

40 YEARS OF SERVICE

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ANDREA DEANDA-TORRES

"Congratulations on 40 years of service!
We appreciate your values and principles in
supporting Lathrop Elementary students
and staff."

*-Principal Anita Tillotson, Lathrop
Elementary*



SANDRA LOHMAN

"Wow!!! 40 of service to MUSD is an amazing feat. The quality of service and the contributions made during this time are why Sandy is so pivotal to the MUSD community. Sandy has worn multiple hats for Manteca Adult School and is a very valuable and respected member of our team. She is dedicated to the students and our staff. Thank you, Sandy, for everything you do."

-Vice Principal Chris Chilles, METC



30 YEARS OF SERVICE

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HORTENCIA GARCIA

"Hortencia Garcia has a passion for math and helping students find their love for mathematics. She has engaged students in STEM activities and has helped students transition into high school. She is always looking for new ways to have her students build a deeper understanding of the skills and concepts needed in math. In her 30 years of teaching with Manteca Unified School District, Mrs. Garcia has made strong connections with her students and the communities she serves."

-Principal Michael Cowan, Veritas Elementary



JOHN GIBSON

"Mr. Gibson has been a vital part of the Manteca High Culture for several decades. First, as a student-athlete and leader on campus and then as a Social Science teacher for the past 30 years. Mr. Gibson has served the MHS students as both a teacher and coach."

-Principal Megan Peterson, Manteca High



TIMOTHY LEWIS

"Mr. Lewis has dedicated most of his career to the students at Nile Garden School. The relationships he fosters with his students transcend the thirty years he has been in the classroom. His contributions to Nile Garden not only in the core subjects he teaches but the organization of the student leaders through Leadership, Speech and Debate, and his extremely popular Medieval Fair have made a huge impact on the school and its community. Congratulations on 30 years!"

-Principal Debbie Noceti-Ward, Nile Garden Elementary



RANDY MORET

"Randy Moret has been with the district for 30 years. Throughout his career, he has structured his class in a manner that students can engage in history meaningfully. Students always look forward to his discussions on current events, and his History elective is a popular selection among students because he has earned their respect. Randy has also coached for August Knodt in the Acorn League, connecting with students outside of the classroom as well. Randy is a staple of the August Knodt Junior High and a valued team member."



*-Principal Lemuel Vergara, August Knodt
Elementary*

KIMBERLY RAY

"Kim has officially logged 30 years of service in MUSD. During that time, she worked with colleagues and built an outstanding art program showcasing talented student creations. Her effort, dedication, and commitment have helped her to be a very positive impact on our campus. Thank you, Kim!"

-Principal Eric Simoni, East Union High



TAMMY SESSIONS

"Tammy Sessions is a teacher committed to supporting her children not only to grow in reading and math but in having a strong foundation to be successful in life. Congratulations on 3 decades of service! Your students and the Komure Community Thanks You!"

*-Principal Jeff Podesto, George Komure
Elementary*



BRENDA THOMASON

"Mrs. Thomason has dedicated her teaching career to serving the staff and students of Sequoia & Lincoln. Both schools have benefited from her many talents. She has a true teacher's heart and passion for student success. Thank you, Mrs. Thomason, you have served MUSD proudly! "

-Principal Randi Fowzer, Lincoln Elementary



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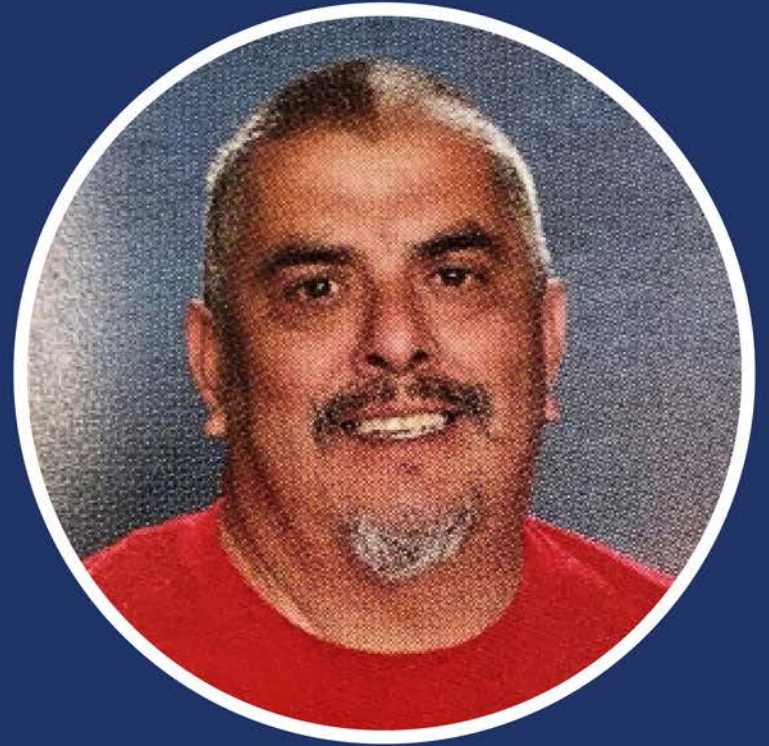
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JUAN ARCOS

"After serving the district at various sites and in multiple capacities, Juan was granted the opportunity to return to his alma mater, East Union High School, and serve as the Head Custodian. His 30 years of service are truly impressive and appreciated."

