background.

It is with great honor and pleasure that Pioneer Middle School recognizes Mrs. Jane Sanchez as Pioneer's 2013 Classified Employee of the Year. It is rare to find a person such as Mrs. Sanchez, who takes pride in her work and dedicates countless hours to our students. It is with great pleasure that we honor Mrs. Jane Sanchez!



Pioneer's Classified Employee of the Year and paraeducator Jane Sanchez, center, is congratulated by special education teacher Helen Clark, left, and Principal Tracey Vander Hayden.

Jeane Thorman *Elementary School*

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Tracy Barquer
Principal

Bertha Padilla: A Big Part Our Lives

Thorman staff recognizes Bertha Padilla as the Classified Employee of the Year. Mrs. Padilla has been a bilingual paraeducator at Thorman Elementary for 15 years! She loves the world of kindergarten and the "little ones" she works with. Thorman teachers and students love her right back!

Mrs. Padilla helps in all four kindergarten classrooms.

Her school year begins early, as she translates for the kindergarten orientation and helps introduce families to the expectations of kindergarten and explains ways in which parents can partner with teachers to help their children learn. She says, "I would never trade grades. It is so amazing to see what the little ones can learn—their letters and sounds, their numbers and math. It is a big reward to help them, and they are a big part of my life."

Mrs. Padilla is a big part of life at Thorman, and we are grateful for her years of experience and dedication.



Thorman bilingual paraeducator Bertha Padilla with students Matthew Vazquez, Jody Gonzalez and Julissa Mosqueda.

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Jonathan Blackmore
Principal

Ed Hernandez: Outstanding STEM Educator

Ed Hernandez, engineering teacher and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Coordinator at Tustin High School, has received the Outstanding STEM Educator Award and Outstanding STEM Educational Program Award from the Orange County Engineering Council for Tustin High's Technology (T-Tech) and Engineering Academy. He was also honored for being chosen as a Siemens STEM Institute Fellow.

Mr. Hernandez has taught at Tustin High since 2004 and is an advocate for engineering and science career fields for his students. He received the award for his work developing Tustin High's T-Tech Engineering Program, which offers STEM classes for all grade levels. In addition, T-Tech was recently selected as one of two new schools added to the prestigious Boeing Summer Internship program.

Additionally, Mr. Hernandez was chosen as a Siemens STEM Institute Fellow to participate in the Siemens STEM Institute Program at Discovery Communications headquarters this summer in Washington, D.C. Only 50 teachers from across the nation were selected for this prestigious program.



STEM teacher Ed Hernandez meets with senior Rodrigo Aguilar.

Tustin Memorial *Academy*

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Wendy Hudson
Principal

Supporting TMA with a Smile

Tustin Memorial Academy (TMA) is proud to announce that Samina Yasmeen has been selected as our 2013 Classified Employee of the Year! Mrs. Yasmeen is a para-educator for our kindergarten classes. She works with the students and teachers in different classrooms every day, and does so with a warm smile for everyone.

Mrs. Yasmeen is an integral part of the classroom instructional team, as she supports students with small group lessons.

Additionally, she attends to the students on the playground during recess. She has exceptional patience with children too, and is always willing to go above and beyond for anyone who needs extra help.

Mrs. Yasmeen has worked at TMA for 10 years, and has a total of 12 years with Tustin Unified. After she finishes her job here each day she then goes to work at the Child Development Center at another elementary school. Thank you for everything you do for our children, Mrs. Yasmeen!



Students celebrate with Samina Yasmeen on Mustache Day.

C.E. Utt *Middle School*

13601 Browning Ave., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7573



Tom Giebe
Principal

Awards Season

I am proud to announce that C.E. Utt Middle School has been named a California Distinguished School for 2013. Utt was one of 216 schools statewide and one of three in the Tustin Unified School District to receive this prestigious honor. The 2013 California Distinguished Schools Program directly focuses on the right of California's students to an equitable and rigorous education and recognizes those schools that have made progress in narrowing the academic achievement gap.

To apply for Distinguished School honors, schools must meet a variety of eligibility criteria, including accountability measures. Once schools are deemed eligible, the California Department of Education invites them to apply to be recognized as California Distinguished Schools. The application process consists of a written application, which includes a comprehensive description of two of the school's signature practices, and a county-led site validation review process, which validates the implementation of those signature practices.

