

OVSD Announces 2019 Classified School Employees of the Year

The Ocean View School District proudly announces its 2019 Classified School Employees of the Year. In four categories from across all schools in OVSD, these four outstanding individuals were nominated by their peers, and then selected by committee to represent the “best of the best” among Ocean View’s more than 500 classified employees. District officials, Personnel Commissioners, staff, and family members surprised the recipients at their work sites today.

“These classified employees truly embody what it means to be a part of the Ocean View family,” said Dr. Carol Hansen, Superintendent of the Ocean View School District. “They have served hundreds, if not thousands, of our students during their careers, and they continue to put students’ needs first and build positive relationships each and every day.” The 2019 Ocean View School District Classified Employees of the Year are:

Maintenance, Operations and Facilities Category: Noah Valadez, Flooring Repair Worker, Facilities Department



Noah Valadez has brought positivity, professionalism and craftsmanship to the Ocean View School District for 27 years. He arrived in 1991 as a substitute in the Maintenance Department and was hired full-time the following year. He was instrumental in bringing the dance studio to life at Westmont. Among his many contributions to Ocean View, Noah is credited with having “a direct, positive bearing on student achievement and overall happiness.” *Photo: Assistant Superintendent*

Felix Avila, Facilities Director Jim Choate, Classified Employee of the Year Noah Valadez, Personnel Commissioners Lance Bidnick, Bob Ewing and Daniel Gooch

Child Nutrition Category: Jill Earnest, Lead Food Service Worker, Oak View Elementary School

Promoted to a lead position in 2017, Jill Earnest has served up nutritious meals to Ocean View students for 11 years. She was instrumental in facilitating the Breakfast in the Classroom program at Oak View, and she is credited with having one of the strongest work ethics and natural leadership qualities. Through her diligence and passion, Jill always puts her students’ nutritional needs first. *Photo: Food Service Worker Andrea Quillin, Classified Employee of the Year Jill Earnest, and Food Service Worker Jean Zech.*





Office and Technical Category: Cynthia Smith, School Office Manager, Star View Elementary School

Cynthia Smith began her career in Ocean View 12 years ago as a School Office Clerk, before moving up to Manager in 2014 at Star View. Cynthia is credited as being a “stellar office manager,” who greets every guest, calms and comforts students and family members, creates an uplifting atmosphere, and treats all individuals with respect. *Photo: Assistant Superintendent Julianne Hoefler, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent Felix Avila,*

Superintendent Carol Hansen, Ed.D., Classified Employee of the Year Cynthia Smith, Personnel Commissioners Daniel Gooch and Bob Ewing, and Classified Personnel Director Michelle Vellanoweth

Para-Educator & Instructional Assistance: Julissa Aleman, Instructional Assistant, Special Education, Village View Elementary School

Julissa Aleman began serving students in 1995 as a bilingual Instructional Aide and has served in several roles during her 23 years in Ocean View. She has always demonstrated reliability, care, leadership, and a willingness to go above and beyond for her students. She strives to help all students excel to their greatest potential. *Photo: Classified Personnel Director Michelle Vellanoweth, Classified Employee of the Year Julissa Aleman, Instructional Assistant and son to Mrs. Aleman, Jonathan Aleman, Principal Francesca Ligman, and Assistant Superintendent Felix Avila.*

