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## Employee Service Award Ceremony



The success of the employee service award ceremony is a testament to the strength of our collaboration and the shared commitment to our employees' well being and recognition. We would like to thank the following sites, departments, and students: Corona High School, Child Nutrition Services, Communications, Norco High School, Reprographics, and Support Services.

Congratulations to all service pin and award recipients!

## Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION—10 YEARS 2023- 2024

RYAN ADAMS CATHY CLAYTON

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VINCENT CHEN ANNEMARIE FUNGI

BETHANY CLARK MILLIE FUQUA

NKECHI GALAN SUSAN JUAREZ

CANDICE GALINDO ASHLEY KAAN

JENNIFER GARCIA BARBAREE KAISER

JENIFFER GARCIA INNA KILBERG

CINDI GATEWOOD LYDIA KIM

AMY GAUDIO MARISOL KORT

LAN GOMEZ HENRY KUNG

VANESSA GONZALES CATHY LAND

CARLOS GONZALEZ MARYANNE LEIS

CLAUDIA GUERRERO EVELYN LEONARD

YAZETTE GUERRERO LYLE LOGSTON

JOYCE GUIMET ADRIENNE LOVEJOY

CHRISTINA GUNN NADINE LOZA

KARINA GUTIERREZ AMANDA LUJAN

LISA HATFIELD KIMBERLEE LUKE

GILBERT HERNANDEZ NOEMI MACIAS MORA

YVETTE HERNANDEZ DENISE MACIEL

MICHELLE HERRERA TRAVIS MACKEY

MARLENA HIDALGO PATRICIA MAES

JASON HO NICOLE MALGRA

DENISE HOLT TINA MANNESS

BRYAN HUGHES KARA MARSHALL

CHRISTINA HYATT FABIAN MARTINEZ

EVA ISETT IRMA MARTINEZ

HILDA JAUREGUI CASTANON YVETTE MARTINEZ

#### Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION 40-YEARS 2023-2024

**Michael Reister** 

Today, we come together to celebrate Michael Reister for his extraordinary achievement of 40 years of service to our beloved school district. Michael has dedicated 40 years to the students, staff, and school communities within the Corona -Norco School District. Michael started his career as a split contract teacher at Auburndale Intermediate and Norco Intermediate. Shortly after, Michael taught at Orange Grove High School for four years. Michael is currently one of the inaugural certificated staff members at Centennial High School and continues to teach Social Science classes.

Throughout his teaching career, Michael has demonstrated an unparalleled dedication to the craft of teaching. He has tirelessly poured his time, energy, and expertise into nurturing the minds of countless students, leaving an enduring legacy that transcends the confines of the classroom. Much has changed in the 40 years since Michael began his professional teaching career.

Michael has dedicated countless hours in support of the athletics programs at Centennial High School. He is an accomplished water skier. When Michael is not having fun on Canyon Lake, you can often find him at the Centennial High School athletic fields or gyms supporting all student athletes.

Today, as we honor Michael 's 40 years of service, we extend our deepest gratitude for his unwavering dedication, passion, and leadership. His impact on our school district is immeasurable, and for that, we are profoundly grateful.

May this moment be a testament to his remarkable achievements and an opportunity to celebrate his profound impact on the lives of so many students, staff members, and community members.

We wish Michael continued success, fulfillment, and inspiration in the years to come. Thank you for 40 years of exceptional service and dedication to our school district.

#### **Loraine Schmid**

Loraine Schmid, a dedicated teacher at Ronald Reagan Elementary, shines brightly with compassion in the field of special education. With an illustrious career spanning 35 years in the Corona Norco Unified School District, Lori has left an indelible mark on countless lives. Her unwavering kindness, infinite patience, and boundless love for children have defined her journey, making her an asset to her students, colleagues, and our community.

At Ronald Reagan Elementary, Lori's presence is synonymous with warmth and understanding. Her ability to connect with each child on a deeply personal level transcends conventional teaching methods, fostering an environment where every student feels valued and supported. She wears her heart on her sleeve and has dedicated herself to nurturing the potential of every child, regardless of their challenges or obstacles.

Beyond her exemplary skills as an educator, Lori's impact extends far beyond the confines of the classroom. She serves as a mentor and guide for both students and parents, offering unwavering support and empathy during times of struggle and success. Her genuine love for her students goes beyond academic achievement; it encompasses their holistic well-being, instilling in them the confidence and resilience needed to navigate life's journey with grace and determination.