Utt was also recognized as a 2012 Star School as part of the California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll Awards. Utt was one of 15 schools in the district to receive this award. The 2012 Honor Roll includes public elementary, middle, and high schools recognized for demonstrating consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement over time, and reduction in achievement gaps.

Congratulations to all on their hard work and determination in attaining these awards and for truly being reflective of our core values of attitude, commitment, and achievement.

Tustin Ranch *Elementary School*

12950 Robinson Dr., Tustin, CA 92782 • 714/730-7580



Dean Jennings
Principal

Moving Tustin Ranch to the Digital Age

Congratulations to Jessica Moskal, Tustin Ranch Elementary School's 2013 Classified Employee of the Year! Miss Moskal has filled various secretarial roles at the Tustin Unified School District Administration Center in Assessment and Evaluation, and for the past three years she has served as school secretary for Tustin Ranch.

Miss Moskal has done tremendous work creating a calm, organized, and efficient office environment. She has moved Tustin Ranch into the digital age by expanding our school Web site to include all school policies, procedures, school events, and PTA news, as well as an electronic calendar. With her polite and easy manner, she has created an office environment that is welcoming to all those who come through our doors. Working with students, teachers, parents, and district personnel, she demonstrates a tremendous ability to multi-task in a busy school office and make it look easy. That is quite an accomplishment.

Congratulations Miss Moskal!



Jessica Moskal greets students, staff and visitors at Tustin Ranch.

Marjorie Veeh *Elementary School*

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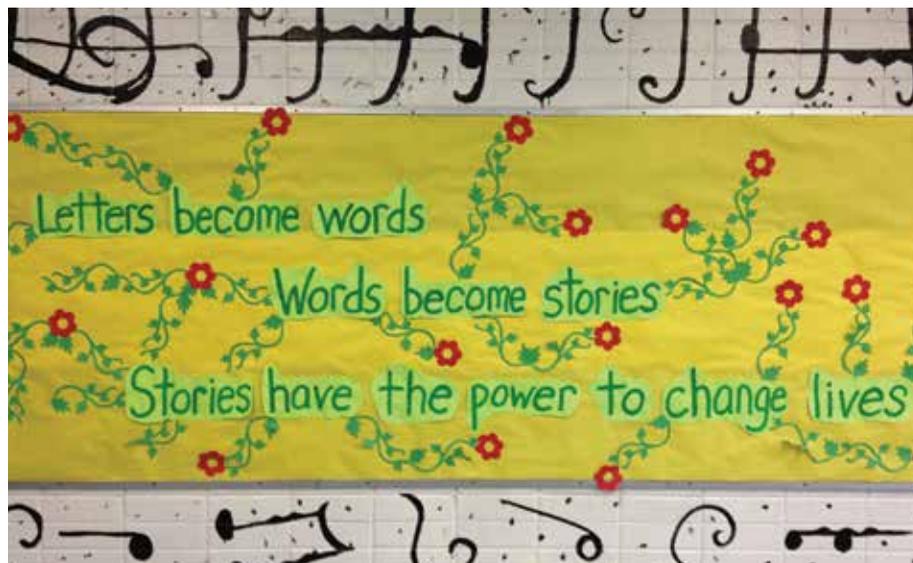


Ryan Bollenbach
Principal

Teresa Lopez Connects with the Community

It is with great enthusiasm that Veeh Elementary School honors community liaison Teresa Lopez as our 2013 Classified Employee of the Year. Ms. Lopez always goes above and beyond her required duties. Every day, she is working to better the school and build a community atmosphere. She has started many fun activities and fund-raisers to help the school earn money.

Ms. Lopez takes great pride in bringing the school and community together. She has organized movie nights, reading nights and restaurant nights, all of which create a family feel at Veeh. Ms. Lopez is always reaching out to our families that are in need. She has worked with organizations to help provide Thanksgiving meals, Christmas presents for families that otherwise would go without, and winter gear for students going to Outdoor Education. Ms. Lopez truly makes Veeh a better place!



Teresa Lopez created a special sign for Veeh's Family Reading Night.

Technology in TUSD Schools

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Measure S Funding



Dr. Alex Rojas
Assistant
Superintendent
Administrative
Services

Tustin Unified School District (TUSD) schools continue to move forward with 21st-century instruction through iPad integration in the classrooms. With Measure S funding, there will be 10 iPads for every classroom in kindergarten through fourth grade and one iPad for every student in fifth through eighth grades.

