

INTRODUCTIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION
February 6, 2019

TERRY:

Let's hear it for the Andersen Junior High School Jazz Band.

Now we are going to ask them to perform one final number with everyone's undivided attention.

The Andersen Junior High Jazz Band under the direction of Mr. Scot Lewis.

The Andersen Junior High Jazz Band!! ... All of our elementary students in the audience tonight who are interested in band, this gives you some flavor to your opportunities at our junior high schools in Chandler Unified. We are going to take a very short timeout while the students gather their equipment and head back stage before we proceed with our program.

Please rise for the presentation of colors by the Basha-Perry-Casteel High School Air Force Junior ROTC and remain standing while Ava Barela of Bogle Junior High sings our national anthem. The Basha-Perry-Casteel ROTC is under the *direction of Col. Clifford Stansell and Master Sargent Michael Collum.* And what talented vocalist we have from Bogle Junior High. That program is under the direction of Julie Bowers.

I am Terry Locke and I would like to welcome everyone to the District Night of Recognition. Assisting tonight will be our Governing Board. It is my pleasure to introduce them to you at this time. President Barbara Mozdzen, Vice President David Evans, Lara Bruner, Lindsay Love and Karen McGee. The board is unpaid, elected to four-year terms. We are so fortunate these five individuals volunteer to serve the district. And our Superintendent, Dr. Camille Casteel. This is her 48th year in Chandler Unified beginning as a first grade teacher and serving the last 22 years as superintendent.

Without further ado, we are going to get started. The program will run an hour or so long and we invite everyone to stay for the duration. Parents, feel free to approach the stage to take photos of your children on stage. The same applies to those in support of our volunteers and staff. Tonight is all about you. Students, we will be taking your photos as you come off of the stage so we can display them at the district office.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

February 6, 2019

We would like to recognize the Superintendent's Student Citizenship winners. And as each of you step down from the stage, we would like to have you stop and see Earnest, who will take your photo so we can display it at the district office for the next six months.

Andersen Elementary School

Melissa Castillo-Ruelas

Melissa is a dedicated to her academics demonstrated through her hard work, perseverance, and problem solving skills. When Melissa is presented with a challenge, she stays positive and solves it to the best of her ability. She advocates for herself in and outside of the classroom, while maintaining positive peer relationships.

Andersen Junior High School

Danny Skillman

Danny is committed to his success as he exhibits a strong will to continually better and improve in his knowledge of the classroom content. He is always the first to participate in class and always displays a positive attitude, even when he finds himself struggling. Danny is also active in school life outside of the classroom where he plays for the 7th grade basketball team. Danny shows that he is mature beyond his years and is always respectful and caring toward classmates and teachers.

Arizona College Prep-Erie Campus

Kaitlyn Starks – NOT ABLE TO ATTEND Due to Soccer State Playoffs

Kaitlyn IS ACP Erie. She has established herself as a leader in the school and is someone who other students look up to and strive to emulate. It is not uncommon to hear students comment that they want to be just like her when they grow up. Kaitlyn has filled a number of leadership roles around campus including Student Body President, president and vice president of various clubs, captain of the girls' soccer team, and always brings people along with her to cheer on her peers in whatever sport happens to be in season. It is extremely apparent that Kaitlyn is passionate about and loves her school with her whole being. She sacrifices much in order to make ACP a better place every day.

Arizona College Prep-Oakland Campus

Sophia Berg

Sophia is a kind and diligent student; she is responsible, and her positive attitude is contagious when she is working with other peers. Sophia strives to be her best self at all times. Sophia Berg is the Pride we seek in every student at Arizona College Prep Oakland.

Auxier Elementary School

Ben Egen

Ben is a student council class representative, he has high expectations for himself, and takes on challenges with enthusiasm! Whether it's earning badges in Boy Scouts, participating in the Honeywell challenge or taking on advanced level math work, Ben is always the first to give it his all. He is quick to help his fellow classmates without diminishing their abilities. He's supportive, encouraging and the first to make sure others are recognized for their hard work and dedication.

Basha Accelerated Middle School

Sofia Llanos

Sofia is an amazing student. She has served on Student Council, National Junior Honor Society and is an editor for the yearbook this year. She is always kind and supportive with her peers and is a hard-working, respectful student in class. Her positivity is infectious! Her teachers said, "We have been so lucky to have her be such an important part of AMS for the past three years."

Basha Elementary School

Bradley Hartung

Bradley is a hardworking, respectful student. He is the captain of Basha's Honor Guard. He is always helpful to other students, he is extremely respectful to everyone, and he is a hard worker both in and out of the classroom. Bradley leads the pledge in the classroom every day, and he ensures that the classroom maintains respect throughout each day.

Basha High School

Bailey Nichols

Bailey is the Student Body Spirit Commissioner for Student Government. Bailey takes this role very seriously through promoting Basha activities positively both in person and on social media. She is a great student, a partner player for Unified Sports and a lifeguard at the Basha pool. She shows leadership and maturity, is a fantastic role model and is an overall student who instills Benevolence, Honor and Scholarship in all that she does.

Bogle Junior High School

Rosa Pulido

Rosa consistently demonstrates all of the qualities of a positive role model and leader on campus. She comes to class prepared to learn, puts forth her best effort in all subjects, and is rarely seen without a smile. Rosa exemplifies leadership and character by actively seeking and participating in school community activities, including Hermanas and the Sparrow Project. Rosa has a good heart and is the kind of person any teacher would be happy to teach.

Bologna Elementary School

Tatum Stetson

Tatum is kind to everyone. She loves to volunteer her own recess time to help in the special education classes. Tatum demonstrates great leadership by always helping when she can and always trying her best to learn. She works through challenges like a champ, especially when multiplying double-digit numbers. She never gives up, and she's an inspiration to all of her peers.

Carlson Elementary School

Ashlin Burnes

Ashlin is a responsible, dedicated, and extraordinarily caring kid. As a student council officer, she is always looking for ways to improve the school, whether it is offering a helping hand, volunteering, or picking up garbage. She does not let challenges hold her back. She tries her best, even when things are hard. She has a huge heart and is the type of girl who wants to help others.

Casteel High School

Camille Coaxum

Camille is the French Honors Society co-president who introduced the team and organized the whole presentation on voting and veterans. Camille, along with the Equity team, worked for weeks to prepare and then presented the first Diversity Day in CUSD. Camille is a leader in the classroom and a model student. Camille is earnest, diligent and proactive. She knows how to advocate for herself and stand up for what she believes in.

Casteel Junior High School

Sara Haynes

Students like Sara are what classes need to be able to support positive, hard-working, and fun classroom cultures. She provides this support by exemplifying the 3 C's of Courage, Character and Commitment every single day. Sara is a student everyone should attempt to emulate —from her charisma and confidence, to her care for others, and the pride that she takes in her work.