Lori's 35-year milestone in the Corona Norco Unified School District is not merely a testament to her longevity, but a celebration of her enduring legacy of service and compassion. Through the years, she has touched the hearts of countless individuals, leaving an indelible imprint that will be remembered by her students and their families the rest of their lives. Her commitment to excellence and unwavering passion for special education continue to inspire generations of educators and students alike, embodying the very essence of what it means to make a difference in the lives of others.

As we celebrate Lori Schmid's remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication, we honor not only her contributions to Ronald Reagan Elementary but also her profound impact on the fabric of our community. Her personal journey is a testament to the power of love, kindness, and unwavering dedication in shaping the lives of those around us. In her, we find not just a teacher, but someone who gives hope and inspiration, illuminating the path towards a brighter future for all.

## Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION—10 YEARS 2023-2024

NAOMI MCCULLEY YOJANA PATIL

WILLIAM MCGRATH TRACY PAYNE

MONIQUE MEDINA ANDREW PENA

ANGELES MENDEZ HORACIO PEREZ

LORI MENDOZA JOSE PEREZ

MAKAYLA MENNELLA KARINA PEREZ

MONICA MERCADO VIRIDIANA PEREZ OCON

JUVY MINA SARA PICKETT

DANIEL MIRANDA SEAN PINDER

EMILY MIRANDA NATHAN PITTS TOGNETTI

TARA MISILAGI JESSICA PONCE

MICHAEL MITCHELL TROY POURCHOT II

TAMARA MOORE KEITH POWERS

YVONNE MORRISON STACY PRECIADO

CYNTHIA MOSLEY ELIDIA RAGAN

PABLO MUNIZ STEPHANIE RAMIRES

KIMBERLY NEPOMUCENO ARACELI RAMIREZ

BRIDGET NICKEL HUGO RAMOS

MICHAEL NUGENT NICOLE RAMOS

BRIAN OCHOA SHERI RAPHAEL

NATALIE OLMEDO JOANNA RAZO

MARTHA ONTES CLAUDIA REBELO

LORENA ONTIVEROS MELISSA RELATORES

GARETH PANDY SUSAN REMINGTON

RAYLENE PARADA SARA REYNOLDS

CHRISTI RICO LINDSAY STOTTS

NATALIE RIPPE SARAH TADEO

RICARDO RIVAS TERESA TAPP

JULIO RIVERA ALICIA THOMAS

MARIA RIVERA DOLORES TORO

FERNANDO ROCHA MEAGAN TORRES

JULIE RODRIGUEZ KERRIE UPDEGRAFF

RALPH RODRIGUEZ CECILIA VALADEZ

RICARDO SALAS MICHELLE VARGAS

BEN SANCHEZ MONICA VARGAS

ELIA SANCHEZ SUSANA VARGAS

ERIKA SANCHEZ JULIAN VEGA

VANESSA SAUCEDO PRISCELLA VEGA

CARIDAD SCHNEIDER CELIA VEGA SANCHEZ

LAURA SCIOLINO SHAUNA VELTZ

JAVIER SEPULVEDA JR MARCELLA VILLA RINCON

KIMBERLY SHANK SHARLENE VIRAMONTES

SANAA SHBAITA ESTHER WELKER

MELANIE SHEPHERD ASHLEE WIEBE

MAGDALENA SMIHULA KELLY WILLIAMS

DANNA SNYDER SARA WINGER

MICHELLE SOLANO BLAKE WORLEY

CHRISTINA SOTELO DEANNA YAKUBOVSKY

JONA SPENCER TINA YANCEY

BRIDGETTE STEWART MARY HELEN YBARRA

#### Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION 35-YEARS 2023-2024

#### Gilbert Ortiz

At the heart of Coronita Elementary School's daily operations stands a pillar of dedication and positivity: Gilbert, the custodian extraordinaire. With an impressive 35 years of service under his belt, Gilbert embodies the epitome of commitment and reliability. Rain or shine, Gilbert can be found navigating the halls with a cheerful disposition, brightening the days of students and staff alike.

Never one to shy away from hard work, Gilbert approaches his duties with diligence and a positive attitude, ensuring that the campus gleams with cleanliness and order. Beyond his incredible work ethic, Gilbert's warmth and approachability have endeared him to the entire Coronita community, earning him the admiration and respect of teachers who have come to rely on his unwavering support and friendship.

As Coronita Elementary School honors Gilbert's remarkable milestone, it's clear that his contributions extend far beyond his custodial duties. He is a cherished member of the Coronita family. Gilbert's enduring presence serves as a testament to the power of dedication, kindness, and unwavering commitment to excellence. As we celebrate Gilbert's 35 years of service, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for his tireless efforts, his unwavering positivity, and the countless lives he has touched with his warmth and kindness. Here's to you, Gilbert – a true cornerstone of the Coronita community!

