

*The 27th Annual*  **Classified**  
**EMPLOYEES**  
of the **Year**

**Tuesday,  
May 18, 2010**

**Cherokee Point  
Elementary**



**San Diego Unified**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF )  
RECOGNITION OF )  
MAY 16-22, 2010 AS ) RESOLUTION  
CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WEEK )**

*WHEREAS*, the California State Legislature and the Governor recognized the importance of classified school employees to the educational process by approving legislation in 1986 setting aside the third full week in May of each year as Classified School Employees Week; and

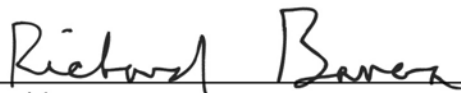
*WHEREAS*, the Board of Education joins state government officials in acknowledging the important roles classified school employees play in San Diego Unified School District; and

*WHEREAS*, classified employees contribute immeasurably to the health, safety, and well-being of students through their dedication and professionalism in carrying out their many and varied job responsibilities assisting children and young people in classrooms and through valuable support services; and

*WHEREAS*, the district's academic programs and other educational opportunities could not be provided to the 135,541 students enrolled in our schools without the unfailing support of some 7,504 classified employees working in more than 699 job classifications;

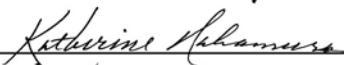
*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District does hereby acknowledge those contributions of dedicated classified employees and joins with the entire education community in supporting appropriate activities recognizing May 16-22, 2010, as Classified School Employees Week.


*PASSED AND ADOPTED* by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, California, at a public meeting thereof duly called and held this 18th day of May 2010.

  
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# Ceremony Proceedings

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**Welcome** – Richard Barrera

**Presentation of Colors** – Morse High School JROTC

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Cherokee Point Elementary School students

**Our National Anthem** – Kara Pepper, Marshall Middle School student

**Classified School Employees Resolution** – John Lee Evans

**Board of Education Remarks** – Board Trustees

**Sponsor Message** – Tiffany Lynch, Time Warner Cable

**Master of Ceremonies** – William Kowba

**Special Performance** by Cherokee Point Elementary Choir

**Introduction of the Classified Site Representatives & Nominees of the Year**

**Introduction of the Classified Employee of the Year Runner Up**  
Sandra Huevo

**Introduction of the Classified Employee of the Year**  
Sandra Huevo

## **Special Recognitions**

- **California School Employees Association Paraeducators Chapter 759**  
Joan O’Hara and Kala Williams
- **California School Employees Association OTBS Chapter 788**  
Frances Fierro and Becky Simmons
- **California School Employees Association OSS Chapter 724** – Ethel Larkins
- **Administrators Association of San Diego** – Betsy Cook
- **San Diego City Schools Police Officer’s Association** – Joe Knuteson
- **California Coast Credit Union** – Robyn Quaco
- **Mission Federal Credit Union** – Nancy Harvey

**Concluding Remarks** – Richard Barrera



# Welcome Reception & Menu

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Co-sponsored by:



## Menu

Presented by

**Morse High School ROP Culinary Arts Program – Hungry Tiger Café**

(Sara Smith, teacher)

- Panini Triangles with Smoked Mozzarella, Sundried Tomatoes and Pesto
- Wild Rice Pancakes with Smoked Salmon and Crème Fraiche
- Crab Crostini
- Lobster Strudel
- Middle Eastern Meatballs with Coriander Yogurt Dip
- Brie and Roasted Pear in Phyllo with Raspberry Drizzle
- Swiss Chard Quiche

Presented by

**Madison High School Culinary Arts Program** (Justin T. Halbert, teacher)

- Cookies & Cream Chocolate Truffles
- Mini Red Velvet Cupcake Bites
- Roasted Apple Pie “Cookies”

## Special Presentations & Entertainment by:

**San Diego High School Cheer Squad** (Stacey Seiders, teacher)

**Madison High School Warhawk Regiment** (Ricardo Garcia, director)

**Kara Pepper, soloist, Marshall Middle School** (Katherine Girvin, teacher)

**Morse High School JROTC Color Guard** (SGM (R) Harold E. Williams, instructor)

**Cherokee Point Elementary Choir** (Diane Park, teacher)



# Site Classified Employees of the Year

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## \*District Classified Employee of the Year Nominee