Chandler Early College

Kyle Chaus

Kyle each and every day, without fail, takes it upon himself to warmly greet those around him with a smile and a kind word. At CEC it is called “Kyle’s Smile” and it is an absolute wonderful way to start the day! Yet, Kyle is so much more than that. Not only is he monumentally polite and respectful to the staff and other students, but he also the unofficial ambassador for new students at CEC. His warm demeanor and inviting disposition make him the perfect person for the job. Like many students at CEC, Kyle is a young man who has seen his share of adversity. Yet, through hard work and a fierce sense of self-discipline, he finds a way to succeed in and out of the classroom.

Chandler High School

Kayden Nielsen

Kayden is a peer facilitator in a special education classroom for students with moderate intellectual disabilities and participates in Unified Sports. Kayden will come into class always with a smile on her face and greets every student by name, giving every student a high five or a hug. Kayden will work with students on science projects or labs and always makes the students feel like their ideas are the best ideas that anyone has ever come up with. Kayden is a dream peer facilitator, and if the world had more young people like Kayden, the world would always be the happiest place.

Chandler Online Academy

Sydney Chun

Not only is Sydney a straight 'A' student, but she is also an accomplished swimmer. She has recently made a move to Singapore to swim for the Singapore National Team with hopes of swimming in the next summer Olympics. Even while she is half way across the world training hours a day, she has maintained her outstanding grades in AP and Honors courses. Her teachers make note of her kindness, strong work ethic and drive to learn as being the traits that have made Sydney stand out among others.

Conley Elementary

Damian Ramos

Damian arrives at school on time every day prepared and ready to learn. He is positive, energetic, and always has a smile. In addition, Damian is very conscientious about his assignments, making sure they have met all expectations. Finally, Damian consistently sets a good example for all of his peers being kind and respectful to all people, all of the time.

CTA-Freedom Campus

Micah Archie

When you think of a student who is always willing to help and has a positive attitude day in and day out, you think of Micah Archie. He goes above and beyond with any task, assignment, or expectation. Micah continually challenges himself to try new and harder things while thinking outside of the box. Micah is the epitome of a respectful, helpful, and courageous student who exemplifies the Falcon 5 character traits.

CTA-Goodman Campus

Allison Manning

Allison is a shining example of the three C's – community, commitment, and compassion. Allison approaches all of her endeavors with optimism and enthusiasm. Allison is a kind and thoughtful friend to all, and the first to volunteer to help out in any situation. Aside from being an honor roll student, Allison is a member of the Girl Scouts, plays volleyball, participates in an after-school sports program, and is a member of the school orchestra.

CTA-Humphrey / Elite Campus

Adamari Sanchez Cortes

Adamari is an exceptional student. She works hard every day, even when she struggles to understand something. She enters every day with a positive attitude and huge smile on her face. Students and teachers cannot help but love her because she is kind to everyone and always encouraging to others. She is thoughtful, always asking how others are doing and how their day is going.

CTA-Independence Campus

Alexa Gonzales

Alexa consistently demonstrates a kind and caring nature and she is always willing to lend a hand to help others. Alexa is a student that you can count on to always do her best, yet in a very quiet manner as to not draw attention to herself. She takes an active role in school as a student leader in the Mentoring Minds Program as well as a member of the National Elementary Honor Society. Whether in the classroom, the hallway, or participating in school clubs, Alexa demonstrates leadership, responsibility, and perseverance in everything she sets out to accomplish.

CTA-Liberty Campus

Teagan Tollefson

Teagan, now in sixth grade, has been a Liberty Eagle since kindergarten. Teagan exemplifies traits like Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. Teagan is kind and helpful to teachers and students. She works hard in her classes, actively listens and participates, perseveres with questions, and shows determination on reworks to improve her skills and expand her academic knowledge.

Frye Elementary School

Alyssa Yates

Alyssa can always be counted on to display a positive attitude that is infectious to those around her. She possess leadership qualities that set her apart as she goes above and beyond in all her endeavors. From academics to clubs and all happenings around the school, Alyssa is a role model for her peers with her positive and caring attitude.

Fulton Elementary School

Addison Sroufe

Addison has been a stand-out student at Fulton Elementary since her kindergarten year. She always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude. She exudes love, happiness, generosity, and faith. Addison is a hard worker in all of her academic subjects and is involved in competitive swimming. She gladly serves on the Student Council, and is always willing to help in any way she can.

Galveston Elementary School

Amy Rodriguez-Romero

Amy is a well-rounded student. She not only tries hard in school but is especially kind to others. Amy has befriended a student who is new to the school this year and struggles making friends. Amy has become a rock and is a great example of kindness.

Haley Elementary School

Isaak Solis

Isaak is a determined and hardworking student who is positive and kind to others. You can always count on Isaak following through on tasks and assignments. Isaak is a valued member of the Haley community and is respected by his peers, teachers, and administrators. Isaak is always ready to take on any challenge with a smile and always supports his peers.

Hamilton High

Kinsey Kavanagh

Over the last few years Kinsey has grown from a shy freshman to a strong senior class president. She is an incredible role model for the younger officers coming up in the ranks because she truly embodies and even exceeds all expectations for a student leader. Not only is Kinsey an incredible leader, she is well respected by her peers, an athlete, and an all-around brilliant and hardworking student, taking on many honors and AP classes.

Hancock Elementary School

Alexa Aguirre Castillejo

Alexa is a strong student who tries extra hard in all subjects. She is a leader in class with homework, classwork, and behaviors. She is an avid reader and is active in Battle of the Books. She volunteers her time to help with the Kindergarten crew. Alexa is an ideal student and citizen.

Hartford Sylvia Encinas School

Kyran Evans

Kyran is a hard-working young man who always puts first things first. His dedication to his studies is recognized by his peers as well. Kyran is a risk taker and is slowly coming out of his shell. Way to go Kyran. We are so proud of you!

Hill Learning Academy

Anthony Woolsey

Anthony has demonstrated a great accomplishment in fulfilling his desire to complete school. Anthony came to Hill Academy at the beginning of the year needing to make up credit. Anthony has been an outstanding student and has caught up on all of his credits. Anthony has risen above personal issues and has secured a job in which he has also been extremely successful. Anthony will graduate in May and is a shining example of what a successful student can be.

Hull Elementary School

Brianna K Terrigino

Although she is new to the district, Bri has made quite an impression on her peers, teachers, and the Hull community. She embodies all Six Pillars of Character on a daily basis: whether it is helping her peers in and out of the classroom, volunteering for safety patrol, or consistently doing her best in academics, she has proven to be a positive addition to the Hull family.

Jacobson Elementary School

Adrianna McCargar

Adrianna demonstrates her leadership skills on campus in numerous ways. She is the student music director for the annual school play. In addition, she is a committed member of Safety Patrol, working the whole year. She greets each child, staff, and community member with a smile that brightens up the day while making sure her team is on time and at their posts. She is a caring and dedicated student who will go far in life.