Gilbert always puts a smile on my face. He is always willing to help, and I look forward to seeing him every day. Gilbert is very cheerful, positive, and a fun presence at Coronita. Amber Olson

Gilbert: Thank you for being AMAZING! I have enjoyed every after-school conversation about day-to-day life! You enter each of our classrooms with a smile and the best positive energy! Congratulations on 35 years! Natalie Anthony

Congratulations, Gilbert! It has been a pleasure to work with you for many years. You have always been gracious, kind, and respectful. I have enjoyed the many conversations that we have shared after school. Enjoy the rest of your career with the school district. Janice Hathaway

#### Arturo Nunez Jr.

As we reflect on the journey of the Corona-Norco Unified School District, one name stands out as a dedicated and loyal employee. Today, we honor Art Nunez as he celebrates an incredible milestone: 35 years of unwavering service to our organization.

Art Nunez joined the CNUSD team 35 years ago in 1989, bringing with him a passion for excellence and a determination to make a difference. Over the years, he has played an integral role in the success and growth of our district. His wisdom, guidance, hard work ethic, and unwavering dedication has inspired countless individuals within our organization. He is more than just an employee; he is a trusted mentor, a dedicated employee, and a cherished friend to many.

Throughout his tenure, Art Nunez has demonstrated an unparalleled work ethic, consistently going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the success of the CNUSD organization. His resilience in the face of challenges, his ability to adapt to change, and his unwavering commitment to our values serve as a testament to his exceptional character and professionalism.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Art Nunez is known for his kindness, humility, and generosity of spirit. He embodies the true essence of teamwork, always willing to lend a helping hand and support to our district staff and community members in any way he can.

As we celebrate this remarkable milestone in Art's career, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for his countless contributions to our organization. His passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment have left an indelible mark on our district, and for that, we are profoundly grateful.

On behalf of the entire Corona-Norco Unified School District family, we thank Art for his 35 years of service, leadership, and friendship. May this milestone be a testament to his remarkable achievements. We wish Art continued success, happiness, and fulfillment in the years to come. Congratulations on this extraordinary achievement!

## Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION—15 YEARS 2023-2024

SADIA AHMAD JAMIE MULLER

RAQUEL ALBA BENJAMIN ODIPO

DIANNE ALEXANDER ESTHER PARK

MARICELA ARELLANO TRACY RAMIREZ GIDDENS

KIMBERLY BATES CAROLYN REEVE

IRINA BELLEVILLE MARIA SAGASTEGUI

JEFFERY CAMERON CECILIA SANCHEZ

AMBER COLANGELO TYIESHA SEMPA

TONI GUTIERREZ YOLANDA TRAN

ZONDRA LAWRENCE CARRIE TURANG

TAMRA MCFARLAND JACQUELINE WARE

TRACY MERMINGEZ HANS WILDERDYK

KELLEEN ADAMSON JAKE BEIGLE

JASON ALLEN ERIK BLANKENBEKER

JAMIE ALVAREZ KIMBERLY BOLLE

CECILIA ALVIZURES URBAN MELISSA BRASINGTON

HEATHER ALWARDT THU BUU

JOSEPH ANTONELLI MELISSA CARLSON

MICHELLE ARIAS STEVEN CASE

ALEJANDRA AVENDANO AMANDA CASIANO

ANITA AXT LINDSEY CASPER

MARIA BADUA KATHIE CASTILLO

ERIN BAKER NANCY CASTILLO

AMBER BALTIERRA ADRIANNA CASTRO

KEITH BARMANN EVELYN CASTRO

JEREMY BARNES LEA CHAFFIN

DIANA BARRON GRISELDA CID

RENEE BECKER KRYSTLE CONTRERAS

## Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION 35-YEARS 2023-2024

#### Carolyn Mueller

In a school district, there are few treasures as cherished as a dedicated elementary teacher. For an extraordinary span of 35 years, Cari Mueller has been guiding the educational journey of countless young minds. With a sense of purpose and commitment, Cari has not only imparted knowledge but has ignited a passion for learning. She is excited to see her students grow up and come back to visit for Senior Walks and more. She is the first one there to whip out her camera and celebrate their growth.

Beyond the classroom walls, Cari has fostered a sense of unity among colleagues as Coronita Elementary is more of a family, than a workplace. Together, Coronita staff has weathered storms, celebrated triumphs, and watched with pride as their own children have grown alongside the students they've taught. There have been many birthdays, baby showers, weddings and more. As we reflect on Cari's remarkable tenure, we are reminded of the profound impact she has had on the Coronita community, as shown by the testimonials from her colleagues.

