

Ashley Falls School



Abraham Sanchez goes above and beyond every day for our students and staff. Abraham is meticulous in his abilities to ensure that our campus is safe, clean, and ready for learning each and every day. He is able to manage the many different demands of the day, be flexible in his approach to any situation, and prioritize what needs to be accomplished. Being a plant manager, he needs to know how to keep our school clean, set up for events, support our lunch problem, ensure the building safety, manage emergency drills, lead other team members, and many other important aspects of every day at school. He does all of these exceptionally and with professionalism. Abraham puts his heart and soul into our school and our school is a fantastic place

because of his commitment, professionalism, positive attitude, and skill set.

Carmel Del Mar School



Analisa Price is a hard working, reliable, supportive staff member at Carmel Del Mar School. She takes on many roles, works with a variety of students and is extremely warm and kind to all. She brings years of experiences and knowledge about working with children with an IEP to our school. She is proactive with data collection, behavior support, and is very flexible.

Del Mar Heights School



Kadrina Coffee demonstrates excellent skills with regard to providing academic instruction as related to IEP goals and common core curriculum. She seamlessly provides accommodations and modifications to general education curriculum. Kadrina's patience and understanding of behavior management allows her to maintain or regain an educational environment even when students are demonstrating challenging behaviors. No matter the situation, Ms. Coffee always brings a positive attitude to the space. She has the amazing skill to diffuse a tantruming child, offer support to a coworker without being prideful or overbearing, and helps to provide realistic strategies to support all of the children on campus. Additionally, her ability to keep consistent and accurate data supports the students' behavior goals and interventions. Kadrina is

professional, personable and is invaluable to the routine and atmosphere of the classroom and the school as a whole. Kadrina's ability to move on in the event of adversity and to "get the job done" makes her a delight to work with and a positive role model for her peers. All that being said, what she has done to single handedly keep our primary SDC children and program running as smoothly as possible with all of the challenges we have had this year, is the ultimate reason why Ms. Coffee should receive the honor of Classified Employee of the Year.

Del Mar Hills Academy



Holly Arber Holly Arber is an exceptional Office Assistant and we are glad she is one of the first people you meet when you enter the Del Mar Hills Academy campus. Her energy, commitment, flexibility, and professionalism are an asset to our entire school community. Holly's job is so multifaceted it nearly defies description. She does everything from answering phones in the front office to supporting our students who need a little time away from their classrooms to reset. Holly interacts with every student, parent and staff member with kindness and attention to each one. She juggles many roles on a daily basis with grace, compassion, thoroughness and accuracy. The front office at Del Mar Hills Academy is warm and welcoming which is due, in large part, to the wonderful first impression Holly exemplifies in our school.

Ocean Air School



Melinda Eng has provided exceptional service to the students of Ocean Air School since August of 2012. She greets every child by name as they come to get their lunch for the day. She is warm, organized, incredibly dedicated and always willing to do anything to brighten our students' days. There are many facets which require the attention of administration and our office staff. Time and time again, Melinda has demonstrated that she is willing to go above and beyond to support the needs of everyone at Ocean Air. In addition to her facilitation of our hot lunch program, Melinda has served as a translator for our students and families when they need to communicate with the front office or school staff. Ocean Air is lucky to have such a talented and dedicated member of our team. Melinda is one of our district's unsung heroes (until now)! Ocean Air couldn't be prouder to have Melinda Eng as our Classified Employee of the Year.

Sage Canyon School



Jason Billings is a phenomenal educator and champion of all students providing extraordinary support to our students, classroom teachers, and staff. Whether a student needs help, a question from staff needs to be answered, or side by side modeling is necessary, Jason is responsive and happy to assist. He is always the first one to arrive and the last one to leave and makes every moment in-between count. Jason is creative and thoughtful in his approach and helps to make our school a better place for students, their families, and our staff. Sage Canyon is extremely grateful for his expertise, work ethic, and sense of humor. When Jason is at the school site, his focus and energy is on the students and staff. Jason is always the first one to arrive and the last one to leave and makes every moment in-between count. He is always available to assist and share his experience with fellow staff. Jason is creative and thoughtful in his approach and helps to make our school a better place for students, their families, and our staff. Sage Canyon is extremely grateful for his expertise, work ethic, and sense of humor.

Sycamore Ridge School



Manny Hernandez shows up to work with a smile every day. He is extremely reliable and always ready to go. His ability to support our most impacted special needs students is incredible. His demeanor is calm and comforting and he really makes a difference in students' lives. Manny is a valuable asset to Sycamore Ridge. Manny never says no, is always positive and any task is always met with a smile. He picks up on things very fast, is always open minded in trying new strategies, both in and out of the classroom. Manny is a great advocate and always has the student's best interest in mind. He is always looking out to help or support all staff on campus. Manny is a great choice for the classified employee of the year. He sets the example of what Del Mar Union School District is at its best!

Torrey Hills School



Christina Rusconi is efficient and consistent when assisting with supporting the Torrey Hills' office. She is always eager to help. She has helped with the hot lunch program for years and keeps things organized and running smoothly. Cristina is the Copy Machine Queen! She can fix anything and she always clears the jam with a smile. She is organized and efficient in the work that she does, and can multi-task very well. Cristina has been involved in the DMUSD community since 2001. She is always going over and above to make sure teachers have what they need, support students and parents, and administration.

Early Childhood Development Center



Anne Yarnell is dedicated, professional, and hard working. She is warm and friendly with the students and staff. Her dedication to her students helps them work towards their goals. She is knowledgeable and uses her skills to guide the students in all aspects of their day. Anne is dedicated to her students. They never leave her mind and she's always thinking of ways to make accommodations and support them to make as much progress as possible. She has extensive and rich background in child development and always keeps what's best for children at the forefront of all she does. She has been a stellar employee for an incredibly long period of time (20+years). Anne is a true professional and an upstanding individual. She weathers change and works with new teachers and paraeducators as they learn and develop. Ann's only concern is the well-being of her students. She is early to work and stays after her hours are completed if anyone needs help. She is consistent, honest, joyful, knowledgeable, and mostly devoted to our students.

After School Program



Jennifer Yamate - There is no one more deserving of this award in our district than Jennifer Yamate. Jennifer has worked in our After School Program as an ASP Worker, Team Leader, and now as an Assistant Manager. She is a dedicated para-educator who always gives maximum effort for our students, families and program. She has been instrumental in the growth of our program and brings her creativity, talents and relentless drive towards creating the best Out-of-School-Time experiences for our students in Del Mar every single day. Jennifer Yamate is a proven advocate for students and an active participant in best practices which lead to student success. Jennifer has earned the respect and standing among her professional colleagues within our organization, in addition to that of the administration at every school she has worked with.

District Office



Katie Artiano serves as one of the two District Behavioral Specialists. The support she provides for the most challenging of students is to be commended. She steps in at the most challenging of times, taking control of urgent situations, all while maintaining a calm demeanor. She is flexible and always willing to help her fellow colleagues. Katie is masterful at data collection and analysis while remembering that behind every behavior is a young child with unfilled needs. It is rare to find such a talent and passion. Katie Artiano has a genuine dedication to the students, staff and families with whom she comes in contact. She is articulate. DMUSD is fortunate to have someone with such exceptional skills working to create positive change in the lives of so many children.