

2005 Classified Champions

Classified employees, those who clean our schools, transport our children, provide clerical and technical support, maintain our buildings, feed our students and staff and provide education support in the classrooms make up approximately half of the district's staff. Each year, outstanding classified employees are recognized by the Board of Education for providing service above and beyond their regular duties. An excerpt from each employee's nomination form is next to each champion's picture.

John Avila, Plant Manager, Camellia Basic Elementary, 17 years. "He has spent many hours, days and weekends assisting volunteers planting a large variety of flora and fauna. The grounds have bloomed under his care."

LaRayvian Barnes McDonald, Instructional Aide, Special Education, Genevieve Didion/John Morse K-8, 6 years. "She's assigned to Genevieve Didion, but continues to coach the John Morse girls basketball team. She also tutors them to make sure both boys and girls keep their grades up."

Frank Joseph Cabral, Bus Driver, Transportation/Prairie West, 7 years. "We at Prairie West consider our classes lucky to have such a wonderful bus driver and member of our school family. Frank's actions make all the difference in daily classroom success."

Pamela Cajucom, Coordinator, Healthy Start, John Bidwell/Caroline Wenzel Healthy Start, 4 years. "Pamela consistently goes beyond the scope of her position to secure activities and grants that will benefit all the children, families and staff members of this school."

(photo not available) Kazi Chiao, School Office Manager 3, A. Warren McClaskey Adult, 19 years. "She always has time for others – even if it means she needs to put in additional time to complete her tasks. Kazi is a true asset not only to McClaskey, but also to the district."

Luis Flores, Plant Manager, Isador Cohen, 17 years. "Mr. Flores is bilingual and is always ready to assist in translation for registration, parent concerns, at ELAC meetings and for telephone calls. Staff can call on him for assistance or service."

Monica Garland, Office Manager, Will C. Wood Middle, 8 years. "It was Monica's idea to develop and start our school attendance committee. Her efforts have improved our schools attendance and set our school aside as a model for the Williams' case visit."

Lorraine Halsey, Instructional Aide, John D. Sloat Basic, 10 years. "Jan has decorated for many parent nights at school on her own time. She's made decorations at home and brought them in. She is always willing and able to help anyone, anywhere."

Dena Hayes, Food Service Assistant, Rosemont High, 13 years. "Dena has everything under control. She is involved in the community-school spirit. She would do out of her way to make sure my son felt welcome at lunch."

Carolyn Heim, Counseling Technician, Will C. Wood Middle, 16 years. "Carolyn has a sincere and genuine interest in the welfare of our students. Carolyn 'connects' with the students on a personal level and makes them feel important. All staff respect her."

Leigh Houghton, Instructional Aide, Bret Harte Elementary, 6 years. "Leigh has given her personal time to assist us with ensuring that our kindergarten students are ready for first grade. Our instructional aides have been the drumbeat behind the beautiful music playing on our campus every single day."

Karyn Hubbard, Office Clerk III, Alice Birney Elementary, 10 years. "Her warm smile and friendly assistance makes people feel welcome at Alice Birney. She is always willing to do extra projects for teachers and staff after the regular work completed."

Candice Ingle, Instructional Aide, Marian Anderson Children's Center, 7 years. "She is patient, kind and loving, and has developed a special relationship with each child. She is respectful to the individualization of each child. There needs to be more teachers like Candy."

Sally Kilchrist, RSP Teacher Associate, Sutter Middle School, 7 years. "Sally volunteers as a reading coach and does after school tutoring. She always remembers each student's birthday and recognizes all of their special events – like

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