Cari is a caring person and cares about her students and staff. Many times over the years she has gone above and beyond to help the families of our Coronita students. She truly believes that once a student has been in her class, they are a member of her school family.

Teri Sanchez

Cari is a one-person welcoming committee at Coronita. I was lucky to join the fourth-grade team alongside Cari, who quickly became one of my favorite people. Cari is so funny, honest, and incredibly thoughtful.

**Amber Olson** 

Cari: You have brought the heart and laughs to our wonderful school, students and staff will agree! We have shared a lot, and I am so glad to see you recognized today!! 35 years!! Go Mueller!!

Natalie Anthony

Congratulations to you, Cari! Thirty-five years and still going strong! Thank you for being a kind friend and co-worker for 32 of your 35 years. I treasure the time that we have worked together. I will always think of you when I look at my unused scrapbooking materials. You are so good at preserving memories through photographs! Enjoy the rest of your career with CNUSD!

Janice Hathaway

#### Lori Motonaga

Lori Motonaga, Intervention Counselor at Norco High School, has recently completed an impressive 35 years of dedicated service within the Corona Norco Unified School District. Throughout her tenure, Lori has been the epitome of professionalism and compassion, touching the lives of countless students and colleagues.

Her calm demeanor has been a beacon of stability and trust for those navigating the often tumultuous waters of high school life. Lori's approachable and serene presence in the counseling office has made her a beloved figure among the student body, providing a safe space for students to express their concerns, fears, and hopes.

Beyond her official role, Lori's willingness to go above and beyond for the benefit of her students and fellow staff members sets her apart. Whether it's staying late to help a student develop a college application, providing resources for those in need, or simply lending an ear to someone going through a tough time, Lori has consistently demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to the Norco High School community. Her efforts have not only contributed to the academic success of her students but have also fostered a nurturing and supportive school environment where everyone feels valued and understood.

As we celebrate Lori Motonaga's 35 years of service, it's clear that her impact on Norco High School and the broader Corona Norco Unified School District cannot be overstated. Her dedication to her work and the people she serves has left an indelible mark on the community, inspiring both her colleagues and students to strive for excellence and compassion in all their endeavors. Lori, thank you for your unwavering dedication, your inspiring commitment, and the countless lives you have positively influenced. Your legacy at Norco High School will undoubtedly be remembered and cherished for many years to come.

## Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION—20 YEARS 2023-2024

MONIQUE CORONA MONICA FARHALL PEDRO CORREA **LEAH FONSTEIN** MIGUEL CORTEZ **BRENDA FORRESTER** MARIA COWPER CAROLYN FRITH KRISTINA CRUZ JESSICA FULLER KARLA CZAPLINSKI ROBERT GARCIA JAIME DE LA TORRE TRANG GARVEY **EVANGELINA DIAZ** MICHAEL GAUGHAN TIFFANY DILLEY **DEREK GILDNER** JEANETTE DOTSON HAMUSEK JUNE GIROUX JENNIFER DOWNS **IZAAK GIVENS** JOSEPH DUDEK **BOBBI GOLDSTEIN IRENE ENO** ABEL GONZALEZ

PATRICIA EVALLE MARISOL GONZALEZ

AMY EVERETT SARAH GONZALEZ

KARRIE GORDON SANDRA JUAREZ

TARA HAECKEL-ROCKER BONDANA JUNGERMAN

RICHARD HALE ANDREA KEA

MEAGEN HAMILTON NICOLE KINGMAN

ANNETTE HANCE LEANNE KOONTZ

LINDA HAWKINS PATRICIA KRCMAR

AMANDA HEIGHTON KELLEY KROUT

DEBRA HERNANDEZ COURTNEY KRUEGER

GRACIELA HERNANDEZ ROCIO LACERA

DIANE HILL KENNETH LEBER

STEPHEN HILL JR ANTHONY LEGASPI

REBECCA HOY AMY LOO

RICHARD HUNDLEY ELIZABETH LOPEZ

SUZANNE JAMBRETZ ERWIN LOPEZ

AIDA JARA JULIA LOPEZ

ROBIN JONES TIMOTHY MACCONNELL

## Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION 35-YEARS 2023-2024

#### Carla Moser

Carla Moser is a first grade teacher at Foothill Elementary School. As a teenager, she knew she wanted to become a teacher after working with kids during summer day camp and at Sunday School. In 1988, Carla earned her B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts from Southern California College (now Vanguard University). Later that year, she was hired as the Kindergarten teacher at a private preschool. The following year, Carla was hired at Foothill as a second-grade teacher.