**Rosemary Acevedo\***

Marston Special Education Annex

**Alba Alba-Reynoso**

Mission Bay High School

**Rose Amador-Nunez**

Bell Middle School

**Eduardo Anaya**

Transportation Department

**Claudia Arredondo\***

San Diego High School

**Beatriz Arzaga\***

Carver Elementary School

**Jeanne Aviles**

Cherokee Point Elementary School

**Patty Baez**

Fletcher Elementary School

**Kerry Barajas\***

Roosevelt Middle School

**Janet Berlin\***

Marston Satellite

**Allen Brant**

Distribution Services

**Dana Burks**

Franklin Elementary

**Alejo Cardenas\***

Point Loma High School

**Pamela Carrico-Tallarida\***

Point Loma High School

**Jennifer Cherniss**

Transportation Department

**Roanna Clark**

Lindbergh/Schweitzer Elementary  
School

**Margaret Clifton**

Material Control Department

**Robert Cone**

Transportation Department

**Charlotte D'Ambrosia**

Angier Elementary School

**Jose Delao\***

Human Resource Services Division

**Joyce Dirksen**

Ross Elementary School

**Vikki Fahn**

Jones Elementary School

**Eric Franklin**

Transportation Department

**Gina Gamez**

Memorial Preparatory for Scholars and Athletes

**Gloria Garcia**

School of Creative and Performing Arts

**Jose Gonzales\***

Roosevelt Middle School

**Evie Gottlieb\***

Kumeyaay Elementary School

**Janet Gray\***

Boone Elementary School

**John Groll**

Strategic Sourcing and Contracts

**Paula Harkey**

Clay Elementary School

**Adam Hayes**

Behavior Support Resources

**Hilda Hernandez**

Farb Middle School

**David Herrera**

Twain Jr.-Sr. High School

**Roxanne Hill**

Distribution Services

**Lorena Hodgins**

iHigh Virtual Academy

**Laura Huevo**

Mark Twain – Morse Satellite

**Magda Jackson**

Kearny DMD High School

**Jeff Jenkins**

Fay Elementary School

**Tim Jollett**

Transportation Department

**Jan Kosaka\***

Chesterton Elementary School

**Marie Lawson**

Monroe Clark Middle School

**Phuong Lan Le**

Translation Department

**Ryan Leighty**

Human Resource Services Division



**Rod Lagace**

Food Services Department

**Susan Levine**

Educational Technology Department

**Jackie Lewis**

Penn Elementary School

**Margaret Lewis**

Whittier School

**Cathy Lydiard\***

Hickman Elementary School

**James McIntosh**

Transportation Department

**Maria McKenna**

McKinley Elementary School

**Barbara McLeod**

Roosevelt Middle School

**Jennifer Moser**

Carson Elementary School

**Melvin Musselman**

Miramar Ranch Elementary School

**Rick Nerling**

Creative, Performing & Media Arts

**Jody O'Hara**

Lewis Middle School

**Maria Olivar\***

Roosevelt Middle School

**Diana Preston-Rubio\***

Rodriguez Elementary School

**Norma Portugal**

Rosa Parks Elementary School

**Edgar Quintero**

Chavez Elementary School

**Teresita Quitugua**

Fulton K-8 School

**Priscilla Ramirez**

Burbank Elementary School

**Socorro Robles**

Ocean Beach Elementary School

**Anthony Santos**

Chollas – Mead Elementary School

**Rebecca Saucedo**

Bayview Terrace Elementary School

**Patti Shearer**

Challenger Middle School

**Bill Shimmin\***

Rodriguez Elementary School

**Dee Slieff**

Pupil Accounting Department

**Geoff Smith\***

Communications Department

**Sally Snipes\***

Palomar Outdoor School

**Martha Socie**

Point Loma High School

**Alejandra Sosa-Lopez**

Washington Elementary School

**Deborah Stewart**

Toler Elementary School

**Marina Stevenson**

Marston Middle School

**Jack Tade**

Transportation Department

**Philip Teates\***

Montgomery Middle School

**Susan Thomas**

School Choice – Enrollment Options

**Thomas Tomovich**

Physical Plant Operations

**Irma Torres**

Nursing and Wellness

**Ann Trisler**

San Diego High School  
School of International Studies

**Martha Vazquez**

Encanto Elementary School

**Judy Virgil\***

Hage Elementary School

**Mike Wasinski**

Thurgood Marshall Middle School

**Yolanda Watson\***

Baker Elementary School

**Pat Wesch\***

de Portola Middle School

**Benjamin Williams**

Old Town Program

**Tracy Williams\***

Patrick Henry High School

**Patrice Wilson**

Boone Elementary School