Knox Gifted Academy

Cullen Schreiner

Cullen's achievements and level of character have been a constant on campus for the past 3 years. He is a young man who leads by example and has always strived to do the right thing even when he thinks nobody is looking. He never shies away from asking advice or guidance on navigating difficult situations, and then gladly applies that advice to possible sixth grade conundrums. Cullen is respected by his peers and the adults on campus.

Navarrete Elementary School

Ashlyn Endicott

Ashlyn is an exemplary student with outstanding character, she goes above and beyond in her classes to always achieve her best. Ashlyn is often seen reaching out to others with small acts of kindness, she genuinely cares about other students and their well-being. Ashlyn also has amazing talents, she sings like an angel! Ashlyn is a part of the Navarrete Drama Club and she sang at the school's Veterans Day Celebration.

Patterson Elementary School

Andrea Mounkes

Andrea exemplifies all the pillars of Character Counts, she also comes to school happy with a positive attitude, and is ready to learn. She actively participates in class, always willing to help others, and is a role model to all her peers. Andrea knows the importance of hard work and has the confidence and ability to do well in anything she puts her mind to, in and out of school.

Payne Junior High School

Alejandra Rivera

Alejandra has been helping the students in the special education rooms since she was a 7th grader at Payne. She gives up her elective every other day to help with the special education students. She helps both Special Education teachers with Panther Pal paperwork, grading, and anything else they may need. She is reliable and is always there to help when needed.

Perry High School

Myka Willden

Myka exemplifies the best in every characteristic we seek to develop at Perry High School. As a talented member of the diving team, she is standout Team Captain and Varsity Letterwoman. Her leadership shines through in her ability to build strong bonds among all team members, and helps to promote a "family" atmosphere. Myka is a stellar student with a 4.27 GPA who challenges herself with courses such as AP Statistics, College English, and Medical Professions. Myka is a member of a number of service organizations on campus and she is committed to improving her community.

Riggs Elementary School

Nadia Harris

Nadia comes to school every day with a smile on her face, a friendly hello to all, and is ready to learn. Her love of learning doesn't end with herself, as she is eager to help others whether in the classroom or by assisting members of the Robotics Club. Her kindness and zest for learning inspire all who meet her at Riggs.

Ryan Elementary School

Eden Quintana

Eden is involved on campus in Battle of the Books, 5th grade band and the News Crew. Eden was the school's the spelling bee representative, and her yearbook display is among the top five in the 5th-6th grade categories. Eden swims for Swim Neptune, performs in plays with Baker Performing Arts, and is a Girl Scout. She also volunteers in the community with her church. To top it all off, Eden is consistently on the Principal's Honor Roll.

San Marcos Elementary School

Jennifer Amador Ibarra

Jennifer strives to be the best in everything she does. She is a member of the KSMB News Team who arrives at school extra early to get the news broadcast ready and works well in a cooperative environment. She is a quiet leader among her classmates by exhibiting good behavior and modeling making good choices and a hard work ethic. Jennifer is a member of Battle of the Books and the spokesperson for her team.

Sanborn Elementary School

Adan Sanchez-Bernal

Adan always gives his personal best in class. In addition, he is very compassionate and watchful of his peers. He knows when things are not going well for others, so he steps in and helps to comfort and help in any way he can. His family has recently gone through a difficult time, so Adan has had to take on additional responsibilities with his siblings. Instead of letting it get him down, he comes in every day with a smile on his face and a determination to make the best of his day.

Santan Elementary School

Jack Rode

Jack is a hard working young man who brings a smile to anyone's face. He has excellent character and is very respectful to his peers and teachers. He is a proactive student who strives to improve upon his past experiences. He always gives 100% effort and loves school!

Santan Junior High School

Triton Johnson

Triton puts forth his best effort in everything that he does. He is a leader among his peers, is very caring of others, and goes above and beyond to make sure no one is left out or neglected. He volunteers to do an extra lesson each quarter in the Special Education classroom. He also volunteers with Unified Sports. Triton is a natural leader who utilizes his emotional intelligence and demonstrates a genuine desire to help his peers experience what it is like to have a typical friend, teammate, and role model. Triton is a caring person and shows it every day inside and outside classroom.

Shumway Leadership Academy

Jackson Buss

Jackson is a phenomenal leader both in and out of the classroom. Jackson has been involved in Student Lighthouse team at Shumway the past two years. Jackson also welcomes all students and staff each morning during announcements. In the classroom, Jackson's academic performance is superior; however, that is second to his outstanding character! You will often find Jackson, holding the door, picking up trash on the playground, or simply just asking someone how their day is.

Tarwater Elementary School

Tori Miller

Tori is involved in the school community as a member of Band, STEM Club, Robotic Club, Yearbook and Chorus. In her community, she participates in the Chandler Children's Choir and was **the school** winner in the Sun Lakes Lions Club Peace poster contest. She is very respectful to her peers and teachers and is always willing to help in anyway needed. She is a friend to everyone, and you can always count on Tori to set a good example.

Weinberg Elementary School

Kate Farley

Kate is a sixth grade student at Weinberg Elementary School. Some of the words that describe Kate are hardworking, humble, and helpful. Her strength of character, good nature, and willingness to persevere will ensure future successes. Congratulations!

Willis Junior High School (Bella) Lamendola

Bella is an empathetic, hardworking young woman at Willis. She has been very successful academically and is a role model for her peers. Bella is active on campus in athletics and clubs, such as cross-country and Best Buddies. She is compassionate, empathetic and has an intrinsic desire to help others. Bella is motivated to do well not only for herself, but also for her school and community.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

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Andersen Elementary School

Nicole Valentino

Nicole is teaches Junior Achievement in a 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade class. She is the art masterpiece parent. She helps out endlessly with every PTO event. She will help any teacher needed if they reach out and ask her, with anything from making copies to helping with students. When the kinder and first grade wanted to host their first ever 50's Sock hop celebration on the 50th day of school, she hosted a parent meeting and made things happen! It was a huge success.

Andersen Junior High School

Dan Moak

Dan has organized after school tutoring for the past two years at Andersen Junior High School. As a result, Andersen Junior has been able to offer tutoring to students every week with tutors from Antioch Community Church. Dan also come to the school during lunch to spend time with students. Thank you Dan for your support of students and staff at Andersen Junior High School.

Arizona College Prep – Erie Campus

Ellen Boyd

Ellen has been a fantastic, supportive parent and volunteer over the past few years. She is always the first to help the administrative staff and teachers when needed and does so with vivaciousness and with a smile that lights up the room! Ellen keeps the teacher's lounge looking amazing for each holiday season -- no one can decorate a room as amazingly as Ellen does! Thank you, Ellen, for always going above and beyond to make ACP look amazing and for all of your continued support and help.