In 1991, Carla started her family with the birth of her daughter, Kaycee. Her second daughter, Emily, was born 3 years later. Carla supported them in all of their activities, including dance, theater, singing, and ice skating. Carla enrolled at Cal State Fullerton in 2003 and earned her M.S. Degree in Reading Instruction along with a Reading Specialist Credential.

During the course of her career, she has taught over 1,000 students in first and second grades, served as a New Teacher Consultant, became Foothill's Reading Specialist, launched "Reading Club" (an after-school cross-age reading intervention program), and earned Teacher of the Year for Foothill.

Carla is grateful to CNUSD for always providing training and support to be the best teacher she can be. She is also thankful to her Foothill Family for always providing their love and encouragement throughout the years.

#### **Mary Kay Mahaffey**

A Transitional Kindergarten teacher is a beacon of warmth and guidance in a child's earliest educational journey. They must possess a unique blend of patience, creativity, and boundless energy, tailored to meet the needs of their young students. Mrs. Mahaffey possesses not only these characteristics, but so much more. She has a strong nurturing demeanor, that fosters an environment where curiosity is celebrated, mistakes are seen as opportunities for growth, and each child's individuality is cherished.

In the bustling world of kindergarten, a teacher's day is filled with a kaleidoscope of activities. From storytelling sessions that transport little minds to far-off lands, to hands-on art projects that unleash their creativity, a kindergarten teacher's curriculum is as diverse as the imaginations of their students. They seamlessly blend structured learning with play-based exploration, understanding that for a five-year-old, every interaction is a chance to learn something new.

Beyond academics, Mrs. Mahaffey serves as a pillar of emotional support for their students. She provides a safe space for children to express themselves, offering gentle guidance through the ups and downs of early social interactions. Whether it's consoling a tearful friend or cheering on a classmate's success, she daily plays a pivotal role in shaping the emotional intelligence of the next generation.

In the eyes of her students, she is more than just an educator; she is a friend, a mentor, and a source of unwavering encouragement. Through her dedication and passion over these past 35 years, she has been consistently laying the foundation for a lifelong love of learning, instilling in each child the confidence to embrace the adventures that lie ahead. The McKinley Family would like to congratulate Mary Kay on this remarkable achievement.

## Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION—20 YEARS 2023-2024

VERONICA MACIAS LISA MILLER

ROBERT MACLEAN KATHRYN MOMANEY

ROBIN MAFFUCCI LISA MORENO

KATHERYN MARNIN THERESA MORRIS

BRONYA MARTINEZ THOMAS MOSQUEDA

OLIVIA MARTINEZ CELESTE MOUREAUX

KELLY MASSEY SERGIO MUNOZ

FRANK MATA CAROLINA MURCIA CASTRO

KRISTINA MATSON LILIA MYERLY

ROSARIO MATTESON JACLYN NUTTMANN

ROBERT MCHUGH JR JEFFREY OBERDANK

SHAUNNA MCINTYRE RAUL OLIVARES

DEBRA MCKECHNIE JASON OSULLIVAN

CRYSTAL MEJIA GLORIA PALMA

ANGEL MEJICO CECILIA PARKER

CHRISTINE MILLER NORMA PARRA

MARC PAYAN YASMINA RIVAS CORTES

ELISA PENHALL GEORGE RODRIGUEZ

TIMOTHY PEREZ VALERIE ROSAS

VERONICA PEREZ MARY ROYBAL

MARK PFEIFFER MARTHA RUBIO MARQUEZ

OLIVIA PONCE SMITH MARGARITA RUDOLPH

KELLY POTTER BONNIE RUNGO

LANCE QUILLEN ALISON RYAN

JEREMY RACHUNOK MINA SAADATI

EVONNE RAMSEY CYNTHIA SAENZ

STEPHANIE RANSOM JAHANARA SALIM

KAREN RAY GINA SANCHEZ

BRYAN REID LORENA SANCHEZ

SYLVIA REYNOSO GUTIERREZ SHERWIN SANDERS

MARIA RINCON SALAZAR BRENDA SAUCIDO

HILDA RIVAS JANINE SAUNDERS

#### Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION 35-YEARS 2023-2024

#### Vincent Jovero

Vinnie's incredible journey with Corona Norco Unified School District started as a student. He proudly shared he is an alumni of Sierra Vista Elementary School, Norco Intermediate School, and Norco High School. Go Cougars! Vinnie's professional journey began during his high school years as he volunteered by performing service hours at Norco High School where he worked closely with the Night Custodian, Buddy Stevens. Mr. Stevens was a positive role model for Vinnie and encouraged him to apply to be a school custodian after graduation.

