

*Employee of the Year  
Recognition Ceremony*



*Celebrating 29 Years of Excellence*

*January 18, 2017*

## Guiding Principles

### BELIEF

Every student can learn.

### VISION

Every student is prepared for success in college,  
career and community.

### MISSION

Every student will engage in rigorous, relevant,  
standards-based instruction in every classroom,  
every day, to ensure student learning.

### CORE VALUES

Character, Leadership, Innovation,

Continuous Improvement.

**Every Student, Every Classroom, Every Day!**

## Special Thanks

Ace Trophy

Larson Brothers Photography

Central High School

Central High School Choir

Central Unified Child Nutrition

Central Unified School District Duplication

Central Unified School District Facilities

All participants and support staff that  
helped make this evening a success.

Thank you for your continued support!

## Program

Congratulations to the 2017  
Employee of the Year  
Honorees!



Welcome.....Mark G. Sutton, Superintendent

Singing of our National Anthem.....Central High School Choir

Flag Salute.....Zulema Betancourt

Employee of the Year  
Award Presentations.....Jack Kelejian  
Assistant Superintendent,  
Human Resources

Closing Remarks.....Jack Kelejian

## Board of Trustees

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## Certificated Nominees



**Sara Pokorny**  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Liddell  
Nominated by: Charlene Graham



**Loan Pratt**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Houghton Kearney  
Nominated by: Marci Brekke



**Kristine Rubenstein**  
Instructional Support Coach -  
Technology  
Education Services  
Nominated by: Instructional Coaches