Arizona College Prep – Oakland Campus

Sheresa Pompay

Sheresa is always graciously looking for ways to assist teachers and support ACP in any way possible. She not only helps to coordinate back to school events, sells PE uniforms and school spirit items, she also helps ensure that we always have a parent volunteer for the copy room. She is continually coming up with fun, creative ways to increase Booster Club support for parents and volunteers.

Auxier Elementary School

Isela Ornelas

Isela walks every Monday with a smile on her face. She happily takes baskets FULL of copies/laminating/binding/you-name-it and returns it neatly organized. She is mindful of school resources and does her best to not be wasteful on the workroom. When she's not helping in her child's current classroom, she's helping out her daughter's previous teachers. Her help saves hours of work for the teachers. Auxier staff is incredibly thankful for her!

Basha Accelerated Middle School

Katherine Bautista

Katherine is a wonderful volunteer for Basha AMS. She has contributed her time and support for many AMS events so that they were more creative and successful. She is always generous and helpful, and they are so very lucky to have her as an AMS parent.

Basha Elementary School

Crissy Haidos

Crissy is the PTO president and does so much for the school, staff and students. She is also actively involved in the classroom and is an amazing parent volunteer. Chrissy works incredibly well with students; she is caring, calm, has a can-do attitude and is so helpful both in and out of the classroom! Basha is incredibly thankful and appreciative of the amazing support Crissy provides to the Basha Family and the surrounding community!

Basha High School

Richard Johnson

Richard selflessly gives up his time and energy to every tennis practice and game that occurs involving Basha High. He is usually the first to arrive and the last one to leave. He is omnipresent, positive and dependable. He brings Gatorades to hand out to the students asking for nothing in return. He is a second grandfather for all of the young men and young women on the tennis teams. Basha is fortunate to have this wonderful volunteer.

Bogle Junior High School

Xiaoyang Ma

Xiaoyang comes during period 2 in the English Language Learners classroom and offers support for both grade levels for math. She assists students, reteaches material, and prepares herself ahead of time to meet their needs. She volunteered to help and they love having her come in! She was a physics teacher in China, so they are blessed to have her share her knowledge and time.

Bologna Elementary School

Stacy Mathers

Stacy can always be found in the workroom making copies for the teachers, helping from start to finish during PTO events, and giving a kind exchange as you pass her around campus. She is incredibly supportive to the Bologna community and the school would not run the same without her!

Carlson Elementary School

Natalie Davin

Natalie was instrumental in setting up Carlson's first PTO board and has been volunteering her time at the school ever since. She has coordinated book fairs, school-wide events, served as classroom mom to assist with student events and helped to establish the Accelerated Reader Incentive program where she continues to coordinate and ensure that the program remains strong in its implementation.

Casteel High School

Robert Ebright – WILL NOT BE THERE

Robert has dedicated his time over the past three years making a significant positive impact to the band program. He has helped create props for the marching field show, has coordinated and organized the technology for the winter percussion show and is always the first one to volunteer at every football game, competition or concert. In addition, he helped establish the Casteel Science Olympiad Booster Club which has been invaluable in running the invitational.

Chandler CARE Center

Melinda Tarver – WILL NOT BE THERE

Melinda has been a dedicated volunteer in the Chandler CARE Center food bank for more than 5 years. She can be counted on to step in any time the CARE Center needs help, sorting and organizing donations, stocking shelves, packing food boxes and helping the staff prepare for the annual Thanksgiving Family Assistance Day. Melinda's organizational skills have helped transform the CARE Center food bank into a well-organized space and no project is too big or too small for her to willingly do. They are so grateful for the hundreds of hours each year that Melinda volunteers, helping enable them to efficiently provide food to thousands of Chandler residents each month.

Chandler High School

Laurie Ray

Laurie is the booster president for Chandler's Girls volleyball team and there is no task too big for this amazing woman. Laurie organized fundraisers, pregame meals for all home and away volleyball matches for approximately 45 players and coaches, had a team camp set up for the varsity players for the three tournaments they played and managed to organize an entire end of the season volleyball banquet for all the players coaches and their families.

Conley Elementary School

Alan Tu

Alan is an employee at Intel who gives much of his time at Conley. He frequently visits classrooms from kindergarten to sixth grade sharing his experiences and knowledge in engineering with the students. Alan's input in activities help to enrich the curriculum from Project Lead the Way for students. Students and teachers love when he visits the classroom and school is so fortunate to have him on campus. Alan is very deserving of this wonderful recognition.

CTA-Freedom Campus

Chris Long

Chris is the fearless leader of the Dads' Club – he does a great job organizing the group, bringing new dads on board to the club, and planning fun family events for the school! Everyone at CTA Freedom appreciates Chris' sense of humor – he keeps a positive attitude and willingly signs up for even the most tedious of volunteer jobs. Whether he is helping the PTO set up for an event, greeting folks at a Dads' Club meeting, participating in Site Council, or sporting a snowman costume for the annual "Snowman Sprint," he has a smile on his face and a kind word to share.

CTA-Goodman

Leesa and Jason Kirkland

Leesa and Jason Kirkland volunteer in Susan Wheeler's 3rd grade classroom every Tuesday morning and come very faithfully. They also have been great about donating things that are needed, including ordering and buying more pods for the hydroponic garden. Leesa and Jason even came on a Saturday to help work in the 3rd grade garden. They are a wonderful asset to the classroom.

CTA - Humphrey/Elite Performance Academy

Barbara Carroll

Barbara has always volunteered at CTA-Humphrey since her grand-daughter entered kindergarten. She is a shining presence, always upbeat when volunteering and staff couldn't be more grateful to have her. Thank you for your dedication to the school.

CTA-Independence Campus

Eric Bell

Eric has been the president of the Dad's Club and a member of the PTO board for the last two years. Eric has worked collaboratively with the community to introduce an annual Dad's Club golf tournament and the first ever Daddy-Daughter Dance, both a huge success. Throughout the school year, Eric works to rally volunteers to assist with classroom projects, set up the annual Spring Fling carnival, and host science experiments for families during Math and Science Night.

CTA – Liberty Campus

Kim Gumm

Kim comes almost every morning to check to see if Liberty staff need any help or have copies to make. She took on the job of making small books for the class and trying to figure it out while using the least amount of paper. She coordinates class events and is always willing to bring whatever item is needed for the class. On top of all of this she is part of the PTO. She helped coordinate the biggest fundraiser that Liberty has ever had!

Frye Elementary School

Laura Lopez

Laura volunteers her time to helping meet the needs of students and families. She shows up every day, and helps with any need presented. She goes above and beyond to make sure the needs of students are taken care of each and every day.

Fulton Elementary School

Mel Mesias

Mel always gives his full support to the Fulton staff, whether it be through words of kindness, a friendly smile, donating supplies, or helping with academics. Additionally, he goes out of his way to help with events at school even when his own children are not directly involved. For multiple years, he has taken on the huge responsibility of Art Masterpiece leader and teacher with ease. Due to his kind personality and contagious enthusiasm, the students relate to him easily.

