

## San Jose Unified Council of PTAs Outstanding Service Awards -- May 1, 2013

### **Allen at Steinbeck K-8 PTA**

#### **Susan Larson**

Allen at Steinbeck K-8 is proud to present Susan Larson with the Outstanding Service Award. Susan is one of our MOST active parent volunteers! Since 2007, Susan has been our PTA Executive VP and Historian, as well as a Chairperson for Cooking Vistas, ABC Reading, Junior Achievement, Earning 4 Learning, SCRIP, Yahoo Group, Giving Tree, Nominating Committee, and much more!!!

-- Laura Kitagawa, President, Allen at Steinbeck K-8 PTA

### **Almaden Elementary PTA**

#### **Alicia Quiroz**

Alicia has been super active in our PTA since joining this past year. She took the initiative to coordinate the Boxtops program for Almaden Elementary and has helped with many other events and programs.

When you need help, you can always count on Alicia to get things done. We are lucky to have her! Thank you for your dedicated support Alicia!

-- Melinda Mendolla, President, Almaden Elementary PTA

### **Bachrodt Charter Academy PTA**

#### **Michelle Quanz**

Our executive board has truly appreciated the efforts and willingness shown by Michelle. We appointed her to a specific representative job, and then of course recruited her for a million other tasks. She is efficient, cheerful and brilliant with new ideas. Our school continues to grow and improve because of people like Michelle that are willing to step up and serve. We look forward to all she will accomplish as the VP Membership 2013-2014.

-- Amanda Lubbs, President, Bachrodt Charter Academy PTA

### **Rachel Carson Elementary PTA**

#### **Jill Matuk**

Jill Matuk is an energetic and dedicated volunteer at Carson. Jill led the charge to set up a science lab and she prepares the materials weekly for students to participate in science experiments. Jill also was a driving force in fundraising this year and brought in a new, very successful fundraiser idea.

— Rachel Carson Elementary PTA

### **Anne Darling Elementary PTA**

#### **María de la Luz Vázquez**

Mrs. Vázquez has been a volunteer here for over ten years. She is a past PTA president and currently serves as treasurer. She is always ready to help and gives a lot of her time to the school and students.

We are very sad because this is her last year with us due to her son going on to middle school. Mrs. Vázquez, we really appreciate everything you did for us and our school!

-- Michelle Blanco, President, Anne Darling Elementary PTA

### **Empire Gardens Elementary PTA**

#### **Ingrid Vilona**

Ingrid always helps out at our school and in the community as well. At Christmas, she helped provide 53 families with gifts. Empire Gardens School is very lucky to have such a wonderful person supporting our students and community.

-- Rosa Lemus, President, Empire Gardens Elementary PTA

### **Grant Elementary PTA**

#### **Sandy Fakaosi**

I want to thank Sandy Fakaosi for her dedication our PTA and students. Her willingness to never quit working towards our goals has benefitted all of the families and staff at Grant Elementary School.

- Claudia Bautista, President, Grant Elementary PTA

### **Hammer Montessori and Galarza Elementary PTA**

#### **Angelica Reza-Atriano.**

Angelica took on the role of PTA treasurer without hesitation. She was apprehensive at first, but Angelica has taken control of her duties and more, including picking up the slack with our Drama Club. I admire her for being so responsible, and I am proud of how she has come through for our Board!

-- Veronica Vasquez, President, Hammer Montessori and Galarza Elementary PTA

### **Los Alamitos Elementary PTA**

#### **Dawn Steffler, Elizabeth Muller, and Kylie Hoyt**

"Expect Respect" was launched at Los Alamitos by Dawn Steffler, Elizabeth Muller, and Kylie Hoyt. These adult role models have created exercises and activities to boost the spirit of our student community. Students participate in *Friday Friends* and *Tuesday's Karing Kids* programs. As well, they use sticky bracelets, organized games, and kindness bouquets to spread the word on the blacktop. The program has received high praises from students, parents and the school staff.

-- Marybeth Torpey, President, Los Alamitos Elementary PTA

### **Reed Elementary PTA**

#### **Tanya Summers and Leigh Dewis, Co-Chairs**

When Tanya Summers walks onto the Reed campus, she is greeted by warm smiling faces from all the students and staff whose lives she has touched. She has been a substitute teacher, executive VP, financial secretary, has led our Variety show and Cornerstone program, chaired our silent auction - the list is endless! She volunteers her time with a happy heart and a true love for our Reed community!

Since 2002 Leigh Dewis has put her heart and soul into volunteering at Reed Elementary. She has served on the executive board for numerous years, including being president for two years. Our Script programs have been extremely successful due to all her hard work, along with our music programs, Yahoo group site, yearbook, and Library. Leigh is the backbone to our PTA- and we love her dearly!