With the number of devices in the hands of the students, TUSD will be supporting teachers and staff to facilitate learning through applications on these devices. During this school year, TUSD colleagues have trained some school sites on 21st-century classroom instruction using iPads. The trainings have included apps such as Splashtop, Creative Book Builder, Educreations, Toontastic, Lifecards, Comic Book, iMovie, Puppet Pals, Screen Chomp, iBooks, and many others. These apps can be used across all content areas and most importantly encourage 21st-century learning skills in communication, collaboration, creation, and critical thinking to prepare students for college and career readiness. Professional development opportunities with iPads will continue to expand in our schools as TUSD moves forward with 21st-century instruction.



Hicks Canyon Elementary School teacher Shuree Carlson and her students work on their iPads in the classroom.

Educational Services

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State Testing Springs into Action



Kathie Nielsen
Chief Academic
Officer

By Dr. Sharon Cordes, Director of Assessment and Evaluation

Over 20,000 students in the district's 29 schools have been involved in statewide testing this spring. The following describes four of the tests administered to district students.

Students in grades 2 through 11 participate in the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program. The STAR program assessments determine how well schools and students are performing in math, reading, writing, science and history/social science. STAR includes four tests: the California Standards Tests (CST), the California Modified Assessment (CMA), the California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA) and the Standards-Based Tests in Spanish (STS).

The California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) is administered five times during the year. Students in grade 10 take the CAHSEE for the first time in March, while nonpassing students in grades 11 and 12 have another opportunity to take the CAHSEE in May.

High school students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) classes have the option in May of taking an exam for each AP class in which they are enrolled. Tustin Unified offers a wide range of AP classes and continually reviews new advanced-placement offerings to expand opportunities for students. Colleges and universities recognize that applicants with AP experience are better prepared for the demands of college courses.

The California Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is a state-required test that is administered in the spring to students in grades 5, 7 and 9. The PFT evaluates students' fitness levels in six fitness areas. The goal is for students to achieve the Healthy Fitness Zone for all six fitness areas.

Business Services

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Energy Savings Program Yields Savings



Anthony Soria
Chief Financial
Officer

Our energy savings program centers on behavior change, but we have also taken the opportunity to make equipment recommendations, which yield savings if they come at minimal or no cost to the district.

Staff is currently working on installing 411 smart thermostats in classrooms district-wide. When conducting energy audits, it became apparent that sites with smart thermostats are effectively shutting off air conditioning units at the specified times, while classrooms without the units were often being left on. Further, staff negotiated a 50-percent reduction for a bulk purchase of

the thermostats with a specialty vendor, which should result in a return on investment in approximately two months.

Once installed, the smart thermostats throughout the district will also serve as a single unit, enabling our maintenance team to make repairs with much more ease than having to work on various different types of units.



TUSD heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) technician Felix Rodriguez installs a smart thermostat in the classroom.

Nutrition Services

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Staff Member Honored



Teresa Squibb
Director

Utt Middle School assistant cook Ruvicelia Ruvalcaba has been selected as the school's 2013 Classified Employee of the Year. Ruvicelia has worked in the District for over nine years. She began as a nutrition assistant at Tustin High School, and then moved to Currie Middle School, where she filled in as the assistant cook.

Ruvicelia did such a great job at Currie that she was hired as Utt's assistant cook in 2009. As an assistant cook, Ruvicelia helps prepare over 300 breakfasts and 400 lunches per day. Ruvicelia

was chosen because of her dedication to the students and staff at Utt School.

This summer the Nutrition Services Department is providing free meals through the Seamless Summer Program, from June 21 through August 30, at the Tustin Boys and Girls Club. Children 18-years and under can enjoy a free breakfast and lunch every weekday at the Club.



Utt assistant cook Ruvicelia Ruvalcaba has the scoop on nutritious meals.

TUSD News Briefs

CBEE Honor Roll Schools

Sixteen schools in the Tustin Unified School District have been selected as 2012 Honor Roll schools by the California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) Foundation. They are Arroyo, Hicks Canyon, Ladera, Myford, Nelson, Peters Canyon, Red Hill and Tustin Ranch elementary schools; Tustin Memorial Academy; Columbus Tustin, Currie, Pioneer and Utt middle schools, and Beckman, Foothill and Tustin high schools. These schools were recognized for demonstrating consistent high student academic achievement.