Galveston Elementary School

Phyllis Johnson – WILL NOT BE THERE

Phyllis is a true humanitarian. She and her counterpart tirelessly come to school every week with her puppy Zoe to offer students with emotional needs pet therapy. She also makes sure students have what they need as far as clothes and other essential items. She has gathered her community together to donate to the school teddy bear program that offers teddy bears to students that have recently experienced the loss of a family member.

Haley Elementary School

Karen Mason

Karen volunteers every Thursday to help support all teachers on campus. Karen will greet everyone with a smile and is happy to help other volunteers who are struggling with the machines in the work room. Karen also works hard with the box top crew to collect, count and reward classes for helping raise money through box tops. Karen helps prepare materials for student council as well. If Karen knows a teacher or grade level has a need she will do her best to support them.

Hamilton High School

Ann McLaughlin

Ann has helped raise over \$75,000 for the baseball program the last two years, organizing the golf tournament and many other fundraisers. She has also involved students in community service programs such as an annual day at Feed Our Starving Children and the inclusion in the Adopt a family program at Hamilton. Furthermore, she is a member of the City of Chandler Hall of Fame committee. Ann also oversees the South Chandler Baseball Club LLC that provides resources for Hamilton baseball players.

Hancock Elementary School

Vanessa Isaula

Vanessa has helped PTO with logos, vector files, flyers and printing. She is very creative and is a huge help with PTO Silent Auctions all while doing it on her own time. She is super sweet and always has a smile. Vanessa also creates Hancock's beautiful Holiday cards that are sent out each year to CUSD. Hancock staff and PTO all agree that she is a great resource and help!

Hartford Sylvia Encinas Elementary School

Mary Miller

Mary has been a wonderful addition to the second grade classrooms at Hartford. She is very consistent, reliable, and extremely dedicated when she steps into the room. She is very observant of the teacher giving instruction, and uses those observations to constantly identify when and where students need help. She goes above and beyond and her love for children, as well as her desire to assist are obvious and very beneficial.

Hull Elementary School

Sherri Bublitz and Amanda Michelson

Sheri and Amanda are amazing volunteers at Hull Elementary. They use their creativity to brighten up the school for students, staff and parents. From the hallways, which have been transformed with amazing bulletin boards, to creating a welcoming staff lounge that is inviting and relaxing for all, they are always thinking about everyone in the Hull community. Staff appreciate all of the time and energy they devote to improving the school's atmosphere.

Jacobson Elementary School

Kristy Vigesaa

As one of Jacobson's largest clubs, Space Explorers requires a lot of work. It's a program to teach students in 1st-6th grades about space, aerodynamics, physics and a lot more! Parent volunteers teach lessons to students in 34 classrooms throughout the year. One volunteer in particular makes it all possible—Kristy Vigesaa. As the club coordinator, Kristy recruits and organizes parents to teach space-related lessons. She plans the lessons and provides all the materials. When a parent volunteer isn't able to make their appointed lesson time, it's Kristy who pinch hits and fills in.

Knox Gifted Academy

Kelly Meyer

Kelly has epitomized the Knox Gifted Academy vision. Kelly became the PTO president this year and jumped into the role with both feet. Kelly has a calmness about her while managing to support all the many events and happenings around the school. When staff are running around to set up events she is running right next to them, however, Kelly remains calm and is very solutions orientated. Kelly is always ready to lend a hand.

For the first time in our history, two schools nominated the same volunteer for the same award.

Navarrete Elementary School & Payne Junior High

Shawn Prouty

Shawn has helped at Navarrete for 8 years, doing it all from holding PTO offices, chairing or assisted with virtually every big event and program. Shawn has brought a much-loved presence to Navarrete with her cheerful demeanor and heart of gold. And at Payne, She has a beautiful spirit that lights up the room the minute she walks in, is tireless in all the work she does for Payne both as a parent and as an officer in the Boosters Club, and she has everyone's best interest at heart. She is a hero, a superwoman and she makes a mean cheesecake!!

Patterson Elementary School

Megan Schlottog

Megan has been a huge help to Patterson teachers especially 2nd and 6th grades. She comes in every Wednesday and stays all day to make copies. She always helps at school related events, and is always willing to help wherever she is needed. She is an asset to everyone at Patterson!

Perry High School

Sue Dean

Sue is the Perry Math Department copy Mom. She comes in twice a week and works as long of a day as needed to get copies done. She never waits for someone else to solve a problem for her, she takes care of everything herself. When the copiers are not running in the work room, Sue will take all of her work whenever she has to in order to get it all done. Sue is nice, generous and hard working.

Riggs Elementary School

Ann Moeller

Ann or “Mrs. White Sox” known to some staff, has been an incredible volunteer at Riggs Elementary School. In addition to holding the office of PTO President for several years she has provided numerous hours of support in and out of the classroom. She has a gift of working well with students of all ages and she greets everyone with a warm friendly smile, making the school a welcoming place to be. She has also been a fabulous substitute teacher and is quite often requested by staff.

Ryan Elementary School

Kim Lynar (last name pronounced Line er)

Kim is an exceptional addition to the Ryan Elementary campus. Kim wears many hats around campus. She is currently the Co-President of PTO, room parent, Jamba Juice organizer, Box Top Collector, and a leader of the Fall Festival. This year she created a kindness board along with creating positive quotes to go in the student bathrooms. She is kind, positive, funny, and always greets you with a smile.

San Marcos Elementary School

Carmen Lopez and Gabriela Sandoval

Carmen and Gabriela could be labeled the Dynamic Duo. They both help out in their student's classes by copying, stapling and many other things. Both are active members of the PTO, organizing fundraisers, along with school and staff events. They are the trusted chaperones everyone covets for field trips. It is a pleasure to have both of these ladies on campus.

Sanborn Elementary School

Andrea Schlag

Andrea is a member of the PTO and she not only assists the Art Masterpiece for 2nd grade, she donated \$400 dollars to the grade level for the field trip to see Charlotte's Web at the Herberger Theater! These are just a few reasons she is deserving of this award.

Santan Elementary School

Crystal Moberg – CANNOT ATTEND

Crystal has been a vital member of PTO, always available to help and to pick up and complete whatever the job may entail. She is also one of the key Art Masterpiece volunteers, helping to coordinate the program for the whole campus. She has been consistently engaged in the Santan Elementary campus community throughout the years her children have been there, and she is deeply appreciated!

Santan Junior High School

Renee Cox

Renee is an outstanding volunteer for the Santan Junior High Choir Program. The success and professionalism mirrors the support they have from their wonderful parent volunteers. Renee has volunteered for every choir concert in positions as: Chaperone, Volunteer Coordinator, Assistant to the Director, Dinner Volunteer and the list goes on and on. Renee offers her support in editing the choir handbook and drafting emails to help publicize concerts.