-- Wendy Feierfeil, President, Reed Elementary PTA

### **Simonds Elementary PTA**

#### **Holly Salked**

There is not a more dedicated parent at Simonds Elementary than Holly Salked. Throughout her years at Simonds she has volunteered numerous hours to contribute to the well being of our students. She has led our Junior Achievement for several years and has served on our PTA board as treasurer and auditor. She currently serves on our foundation board as treasurer. This is Holly's final year at Simonds, and she will be greatly missed.

- Mary Mate, President, Simonds Elementary PTA

### **Terrell Elementary PTA**

#### **Lori Jenkins**

Lori created our Parent Ambassador program. She organizes events and communicates important information to our families. Lori also was a Walkathon chairperson and a yearbook chairperson.

- Terrell Elementary PTA

### **Willow Glen Elementary PTA**

#### **Sue Markham**

Sue Markham has been a tireless and dedicated volunteer with the Willow Glen Elementary School PTA. She has helped out with numerous projects over many years, especially recently with the school yearbook, talent show and school theatrical productions. Now that Sue's youngest child is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, the WGE PTA Board is very grateful to have the opportunity to publically thank Sue for all her wonderful work.

-- Lee Anna Botkin, President, Willow Glen Elementary PTA

### **Castillero Middle PTSA**

#### **Dina Blazing**

She is always willing to go above and beyond and does so with a smile. She has made the school dances fun and successful this year, and as her daughter graduates this year, we will greatly miss her presence at Castillero.

- Amy Sechrist and Barbara Carbone, Co-Presidents, Castillero PTSA

### **Hoover Middle PTSA**

#### **Julie Henriques**

Julie has been our Hospitality Chair for about three years. She helps recruit volunteers to donate food for our teachers every month at the staff meetings. Julie is always willing to help and I feel blessed to have her as a friend and PTSA member.

- Holly Aspiras, President, Hoover Middle PTSA

### **John Muir Middle PTSA**

#### **Mima Kreidenweis**

Mima is as dedicated as people come. When it comes to her family, her grandkids, and students (she works and volunteers at Hacienda, volunteers at John Muir, and runs the snack shack for the South Bay Youth Soccer league)--and she's always willing to take on more. She devotes an endless amount of time to everything that she is involved in. I have heard Mima say many times over the many years that I have known her "... of course, it's for the kids!

-- Brenda Inman, President, John Muir Middle PTSA

### **Willow Glen Middle PTA**

#### **Lisa Cervantes**

For many years, Lisa has undertaken the coordination of volunteers for activities at our school. I have admired her unselfishness. Her efforts make a difference because she took the time to organize volunteers for specific tasks on specific days and always succeeded in well-organized school and staff events. I admire her willingness, energy, and organizational abilities. Everyone on our board joins with me in recognizing her for what she did. Her example has been a great lesson for us.

-- Severine Secret, President, Willow Glen Middle PTA

### **Gunderson High PTSA**

#### **Pam and Len Greene**

"Pam and Len Greene donate countless volunteer hours to Gunderson High School. Pam is Booster Chair for Gunderson PTSA, and she and Len run the Snack Shack which provides support to our school athletics. Their hard work brings in funds that enable the PTSA to support our athletics with Sports Grants available to all teams, four small College Scholarships, and assistance in sponsoring the Athletic Awards night."

— Marc McGeever, President, Gunderson High PTSA

### **Lincoln High PTSA**

#### **Claudia Flanders**

The Lincoln PTSA is proud to honor Claudia Flanders. Claudia started a parent involvement speaker series for our PTSA to host this year and successfully chaired this terrific addition to parent education opportunities at Lincoln High School. We have had two child psychologists speak on 'Yes, Your Teenager is Crazy' and drug and alcohol abuse. We also showed the film 'Miss Representation' and sponsored a panel with students and parents that drew 105 students and 30 parents. We extend our grateful thanks to Claudia for her outstanding contributions to Lincoln High School students and families.

-- Linda Dittes, President, Lincoln High PTSA

### **Pioneer High PTSA ✓**

#### **Solinda Egermeier**

Solinda Egermeier is currently serving as the PTSA Vice President of the Performing Arts. This is a huge job that entails managing the activities and financial records of our three performing arts groups - Drama, Music, and Choir. She has put in countless hours and always has a smile on her face no matter how crazy things get! We appreciate all you do!!!

- Lisa Haselmann, President, Pioneer High PTSA

### **San Jose High PTSA**

#### **Douglas and Teri Slifer**

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Slifer for their support with the robotics team. They are always here to support the Robotics team with food and guidance no matter what day or time. They put the students first.

-- San Jose High PTSA