AVID National Demonstration School

Columbus Tustin Middle School has been selected as an AVID National Demonstration School, a recognition for becoming a premier AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) schoolwide implementation site.

Columbus Tustin was commended for its strategic and systematic implementation of AVID strategies schoolwide, which are targeted at developing strong study habits, critical thinking and collaboration. AVID is a national academic support program targeted to students who are academically in the middle.

Administrator of the Year

Robert Heideman Elementary School Principal Eric Kilian has been named a 2013 Orange County Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Region 17. Kilian received the Valuing Diversity Award for fostering a positive school climate, promoting and celebrating diversity, and developing high academic standards, strong staff support and community partnerships to ensure success of all students.

TSMA 2013 Community Service Award

Measure S Technology Bond Chairs Lynn Davis, Bill Pevehouse and Margie Sepulveda have received the Tustin School Management Association's 2013 Community Service Award. The award was presented at the 38th annual "Friends of Tustin Schools" Community Recognition Dinner, sponsored by TSMA and the PTA/PTO Coordinating Council.

All three were honored for "their leadership, hard work and dedication" in the campaign for Measure S, a \$135 million technology bond that passed with over 60 percent of the vote in November 2012. Measure S allows the District to integrate technology into the classrooms and create 21st century learning environments for all students in grades K-12.

Modernization Program Update

Tustin Unified has opened new activity centers at Columbus Tustin Currie, Hewes and Utt middle schools. Each activity center will be used for athletics, academics and the arts. The buildings were funded through the Measure L campus modernization program.

TUSD is moving forward on other modernization projects. Construction of Tustin High School's all-weather track and Northrup Stadium upgrades will be completed prior to high school graduation ceremonies. This summer the District is working on Foothill High School's all-weather track, which is scheduled for completion in August, and renovating the Tustin High cafeteria. District staff is also working with architects on developing designs for the proposed Beckman High School two-story addition and Hewes Middle School science lab modernization projects.

Tustin High Boys CIF Basketball Team

The Tustin High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team won the 2013 CIF-Southern Section Division 3AAA Championship and advanced to the CIF Southern California Regional Finals. Tustin High went undefeated in the league with a record of 12-0, set a school record for victories with 31 wins and 3 losses and claimed their first CIF section basketball title since 1991 and second in school history. Congratulations to Head Coach Ringo Bossenmeyer and his team!

Foothill High Principal Al Marzilli Retires

Foothill High School Principal Al Marzilli is retiring at the end of June. Marzilli has worked in TUSD for 45 years. He started in 1968 as a math teacher at Foothill. Over the years, he served as an assistant principal at Foothill and Tustin high schools, and principal of Hillview High School.

In January 2001, Marzilli returned to Foothill High as school principal. Under his leadership, Foothill was selected as a California Distinguished School and has received full six-year WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation renewals. During the past 12 ½ years, Marzilli has overseen a number of new buildings and construction projects, such as the Aquatics Center, Event Center, state-of-the-art Science Center, student quad, tennis courts, boys' and girls' P.E. locker rooms, all-weather track and various classroom renovations through the Measures G and L modernization programs.

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Gregory A. Franklin, Ed. D.

filled, or others that will help spur our local economy forward?

The Orange County Business Council (OCBC) convenes a committee of Orange County educators (K-16 and technical schools) and business leaders to address economic and workforce development challenges to ensure continued growth of commerce in sustainable and profitable industries. The committee is certainly interested in a large supply of qualified and willing workers who are needed for the entry-level jobs with lower-wage; however, OCBC has also identified four "cross industry cluster drivers" that create higher-wage jobs and cut across all industry sectors. These are the skills and job sectors that will help propel other industry sectors forward, creating efficiencies and value that will spur growth. These four drivers are:

- **International trade:** The more comfortable our students are with cross-cultural communication, business skills and a global perspective, the more success they will have.
- **Information technology:** The revolution in information technology and its application to all phases of life and business make employees with these skills valuable in every industry sector.
- **Creativity:** The explosion of digital media requires people who can creatively solve business problems as well as design, illustrate, strategize, tell stories, and otherwise "message" in innovative ways with diverse and multicultural audiences. Growth in this area is closely interwoven with digital media arts.
- **Green/Clean Technology:** A strong foundation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) will be in high demand across all sectors as industries try to meet their power needs with clean and renewable energy.