Shumway Leadership Academy

Sherry Beattie – WILL NOT BE THERE

Sherry has been one of the "grandmas" volunteering at Shumway for the last four years. Not only is she helping to raise three grandchildren at home, she volunteers in the cafeteria every day to help the kindergarten and first grade students open their food and get supplies for them. She also manages to help keep them quiet, too! For three of the years her own grandchildren were in kindergarten and first grade, but seeing the need she has come back and has faithfully helped keep the order! Sherry has also been good to her grandchildren's teachers by making sure they have supplies and any extra help if needed. Shumway Leadership Academy is lucky to have Grandma Sherry!

Tarwater Elementary School

Rachel Alwin

Rachel works tirelessly to plan and organize all of Tarwater's Art Masterpiece Program. She holds trainings at the start of the new school year for all volunteers, and this makes a huge impact on the quality of the program. She also coordinates an end of the year Art Show, where she transforms the multipurpose room into a beautiful art gallery to display every student's art work. Tarwater's Art Masterpiece Program would not be the amazing program that it is without Rachel's dedication and love for art!

Weinberg Elementary School

Lauren Kirby

When Lauren is not always trying to lend a hand subbing, she is making copies and asking how she can help in her children's classes. Lauren is always more than willing to do copies, help with centers, assist in classroom celebrations, and just about anywhere she can lend a hand. Lauren is such a wonderful asset to the Weinberg community!

Willis Junior High School

Ted Huntington

This year Ted has worked closely with the Willis staff to assist in their efforts to provide appropriate social-emotional support for students. During first quarter, Ted was at Willis four days a week to present a curriculum he developed (called Thrive) to students in the Academic Perseverance classes. During these sessions he addressed topics like stress and emotion regulation; purpose, validation, and identity; positive choices; taking active responsibility; and resistance skills. Most important, Ted made connections with students and worked hard to impress upon them their immeasurable worth.

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Andersen Elementary School

Jessica Colker

Jessica is an outstanding, passionate teacher – a true leader loved by students, parents and teammates. Strong in coding and computers, she supports students and fellow teachers in technology, giving up her time before school and after school to mentor, tutor and just be a good listener.

Andersen Junior High School

Megan Dillon

Megan was a rock this past year working to implement new content standards, consistently finding new resources, sharing ideas, and developing lessons. She mentored a new teacher and put together curriculum for a class whose teacher was on leave – all with a smile and pleasant attitude. She is dependable, hardworking, and dedicated to students.

Arizona College Prep – Erie Campus

Norman Rumsey

Norm is a valuable resource for the new ninth-grade team, providing expert instruction and curriculum support. He also spends multiple nights each week with the Speech and Debate Team – which he established three years ago at student request – guiding them to multiple awards, national competitions and amazing success.

Arizona College Prep – Oakland Campus

Allison Lee

Allison directs the school dances as well as STUCO – where she selflessly joins students in executing many school and community activities. She coordinates Knight (Knight with a K, by the way) of the Arts – an evening filled with fun and student celebration, leads the yearbook and still manages to sponsor painting club and the Booster Club paint night.

Auxier Elementary School

Crisini Ryan

As counselor, Crisini is one of the most dedicated educators at Auxier Elementary. She goes into classrooms constantly to assist teachers with their students, teach lessons, or just check in. She is one of the busiest people on campus yet she finds time to sit and talk with anyone who is struggling. She always gives suggestions, encouragement, and makes teachers feel supported. Crisini is beyond just the counselor; she is an advisor, leader, and friend.

Basha Accelerated Middle School

Christine Taylor

Chris is the go-to person for many on campus but especially for the AMS parents and staff. Chris is helpful with anything and everything. She is incredibly hard-working and always positive when giving assistance or answering questions. Chris is very deserving of this award and she is truly appreciated for all that she does!

Basha Elementary School

Cyndi Upshaw

Cyndi is the pure embodiment of positivity and compassion. She is a fantastic teacher who provides a loving example and is the caliber of person and teacher that CUSD strives for. We appreciate the dedicated service Cyndi provides to the children, school and community alike.

Basha High School

Michael McKelvy

Michael is a caring teacher who has built a legacy with Science is Fun. His dedication, commitment and passion is admired by staff and students alike. He is knowledgeable in his subject matter due to his experiences beyond teaching which brings a positive element to his classroom. His leadership in helping to create a strong science department at the school is commendable.

Bogle Junior High School

Amanda Griffin

Amanda has committed herself to reaching some of the most vulnerable at-risk students through the “Advancement Via Individual Determination” program or AVID. She has also expanded the AVID program through field trips to Arizona college campuses to motivate students to be successful in school. She is the kind of teacher that makes Chandler great!

Bologna Elementary School

Jan Smith

There is nothing that Jan won't do for Bologna. She uses her own money to buy organizational items for common work areas to make it as nice as possible for staff. She runs Lexia at Bologna, a reading intervention program that supports teachers' literacy instruction for students of all abilities, and is the first to volunteer for any role that needs to be filled on campus.

Carlson Elementary School

Brittney Keith

Brittney is deserving of the Triple A Award because she is a wonderful attendance clerk and so much more. She can be counted on to greet every person who enters Carlson with a warm, friendly smile. Brittney is always patient and positive and goes above and beyond for all students and staff. Carlson Elementary is fortunate to have her.

Casteel High School

Jen Pugh – Athletic Admin Assistant

**(CANNOT ATTEND – ATHLETIC SIGNING
NIGHT AT CASTEEL)**

The long hours and day-to-day workload would be overwhelming for the average person, but in her high traffic area, Jen's warmth, welcoming and willing nature (and her chocolate drawer) serve to brighten anyone's day! She is dedicated to helping the Athletic Department flourish. Coaches, colleagues, and athletes know they can come to her with any question or to get advice.

Central Kitchen

Marissa Hardin-Sylvestre

Marissa is a wonderful example of a team player in the department. She has played several roles in the past for Food and Nutrition, from central kitchen production worker to manager at ACP Oakland to Food and Nutrition Warehouse Driver, and she has done each of them with an effort and enthusiasm that is not often seen. She defines the terms 'motivated' and 'initiative' by always looking for tasks to help with when she's finished with her own daily duties.

Chandler CARE Center

Maria Soto

Maria has been the Secretary for the Chandler CARE Center since 2012. Her job is demanding and busy, and requires her to think fast on her feet and be responsive to changing programs and community needs. Maria is an incredibly hard worker, helping to create systems that increase efficiency and streamline processes and programs.

Chandler High School

Amy Andrews

Amy is an outstanding teacher who takes PRIDE in her teaching as well as with connecting with her students. Holding her students to a high level of expectation is apparent with quick observation, but what really qualifies Amy for the PRIDE award is the time she takes to make connections with her students.

Chandler Online Academy

Danika Kroeger

Since Danika walked through the door as a new hire in 2017, she has shown a dedication to Chandler Online Academy that has been unmatched. She has a true desire to improve the quality of experiences for her online learners and has spent numerous hours volunteering her time to accomplish this goal. In addition, Danika is a valued member of Chandler Online Academy's School Improvement Team, AdvancEd Team, and Teacher Equity Leadership Team.