**Helen Schmidt**  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Teague  
Nominated by:  
Teague Administration



**Jaime Schulze**  
Social Science Teacher  
Central East  
Nominated by: Central East Staff



**Lori Severt**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Liddell  
Nominated by:  
Charlene Graham



**Sue Streeter**  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
C.L.A.S.S.  
Nominated by: JoJo Reyes, Ed.D.



**Michael Swezey**  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Roosevelt  
Nominated by: Michelle Vargas



**Brenda Tillema**  
Instructional Support Coach  
Herndon Barstow  
Nominated by:  
Sandi Morehead

## Certificated Nominees



**Katy Gobble**  
TK Teacher  
Teague  
Nominated by:  
Teague Administration



**Chris Golden**  
Music Teacher  
El Capitan  
Nominated by: Jeff Wimp



**Dina Heggen**  
Teacher  
Pathway  
Nominated by: Maisie Young  
& Kevin Torosian



**Isabel Hernandez**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Steinbeck  
Nominated by: Esther Kaercher



**Steven Holdridge**  
Vocational Education Teacher  
Central West  
Nominated by: Central West Staff



**Aaron Klein**  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher  
Polk  
Nominated by: Geoff Garratt



**Shannon Monroe**  
Instructional Support Coach  
River Bluff  
Nominated by: River Bluff Staff



**Ellery Moore**  
Social Science Teacher  
Rio Vista  
Nominated by: Cindy Alikian &  
Micah Johnson



**Hillary Perry**  
Social Science Teacher  
Glacier Point  
Nominated by: Heather Kuyper

## Superintendent Cabinet

Mark G. Sutton  
Superintendent

Dr. Laurel Ashlock  
Assistant Superintendent,  
Chief Academic Officer

Ketti Davis  
Assistant Superintendent,  
Professional Development

Jack Kelejian  
Assistant Superintendent,  
Human Resources

Kelly Porterfield  
Assistant Superintendent,  
Chief Business Officer

Paul Birrell  
Director, 7 – 12 &  
Adult Education

Dr. Tami Boatright  
Director, K – 8 Education

Andrea Valadez  
Administrator, Special  
Education & Support  
Services



## Administrator Nominees



**Michelle Bergmann**

Principal  
River Bluff

Nominated by: River Bluff Staff



**Joe Bracamonte**

Principal  
Rio Vista

Nominated by: Brandi Fleming &  
Diana Haskins



**Brad Edmunds**

Assistant Principal / Director  
Central East

Nominated by: Central East Staff



**Geoff Garratt**

Principal  
Polk

Nominated by: Evelyn Shu

## Certificated Nominees



**Carol Arendt**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher  
Tilley

Nominated by: Karen Davis



**Angel Arroyo**

RSP Teacher  
Pathway

Nominated by: Nick Hustedde



**Tim Berg**

Business Teacher  
Central West

Nominated by: Del Brooks



**Teneecia Brannon**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Teague

Nominated by: Teague Administration



**Monica Breceda**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher  
McKinley

Nominated by: McKinley Staff



**Diane "Dee Dee" Dowding**

TK Teacher  
Saroyan

Nominated by: Patricia McCurley &  
Erin Gunstream



**Phyllis English**

Kindergarten Teacher  
Madison

Nominated by: Christine Pennington &  
Jackie Oliver



**Anne Franco**

Kindergarten  
Special Education Teacher  
Harvest

Nominated by: Harvest Staff

Not Pictured:

**Cindy Escandon**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher  
Biola Pershing

Nominated by: George Finocchio

## Classified Nominees

Not Pictured:

**Lynn Andresen**

Instructional Aide  
Houghton Kearney  
Nominated by: Marci Brekke

**Irma Damiani**

Lead Student Liaison  
Central East  
Nominated by: Central East Staff

**Stephanie Edgbert**

Yard/Noon Duty Aide  
McKinley  
Nominated by: Colette Bolger

**Patricia Hernandez**

Site Director – Learning Partners  
Teague Afterschool Program  
Nominated by: Teague Administration

**Joyce Hirata**

Special Education Aide II  
Harvest  
Nominated by: Harvest Staff

**Sonia Mendoza**

Special Education Aide I  
Central West  
Nominated by: Central West Staff

**Hortencia Rocha**

Yard / Noon Duty Aide  
Tilley  
Nominated by: Karen Davis

**Amanda Stroman**

Special Education Aide III  
Polk  
Nominated by: Virginia Norvise

## Administrator Nominees



**Jason Horsman**

Director, Education Technology  
Educational Services  
Nominated by: Instructional Coaches



**Jill Young**

Guidance Instructional Advisor  
Pershing / Pathway  
Nominated by: Nick Hustedde

Not Pictured:

**Sal Breton**

Guidance Instructional Advisor  
El Capitan  
Nominated by: Jeff Wimp

## Classified Nominees



**Angie Aguirre**

Attendance Secretary  
El Capitan

Nominated by: Jeff Wimp &  
Ann Chavez



**Maria Alvarez**

Yard/Noon Duty Aide  
Madison

Nominated by: Christine Pennington  
& Jackie Oliver



**Nancy Anderson**

Site Director – Learning Partners  
Herndon Barstow

Nominated by: Sandi Morehead &  
Stephanie Nelson



**Tina Bruno**

Clerical Assistant II  
Special Education

Nominated by: Monica Peterson



**Rosemary Cabrera**

Instructional Aide  
C.L.A.S.S.

Nominated by: JoJo Reyes, Ed.D.



**Lupe Chavez**

Principal's Secretary  
Biola Pershing

Nominated by: Michael Ota



**Antonio Fraguero**

Night Custodian  
Rio Vista

Nominated by: Joe Bracamonte &  
Dan Salazar



**Megan Gatzka**

Clerical Assistant II  
Liddell

Nominated by: Andria Watterson



**Sarah Grilione**

Instructional Aide – State Preschool  
Herndon Barstow

Nominated by:  
Wendy Hernandez

## Classified Nominees



**La Vonda "LJ" Johnson**

Journeyman Tradesworker  
Maintenance

Nominated by: Kathy Arnold



**Julie McMasters**

Principal's Secretary  
Glacier Point

Nominated by: Adam Hogan



**Imelda Medina**

Library Media Tech II  
Pershing/Pathway

Nominated by: Nick Hustedde



**Stacy Morgan**

Principal's Secretary  
River Bluff

Nominated by: River Bluff Staff



**Joe Sanchez**

Lead Custodian  
Teague

Nominated by:  
Teague Administration



**Gladys "Laji" Wilson**

Principal's Secretary  
Roosevelt

Nominated by: Michelle Vargas