So, while a student may begin in an entry-level job in a fast-growing industry sector, the more prepared they are in any of the above drivers, the faster they will be able to move up in their chosen industry. Pushing students to develop their strengths in any of the four drivers will provide them with versatile job skills that are in demand in every job sector.

We owe it to our students and our community to prepare students to meet these economic needs. It will benefit our children and just may allow them to get a good job close to home.

Note: Thanks to Darlene Le Fort and Merry Kim of Coastline ROP for sharing their research in Orange County job growth trends.



Mark Eliot

Director of Communications & Public Information

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The application process consists of a written application, which includes a comprehensive description of two of the school's signature practices, and a county-led site validation review process, which validates the implementation of those signature practices. Other criteria include school leadership, curriculum and instruction, technology, school environment, and parent and community support.

This is Pioneer's third distinguished school award (2003 and 2007) and Utt's second award (2005). Orchard Hills was selected for the first time (the school opened in 2010).

Schools selected as California Distinguished Schools were honored in May during regional award ceremonies where Torlakson presented each school with a 2013 Distinguished School plaque and flag.

Schools earning the Distinguished School title agree to share their signature practices with other schools and become a mentor to those seeking to replicate their work. An updated searchable database of these Signature Practices is available from the California Department of Education at www.cde.ca.gov.

Over the past seven years, Tustin Unified has been honored with three National Blue Ribbon School awards, 18 California Distinguished School awards and three Title I Academic Achievement School awards.

Congratulations to Orchard Hills, Pioneer and Utt Schools on their outstanding accomplishments!



Pioneer Principal Tracey Vander Hayden and her students are proud of their school being chosen among the most distinguished in the state.



Utt Principal Tom Giebe, far left, and Assistant Principal Christa Glembocki, far right, staff members and students celebrate their California Distinguished School honor.

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Besides his “above and beyond” work efforts each day, Sanjurjo devotes much time after school working with student athletes and serving as an assistant coach on four athletic teams – football, basketball, baseball and girls’ soccer. Many of the teams have won league titles, participated in CIF playoff games or won CIF championships.

According to Principal Adele Heuer, “Pierre makes Beckman a better place for our students to learn. Everything he does, he does from the heart.”



Beckman custodian Pierre Sanjurjo, center, and all school/work site winners were honored at the Tustin Unified School District Board of Education meeting on May 6.

The other school/work site 2013 Classified Employees of the Year include:

District Administration Center: Pam Krause, secretary, Educational Services Department.

Maintenance and Operations Department: Ken Lee, plumber.

Elementary Schools: Holly Smyth, paraeducator, kindergarten, Arroyo; Carla Dekle, paraeducator, Special Day Class, Benson; Lauren Vlatkovich, paraeducator, behavior interventionist, Beswick; Christine Oviedo, health clerk, Estock; Brenda Addis, paraeducator, behavior interventionist, Guin Foss; Norah Kawasaki, paraeducator, Response to Instruction/math support, Heideman; Aimee Glenn, paraeducator, Hicks Canyon; Pablo Alba, head custodian, Ladera; Bev Gilbert, paraeducator, kindergarten, Lambert; Terry Smith, paraeducator, Resource Specialist Program, Loma Vista; Javier Castrejon, night custodian, Myford; Patrice Pauley, health clerk, Nelson; Brenda Rodriguez, paraeducator, behavior interventionist, Peters Canyon; Carre Stahovich, computer resource assistant, Red Hill; Bertha Padilla, paraeducator, bilingual, Thorman; Samina Yasmeeen, paraeducator, kindergarten, Tustin Memorial Academy; Jessica Moskal, school

secretary, Tustin Ranch; and Teresa Lopez, community liaison, Veeh.

Orchard Hills School: Amador Espinoza, plant supervisor.

Middle Schools: Eric Lomeli, campus supervisor, Columbus Tustin; Sharon Walters, data clerk, Currie; Karen Fox, school secretary, Hewes; Jane Sanchez, paraeducator, behavior interventionist, Pioneer; and Ruvicelia Ruvalcaba, assistant cook, Utt.

High Schools: Teresa Franklin, counseling technician, Foothill; Maria Velazquez, night custodian, Hillview; and Kathy Russek, school secretary, Tustin High.

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