Community Education

Misty McFarlin- WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND

Misty is friendly, warm and affectionate in her interactions with the children, their families and her co-workers, forming strong, respectful, and reciprocal relationships that last decades. Misty often sees children and their families that she has worked closely with throughout the years in the community. They often stop to talk to her and reminisce fondly about their memories of her hard work and dedication to the children and their families.

Conley Elementary School

Susan Kienitz

Susan has been giving of her time and talents at Conley for 20 years. She is an asset to the community and an integral part of the success Conley students have experienced. She has been a classroom teacher, media specialist, and is now the technology teacher. Susan is always willing to volunteer for an activity, committee, or anything that makes the school great. She is loved by the students, parents and staff. Susan is very deserving of this prestigious recognition.

CTA-Freedom Campus

Jane Craig

As the Administrative Assistant, Jane maintains a positive and welcoming attitude that is felt throughout the office and beyond. Jane is never too busy to help a parent, student or staff member in need and although she is frequently interrupted throughout the day, she maintains a calm and friendly composure, often sharing a joke or fun anecdote to make others smile. She has championed the school's annual food drive each year and delivers all collected food to St. Vincent De Paul. Jane cares about the school and will go above and beyond to make sure it is everything it should be.

CTA-Goodman Campus

Lindsay Meyer

Everything Lindsay does, from creating engaging technology lessons for K-6 students, to running with the students during Running Club, is done with a smile and a skip in her step. Lindsay goes above and beyond to take care of her student's needs in class as well as her fellow staff member's technology needs on a daily basis. She participates in Running Club, Robotics Club, Team Leader duties, and much more.

CTA - Humphrey /Elite Performance Academy Bailey Saville

Bailey is an outstanding new addition to the CTA Humphrey and Elite Performance Academy team. And TEAM PLAYER, she is! She steps in when needed, offers to help in any situation, and is like a veteran staff member even though this is her very first year in the public school setting.

CTA-Independence Campus

Audrey Askins

Audrey has been referred to as a “quiet work horse” who personifies the word “educator.” She holds high expectations for her students in both academics and character. Students are always first when she creates her lesson plans. In addition to being the math lead for her grade level, she is a member of Student Council, Yearbook, Global University, and Deep Equity teams.

CTA – Liberty Campus

Kristina Jauregui

When Kristina joined the kindergarten team, the first thing she said was, “This is a strong team and I want to do my part.” Kristina is involved with many committees and programs that benefit the students, school, and staff. She is a member of the DLI team – World Language. Kristina offered to represent the team as grade-level chair in order to voice ideas, opinions, and concerns.

District Office

Gretchen Kenney

Gretchen is an invaluable member of the Athletic and Student Discipline Department in CUSD. Gretchen has has impeccable customer service. She consistently and accurately educates the CUSD community in a positive manner for all of their athletic/discipline concerns, questions and needs. One of Gretchen's biggest assets continues to be her organizational skills and excellent written and verbal communication ability in all facets of her job.

Frye Elementary School

Eileen Conti

Eileen is a great role model for what an educator, colleague and friend should be. She creates lessons that are engaging and relevant to students and builds relationships with kids that last a lifetime. Over the past 24 years, Eileen has been a mentor to kids and also her colleagues. CUSD is a better community because of Eileen's kindness and dedication to educating the whole child.

Fulton Elementary School

Mariah Laszlo

Mariah is the type of teacher who goes above and beyond for her students. She takes special care to get to know each of her students on a personal level, and is so in tune with their academic and social needs. Mariah is extremely organized, a strong leader, and a proficient planner. She is kind and patient. She embodies all of the positive qualities one could hope for in a teacher and colleague.

Galveston Elementary School

Becky McCabe

Becky gives everything she has to empower her students to achieve great things. She expects nothing but the best from them, and the results are evident. She is an amazing teacher and coworker. She is always willing to help out and does it with a smile. Becky is professional in her demeanor and interactions with the staff.

Haley Elementary School

Tricia Wood

During her many years of teaching 5th grade, Tricia has managed to make herself an integral member of the school community and staff. Since her first year of teaching, she has been involved in running club, student council, drama club, grade level chair, and many more. She has a unique and wonderful rapport with the faculty and students of Haley Elementary. She is extraordinarily talented at connecting with her students and educating in a creative and engaging fashion.

Hamilton High School

Hilary Johannes

Hilary is a staunch supporter of Chandler schools and has proudly taught at Hamilton for 20 years. She leads the Formative Assessment team and encourages teachers to use formative assessment strategies like warm/cool feedback. By doing this, students are taking responsibility for their own learning and becoming even more successful. Using these techniques, her freshman students' AZ Merit scores have consistently reached the highest levels.

Hancock Elementary School

Gary Smool

Gary is a previously retired educator who came to Hancock Elementary school with the dedication to continue working with students, teachers, parents and staff. He is a great asset to the school and community. He dedicates his time to providing academic and emotional support to students and staff. He is a great colleague, teacher and friend.

Hartford Sylvia Encinas Elementary School Cynthia Howell

Cynthia does an amazing job of supporting students, teachers and parents. As a certified counselor, she fills a great need at the school. She goes above and beyond to create community partnerships to support students, working with small social groups or securing items for families. This year, she also took the initiative to create a cohort of Title counselors.

Hill Learning Academy – ICAN

Neal Hartley

Neal has been a highly valued staff member of the Chief Hill family since its inception in 2008. He can find a way to connect with every single student on campus. Whether it's folding origami, performing sleight of hand coin tricks, shooting hoops or kicking around a soccer ball, he will always make an effort and succeed at bringing a smile to a student's face. He is greatly appreciated by both staff and students.

Hull Elementary School

Brenda Gerson

Brenda is Hull's amazing technology teacher. Brenda's computer lab runs flawlessly, from logging in, to getting started on the objective of the day, keeping the kids focused and earning points with Class Dojo, to troubleshooting any problems that arise. She has effective processes in place so that zero learning time is lost. Her management is impeccable and the kids are becoming so tech savvy. She also has become the expert on using the 3D printer and will be doing projects with students this year.

Instructional Resource Center - Melinda Romero

Katie Moe

Katie has proven to be an instrument of change in CUSD. Her focus on STEM has been critical in moving the district, teachers, staff, and students into authentic and meaningful STEM experiences including the Chandler Innovation Fair later this month. In addition to spearheading CUSD's K-6 Science adoption and providing professional development opportunities, she manages CUSD's community partnerships with ASU, the City of Chandler, and Project West. Katie consistently gives of her time and self to support the district, campuses, teachers, and students and does so with passion and enthusiasm.