**Delores Womack**

Facilities Planning and Construction

**Deanne Wyttenbach\***

Ellen Browning Scripps Elementary  
School

# Evaluators Panel 2010-11

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**Joseph Knuteson**

**Jesus Montana**

San Diego City Schools  
Police Officers Association

**Joan O'Hara**

Para-Educators

California School Employees Association Chapter 759

**Michael Shefcik**

Administrators Association of San Diego

**Derrick Howard**

Operations Support Services

California School Employees Association Chapter 724

**Becky Simmons**

Office-Technical and Business Services

California School Employees Association Chapter 788

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## Classified Employee of the Year – Runner Up

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### **Marina (Liz) Stevenson**

**Marston Middle School**

Student Information Systems

Site Technician II

“Marina (Liz) Stevenson is an exceptional employee and a valuable member of the Marston Middle School staff. She touches virtually every aspect of the school – working with administrators to make sure the master schedule reflects the school’s educational philosophy, with counselors to ensure the most effective placement of students, with teachers to use data systems to drive instruction and with parents in getting connected to student information via technology. She exemplifies the term “life-long learner” while being one of the most patient “non-teacher” teachers I have ever known.”

-- Betsy Cook, Principal  
Marston Middle School

“Liz Stevenson is one of the most dedicated and positive staff members on our campus...her wit and sense of humor make our work environment caring and fun, ensuring that her office is always a bright place to be. Her technological wisdom allows our staff to use relevant data and technology to create innovative programs that promote student learning and success. It is a sincere pleasure to work and learn from her each and every day. I believe I am a better educator because of the support that she provides in service to our community.”

--Joni Rullo, Counselor  
Marston Middle School



## Classified Employee of the Year – Winner



### Jan Kosaka

**Chesterton Elementary School**  
Elementary School Assistant

Jan Kosaka has been a “fixture” at Chesterton Elementary for more than 20 years. According to colleagues, she can generally anticipate what someone will need and how she can help them, even as they are walking towards her desk. She’s described as “extremely professional, gracious, pleasant to work with and irreplaceable.”

Kosaka started as a classroom aide and now works as an administrative assistant. She is much beloved by staff, teachers, students and parents alike. Although Jan Kosaka is known throughout the district for her expertise, strong work ethic, reliability and dependability, it’s her genuine smile that is most often recognized. She is admired for having a positive, easy going demeanor, balanced with the ability to do her job efficiently, going above and beyond her job description every day.

“Jan’s very thorough knowledge of school operations and budget, excellent organizational skills and gentle understanding of the needs of Chesterton’s students, parents and staff allows our school to function smoothly and efficiently,” states Principal Herb Delute. “Her sense of humor, calming influence and problem solving skills in the front office also promote a very positive atmosphere with both the public and the school staff.”

San Diego Unified congratulates Jan Kosaka and her family on her selection as 2010 Classified Employee of the Year.



# Special Thanks to:

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**Cherokee Point Elementary**

Students, Staff & Parents  
(Godwin Higa, principal)

**Board of Education**

**Office of the Superintendent**

**Serra High ROP Computerized Graphic Design Class**

(Michael Pedersen, teacher)

**San Diego Unified Physical Plant Operations**

**San Diego Unified School Police**

**San Diego Unified Transportation Department**

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