Vinnie was hired in 1989 as Washington Elementary's custodian. He brought with him the experiences shared with Mr. Stevens and allowed his craft to be further shaped by working with the Head Custodian, Fred Box. Vinnie fondly remembered his time at Washington as memorable and instructional. The custodial team at Washington was supportive while teaching him the finer skills he needed to begin the path of custodial significance. In 1990, CNUSD was challenged with a budget crisis that resulted in some layoffs. Vinnie was grateful that he was able to transfer to our Child Nutrition Department for a few months, but as soon as he was given the opportunity, he returned to his favorite position of custodian. That's when his journey as a Raney Knight began.

At Raney, Vinnie polished his craft and is the embodiment of a Knight; part caretaker, part curator, but one hundred percent a steward of the school grounds, the students, staff and campus visitors. He takes great pride in creating an environment that is functional, pristine and supportive of the important work done by students and teachers. One of Vinnie's favorite coworkers met at Raney was Al Alcala. Al was kind and helpful to all he encountered. Vinnie, ever the steward, emulated Al's kind nature and helpfulness when interacting with anyone on the Raney campus. While Vinnie will miss his current custodial team, the Raney staff, and especially our Head Custodian, Jorge Sanchez, he looks forward to increasing time to enjoy his rocket hobby. He aspires to pursue a career in Aerospace and hopes to one day work with STEM programs for students. Vinnie knows he will be back at Raney as a volunteer to continue to inspire our students in the Rocket Club. He is excited to come back and see the many facility updates that are planned, but he is especially enthusiastic to see Raney have a gym on our campus.

Vinnie has stated it is his immense pleasure and honor to serve CNUSD students and staff in numerous ways over the last 35 years of his life. From his time as student apprentice to his position as a role model/custodian, Vinnie has given this district, students, staff and community the very best of himself. Today we formally appreciate Vinnie Jovero for all he has done for CNUSD, Raney Intermediate School and the after school Rocket Club during his years of service and for his ongoing commitment to our school's safety, cleanliness, and curb appeal. The students, staff and community join together to wish him good health, happiness and enjoyment in his retirement. Congratulations on a legendary 35 years of service to Corona Norco Unified School District!

#### Kelly Fisher

Mrs. Kelly Fisher's remarkable dedication to teaching spans an impressive 35 years. Throughout her career, Mrs. Fisher has been an inspiration, nurturing young minds with her unwavering commitment and passion for excellence. Her tenure stands as a testament to her enduring love for teaching and her profound impact on generations of students.

As an established educator, Mrs. Fisher has exemplified the core values of education: patience, empathy, and a relentless pursuit of knowledge as a lifelong learner. Mrs. Kelly Fisher's journey can be characterized by a thirst for knowledge, commitment to personal and professional growth, and her dedication to her students.

Over the years, she has cultivated a classroom environment that fosters intellectual curiosity and encourages students to reach their full potential. Her teaching methods, coupled with a true interest in the well-being of her students, have left a lasting mark on the hearts and minds of all those fortunate to have been her students.

Mrs. Fisher's legacy of excellence will continue to resonate throughout CNUSD. Her unwavering dedication, compassionate demeanor, and profound impact on the lives of countless students serve as a shining example of the transformative power of education.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Kelly Fisher for her 35 years of service, and we celebrate her enduring legacy as a beacon of inspiration in the field of education.

## Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION—20 YEARS 2023-2024

DANIELLE SCHOLL RHONDA TRASK

PAUL SCHROEDER ALICIA TRIBOLET

ALISON SCHULZ ANTONY TYLER

WINDE SCIARRA ANDREA VALDEZ

MICHAEL SEKERAK FRANCINE VASQUEZ

JORGE SERRATO ALICIA VILLAREAL

JENNIFER SHANE ROSA VILLELA

CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY MILDRED VINCELETTE

JACKIE SHIRES CARYN VRANICH

ANA SILVA MARK WADE

LUCINA SILVA STEPHEN WALKER

LAURA SIQUELAND JAMIE WATTS

MARGARET SUNIGA DONNETTE WHEAT

LISA TARTER ALBERT WILLIAMS III

RICARDO TERRIQUEZ JILL WIRTZ

NANCY THOMAS MARILYN ZAGUIRRE

PETER TOOMEY MAYRA ZUNIGA

KIMBERLY AGUIRRE JOANA COLBURN

NEDA AMOUI JOYONA CONROY ZEPEDA

JACQUELINE ARELLANO JULIE COOLEY

SHANNAN ASH JENNIFER CORDURA

NANCY BAKER CELIA CORONA SALLEY

ANA BARRANCAS PATRICK COWAN

LORENA BEJARANO TANYA DAMASCO

AMY BEYERSDORF TRACIE DAVIS

DANIEL BLANCHETTE BRIAN DROBET

ELVIRA BLANCO JULIE DUNCAN

CHANTAL BOLICK STEVEN ELLIS

JOHN BRASINGTON JULIE FRNST

AMY BRENNEMAN ADAN ESPARZA

ROSE BROOKS VERONICA ESPINOZA

SAMUEL BUENROSTRO MARICELA ESTRADA AVILA

KIMBERLY CAVERLY WILLIAM FISHER

CARRIE CHEN STEPHANIE FORD

MARISA CHIR JILL FRITZSCHE

KARL CHRISTENSEN JILL FRYE

BELINDA CLARRY RODNEY GAMBLE

JILL CLEVELAND LISA GOBLE

## Corona-Norco Unified School District SERVICE RECOGNITION 35-YEARS 2023-2024

#### **Paul Falsone**

There are people who put in time, and there are people who put in heart. Over his past 35 years of service in CNUSD, Paul Falsone has definitely poured his heart and soul into the well-being of those he comes into contact with. An immense sense of gratitude and admiration for his extraordinary dedication and commitment is definitely well-deserved.

Paul's unwavering passion for teaching, particularly in the realm of special education, has not only touched the lives of thousands of students but has also left an indelible mark on our entire community. His selflessness and tireless efforts in ensuring that every child receives the support and guidance they need exemplify the true spirit of education.

As a department chair, Paul has served as a positive example and inspiration for his colleagues. His leadership, guidance, and unwavering commitment to excellence have fostered a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement within our school. What truly sets Paul apart is his genuine care and concern for the well-being of his students. The willingness to go above and beyond to advocate for their needs and create a nurturing learning environment where they can thrive is a testament to your remarkable character and compassion.

There is never a doubt that any decision Paul makes is for anything other than the best interest of his students and their families. His remarkable ability to motivate students while making families feel comfortable is second-to-none. All of us at ERHS and CNUSD would like to express our gratitude for his decades of service, his dedication, and his unwavering commitment to doing what's right for our students. Paul's contributions have made a profound difference in the lives of so many, and for that, we are truly grateful.

#### John Doerr

Today we celebrate the remarkable career of John Doerr, who has dedicated an impressive 35 years of service as an outstanding business teacher within the CNUSD community and at Corona High School.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Doerr has not only imparted invaluable knowledge of business principles to his students but has also served as a mentor, guide, and source of inspiration for countless individuals. His passion for teaching and commitment to student success have left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of those he has taught.

Mr. Doerr's dedication to innovative teaching methods, and genuine care for his students exemplify the epitome of excellence in education. He has not only equipped students with the tools they need to succeed academically but has also instilled in them the values of integrity, perseverance, and leadership that will serve them well beyond the classroom.

As we express our deepest gratitude for his 35 years of exemplary service, we also extend our warmest congratulations to Mr. John Doerr on this well-deserved recognition. His legacy continue to inspire and uplift future generations of students and educators alike.

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JODI GONZALES CARLOTTA MAGGI