Jacobson Elementary School

Kim Christ

Kim has developed not just a program but lasting relationships with students and staff from all walks of life. From the annual English Language Development Friendship Potluck, to visiting families in their home countries, to teaching students English, and building a school wide community, Kim goes above and beyond to make Jacobson shine.

Knox Gifted Academy

Gina Manygoats

The first thing you may notice about Gina is her welcoming smile. She has a heart of gold, and is a positive role model for all on campus. She inspires by her actions and sweet spirit. Gina is always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. She is flexible and innovative not just within the confines of the media center, but around campus as well. She has positively encouraged behavior in the cafeteria with her offer of a dance party to students and formed bonds with the children to earn their respect.

Navarrete Elementary School

Heather Niederer

Heather has been an outstanding leader in the world of music education in Chandler Schools for many years. She currently teaches general music, band and chorus at Navarrete. She also heads up the Veterans Day celebration. Heather is always ready to lend a positive attitude and a helping hand no matter what the situation requires.

Patterson Elementary School

Sherry Hynes

Sherry is a great example of CUSD values. She serves the school as crossing guard, noon aide, and custodian. Her dedication to the safety and education of students is exemplary, and she genuinely cares for each student and staff member here. She is always willing to help in every way possible. Sherry recently took the custodian position, and her excitement for expanding her professional skills is contagious!

Payne Junior High School

Shannon Jacques

Shannon goes above and beyond for students and staff. Her library displays are always clever and thought provoking. As the school librarian, she is highly invested in her craft and her customers – both staff and students. Her themed escape rooms create interest in older book series and challenge comprehension and retention.

Perry High School

Kim Rygiel

Kim, an English teacher, is often the kind of person who works so hard to lift other people up so that they get recognition and to make their lives easier, that she seldom gets noticed for all of her hard work. Kim is a true leader on campus who deserves to be recognized. She represents what Perry PRIDE is all about!

Riggs Elementary School

Laura Giordano

Aside from being an outstanding Math and Reading teacher, Laura single-handedly organizes the sixth grade outdoor education camp and makes sure that every student has a chance to go whether they are able to pay or not. She coordinates the parent chaperones and works with the Administrative Assistant to make sure everything is ready for when students arrive at camp. She keeps sixth grade running like a fine-oiled machine.

Ryan Elementary School

Linda Goodrich

This is Linda's 6th year in the library, and it couldn't run without her assistance. Most importantly, Linda is always willing to assist any student or teacher who has a request for materials. Students who are looking for that "perfect" book know that she will steer them to books that may catch their interest. Yet they always know a book can be returned if it doesn't. Linda will step up to assist others, both in the library and as a noon aide. We are thankful that Linda is the library assistant.

San Marcos Elementary School

Michele Temple

Michele is definitely considered a highly-qualified resource teacher. She is an amazing mentor. She has a student teacher who will learn first-hand what makes a resource teacher effective. She is the first person teachers go to with questions about their students and she never hesitates to stop what she is doing to make sure they understand. She is willing to offer ideas and support to the entire general education team.

Sanborn Elementary School

Cindy Fletcher

Cindy, a counselor, has worn many hats at SANBORN over the years and she has done so with passion, energy and a strong focus on always doing what is best for students. She believes in and is passionate about an inclusive educational environment for all students and brings people together to ensure this is common practice at Sanborn. Cindy walks the talk – living her values through her actions and words every day.

Santan Elementary School

Tiffany Prince

Tiffany is always willing to step up and help Santan Elementary in any way she can. Currently, she is the technology teacher, Facebook curator, video announcement creator, and assessment coordinator (just to mention a few). If Tiffany has a moment of free time, she will step in and be a substitute in a classroom without any hesitation.

Santan Junior High School

Carolyn Standifird

Carolyn is everybody's go-to person when a child is in need. Children at the junior high level are constantly needing social, emotional, and academic support and strategies; Carolyn is always there to reinforce expectations, provide behavioral interventions, assist in communication with parents, and ensure students receive the most appropriate and supportive educational environment. Carolyn single-handedly creates schedules for the 1,400 students at Santan Junior.

Shumway Leadership Academy

Sophia Limjoco

Sophia encourages students to have perseverance and passion for everything they do, whether that be typing, coding, STEM, or Lunch Bunch challenges. Sophia actively listens to teacher discussions about academics and/or student behaviors and gives advice in the truest, most positive form. She maintains calmness while demanding excellence from students beginning with how to walk in a line, listening to directions, or completing their group challenges.

Support Services

Jody Nominee

Jody has been Support Services Mechanic for six years. He has a great work ethic and the knowledge of his craft is exceptional. Jody is efficient, kind, caring and always one-step above the rest! Despite dealing with personal obstacles in his life, Jody continues to make sure everyone's needs are met on a daily basis. He has truly demonstrated the definition of inspiration and the Support Services Department staff are proud to have him as part of their team!

Tarwater Elementary School

Kim Slupinski

Kim is one of the first faces you see in the morning and always has a positive attitude and smile on her face. Even though she has a very busy schedule, she has an “open door” policy and always makes time for everyone who comes to her for questions, input and guidance. She can always be counted on her for her love, dedication, and expertise. She is a one-woman miracle, the heart of Tarwater, and no one is more deserving of this award than Kim!

Transportation Yard – MAIN (IRA King)
David Maldonado-Mayen – CANNOT
ATTEND

David has been working at the Hamilton Yard since July of 2014 and has continued to make a substantial impact. David has taken command of his role as a mechanic in the Shop. His advanced abilities are exceptional, always promoting safety and efficiencies within the department. David's strong organizational skills, attendance and dedication have made him an integral part to the overall success at CUSD's Transportation Department.

Transportation – Perry Yard

Petra Haugen

Petra has been a bus driver for Chandler Unified for 11 years. She performs several other roles for CUSD besides driving students to and from school safely every day. She is a third party tester. That is a job duty that is the last step in drivers becoming certified to drive a school bus. She tells these new drivers how to be successful and what their expectations should be in being a great driver for CUSD. Petra is described by her peers and supervisor as professional, honest, sincere and always having a positive attitude.

Warehouse

Sisto Rosales – WILL NOT BE THERE ... Sisto is out of town assisting with the state wrestling championships.

Weinberg Elementary School

Kilea Thomas – CANNOT ATTEND

Weinberg is so lucky to have snatched Kilea this year. It was evident that she had amazing teaching skills and classroom management from her student teaching assignment last year at Weinberg, but they had no idea that she could manage a basketball team, work with Student Government, and tutor students during her lunch in her first year of teaching! Kilea is a positive person with drive and determination.

Willis Junior High School

Maryclaire Hillebrand

Maryclaire can do ANYTHING! After being out of state for a year, she has slid into her new role in special education at Willis with grace, and leads by example. She is a fierce advocate for her students and believes in balancing high expectations for every student with empathy for their individual needs. Her positive attitude is infectious to staff and students alike. Kids will move mountains for this sweet woman because they can see that she believes in them and sees the best in them.