



Honoring Our Classified Professionals

May 5, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Classified professionals are at the heart of our success as a District, from the critical support provided each day to students and fellow employees, to keeping our campuses clean, safe and running smoothly.

We will be honoring the tremendous contributions of classified professionals several ways in the coming weeks.

First, all classified professionals are encouraged to take part in carefully designed professional learning opportunities on Thursday, May 25. That is when our District will celebrate Classified Professionals Day, with this year's theme of, *"A Time to Invest: Pouring into ourselves through career advancement and self-care."*

Events that day will offer a chance to learn, engage, and grow professionally, while also recognizing the invaluable work done by classified professionals. Events will take place at both Cuyamaca and Grossmont colleges, with professional learning sessions also offered via Zoom and an option to join a viewing party at your worksite. Additional details about the events will be provided soon.

Activities that day are designed to strengthen relationships, foster understanding, and further professional and personal development. I hope as many classified professionals participate as possible, and I urge administrators to encourage and support classified participation as well.

Another way we will be acknowledging the tremendous contributions of our classified professionals is through adoption of a resolution at the May 9, Governing Board meeting recognizing Classified School Employee Week from May 21-27. Our public schools and community colleges across California rely on the hard work and dedication of classified professionals, and this milestone salutes their crucial roles in delivering public education.

Finally, we are pleased to announce the winners of the 2022-2023 Chancellor and Classified Senate Awards: **Raul Enciso**, a Cuyamaca College Program Specialist, **Julia Morales**, a Grossmont College Administrative Assistant I, and **Johnny Dollar**, a District Services Warehouse Assistant, Intermediate. Honorable Mention also goes to **Taylor Fiehler-Roose**, a Cuyamaca College Tutoring Center Specialist,

Daniel Lopez, a Grossmont College Specialty Technician IV, and **Jessica Moore**, a District Services Human Resources Technician.

The annual award recognizes the exceptional work and dedication of our classified professionals. With a theme of “*Unsung heroes*” this year, winners were selected based on their contributions behind the scenes to supporting students, faculty, and classified professionals across the colleges and District. Each recipient will be recognized at the Governing Board meeting on May 9, at Cuyamaca College.

I am so proud of the hard work and commitment of each of these exceptional award winners. They are remarkable. Please join me in congratulating them, and recognizing all of our classified professionals for their contributions to student success. We honor you.

With gratitude,

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