RHONDA GRABOW JOEL MANLEY

MARGARET GREENE LOPEZ ALICIA MARTIN

TARA GUDINO BRENDA MARTIN

JOYCE HAGMAN GEORGE MARTIN

STACI HANSEN TANYA MARTINEZ

IVY HAUB MICHELLE MASON DOOLEY

PAUL HENDERSON KEVIN MCGEE

CRYSTAL HERNANDEZ SHELBY MCINTYRE

FRANCINE HERRERA MATTHEW MICHEL

LEANNE HERRON LINETTE MONG

ERICA HOLGUIN KELLEY MOORE

TOBY HOY SUZANNE MORRIS

JASON IRWIN JULIE MORRISON

SCOTT JACKSON MICHAEL MUNOZ

KELLI JAKUBIK DOUGLAS MURRAY

SHANNON JAMES JUAN NAVARRO

ISAM KEBBAS JOSE ORTIZ

PAARU KWIATKOWSKI CHRISTINA PANZERI ALVAREZ

JEFFREY LANDRUM STACY PEREZ

ELIZABETH LOPEZ ROGER QUINONES

WENDY QUINTANA LEAH SULLIVAN

MARYSOL RAMSHAW KAREN TAGGART

JULIE RASMUSSEN ILENE TEDESCO

MONICA RAYGOZA NATHAN THEUNE

SUSAN REX LAURIE THOMPSON

ALICE REYNOSO RICHARD TODD

HERMINIA RIVERA MICHELLA TURNER

RAUL RIVERA GRISELDA VALDEZ

OLIVIA VARGAS AMY ROBERTS

LETICIA VAZQUEZ
LETICIA RODRIGUEZ

HEATHER VERNOY

MICHAEL ROSALES

JENNIFER VILLASENOR

ANA SALAS

JENNIFER WALASEK

KIMBERLY SANDERS

DEANNA WANIS

STEVE SANTILLAN KRISTEN WARREN

ERIKA SCHULZ MARY WEAVER MAKI

CHRISTOPHER SEHEULT HEIDI WHITE

KIMBERLY SEHEULT MARY WHITE

STEPHANIE SIMMS SUSANA WHITECLOUD

DAWN SMITH SARAH WILHITE

MEGHAN STIGMON SHANNON WRAY

JULIANNE STIVERS SUSAN YOUNG

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2023-2024

#### **Esther Avalos**

We extend our congratulations to Esther Avalos for her service throughout her 35 years in the Corona Norco Unified School District. Esther has spent her time supporting as a paraeducator within our district. Her effort and presence have been evident in her role and school site over the years.

Throughout her tenure, Esther displayed qualities of enthusiasm and adaptability. Esther's contributions have been her interactions with elementary and middle school students. While she may not have been their teacher in the traditional sense, her presence was part of their educational experience. Whether it was assisting with work, providing support, or simply lending a listening ear, Esther participated in the development of young minds.

As Esther celebrates this milestone, we take this opportunity to express our thanks for her years of service. We wish her the best as she continues her career and carries with her the knowledge and contributions she has made. Thank you, Esther, for your 35 years of service in the CNUSD educational community.

#### Cara Asper

Today marks a significant milestone in your career as a teacher as you receive your 35-year service recognition it is a testament to your unwavering dedication and commitment to education. Over the past three and a half decades, you have left an indelible mark on the lives of countless students, colleagues, and the wider community. Your journey began with a passion for shaping young minds and a commitment to fostering a love for learning.

Throughout the years, you have not only imparted knowledge but also instilled invaluable life lessons, inspired curiosity, and nurtured the potential of each student who walked through your classroom door. Your impact extends beyond the confines of the classroom. You have been a mentor, a confidant, and a source of support for your colleagues, always willing to share your expertise and lend a helping hand. Your leadership and dedication to continuous improvement have enriched the educational experience for everyone around you. As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we reflect on the countless lives you have touched and the profound difference you have made in shaping the future generation. Your passion, resilience, and unwavering dedication serve as an inspiration to us all. Congratulations on 35 years of service, and here's to many more years of transforming lives through education.

Heartfelt thoughts from your colleagues: Cara Asper is one of the hardest working teachers I have ever seen! She is always willing to go the extra mile to ensure that every student in her classroom reaches their full potential! After 35 years, her passion and dedication to her students is inspiring! -Annie Angelo Cara is one of the most dedicated and kind teachers I worked with in my 38 years of teaching! She really knows her students. -Susan Lepard

Cara is a wonderful friend and colleague. She is involved with all students on our campus. Her students and her former students speak very highly of her. I have been very lucky to work with Cara for the past 28 years. She is a positive influence with our special ed classes.-Debra Buchann Cara has impacted many lives with her kindness and dedication here at Adams Elementary. She makes her 35-year journey through education look easy. CONGRATULATIONS Cara!! - Evie Ramsey

In the short time I've known her, Cara has been very kind and welcoming to me. -Alyson Strong Congratulations on 35 years of teaching, Cara! What an accomplishment! You are a valued teacher and friend. -Michelle Aragon Cara is an amazing teacher. Her compassion and understanding for staff and students is evident in how well she builds relationships and inspires others to achieve. My son was lucky enough to have her as his second-grade teacher. He is 16 now and to this day will say that Mrs. Asper is still his favorite teacher. -Marlena Reyes

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KELLEY BURKETT MICHAEL MACDONALD

JESUS CARRIZOSA ROSEMARY MARTINEZ

SUSAN CARSON HERLINDA MARTINEZ

LETICIA CERVANTES KRISTEN MATSUMOTO

JENNIFER DE VRIES SAMUEL MORRISON

JULIE DEROSE ROSA MURILLO

MARGOT DEVITT VICKI NEVAREZ

NANCY DUINO CICCHELLI GUADALUPE NUNEZ

ANDREA GARTEN AMY PIERCE

DOROTHY HENDERSON MARTIN RAMSEY

MARY HOLGUIN ROSALVA SILVA

SUSAN HOPPER LISA SIMON

KIMBERLY JONES BRANDON SMITH

DARREN KEMPKES CATHERINE WHALEN

STEPHANIE LIUAG SHELLY YARBROUGH

GERALDINE LOPEZ BRANDI ZAPATA

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