-Principal Eric Simoni, East Union High



MARTHA ARCOS

"Martha has been the backbone of the Lathrop High School clerical staff since we opened in 2008. She has been the face of Spartan Nation for every new student who has enrolled at LHS for the past 15 years. Martha retired in March, culminating a wonderful 30-year career in the Manteca Unified School District. Best of luck to you, Martha, in all of your new adventures in retirement."

-Principal Greg Leland, Lathrop High



MICHAEL “SHANE” CARPENTER

“Former MUSD student and veteran custodian, Shane began at Shasta and plans to retire from Brock Elliott. Shane is well-known across the district, part of our school community, and the go-to carpet-cleaning, instrument-playing custodian!”

*-Principal David Silveira, Brock Elliott
Elementary*



25 YEARS OF SERVICE

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CHRISTOPHER BARNES

"Mr. Barnes has served in the district for 25 years. A Social Science teacher by trade, Mr. Barnes has also chosen to invest in students by teaching AVID and coaching multiple athletic teams. The school community appreciates his hard work and dedication to his students."

-Principal Eric Simoni, East Union High



CHRISTOPHER BRUNN

"Mr. Brunn has served MUSD for 25 years. He is appreciated for his positive energy, professionalism, and willingness to serve when and where it is needed. This commitment has afforded him opportunities to connect with students at both elementary and secondary sites as a teacher and coach of various disciplines. He is an excellent person to have on your team!"

-Principal Eric Simoni, East Union High



VICTORIA BRUNN

"Impact and legacy describe the 25 years of dedication and tireless service of Mrs. Victoria Brunn. Her exceptional, meritorious service and performance in multiple lead and influential positions have built a culture and climate of student focus that will transcend time. In temperate and tumultuous times, Mrs. Brunn has been a steady and guiding factor in the success and stability of MUSD. The success of the District translates into tens of thousands of students being prepared to enter the world on their own. Mrs. Brunn continues to serve to keep faith with the finest MUSD traditions, and reflects great credit upon herself, the District, and the community she serves."

-Dr. Clark Burke, Superintendent



ROSEMARIE BUCCIERI

"Rosemarie Buccieri is a true teacher gem. She has been in education for 42 years and specifically in Manteca Unified for 25 years. She has taught transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, first, fourth, and fifth grade at McParland. She is often the one that others come to when they need support with honing their teaching skills. When I walk into her classroom, I see students engaged, working on grade-level standards, and achieving their individual successes. She also ensures that all students feel safe and welcome in her classroom. Rosemarie Buccieri is an amazing teacher who has a true heart for kids and the teaching profession."

*-Vice Principal Melissa King, George McParland
Elementary*



WALTER "KAJ" BUSCH

"Mr. Busch has served Manteca Unified School District for 25 years. He started in Manteca at Stella Brockman Elementary, where he taught US History and Physical Education for eight years. He has proudly served the Sierra High community for the past 17 years teaching US History and being an integral part of the Social Science Department. Mr. Busch has served as a mentor for student teachers and first-year teachers in induction programs. He challenges his students to think critically and establishes strong rapport by creating a safe and engaging learning environment. Congratulations on 25 years Mr. Busch!"

-Assistant Principal Anne Marie Shaw, Sierra High



ROSA CALVO PRADO

"Mrs. Prado is dedicated to our students and families at Lathrop Elementary. She works hard to ensure every student feels safe, supported, and ready to learn. We are so grateful for her. Congratulations on 25 years of service!"

-Principal Anita Tillotson, Lathrop Elementary



MARSHALL CANNON

"Marshall Cannon has been a dedicated teacher who has helped students learn the value of sports. Not only has he helped students build their skills but has also helped students develop good sportsmanship. His passion for sports and physical fitness has carried over to all the students he has taught. Along with teaching junior high PE, he has coached both boys and girls sports for many years. Mr. Cannon has been a valuable teacher at French Camp, Golden West, and Veritas."

*-Principal Michael Cowan, Veritas
Elementary*



ROSLYN FERNANDEZ

"Ms. Fernandez has served MUSD for 25 years! As a kindergarten teacher, you have had a positive impact on our kindergarten students and their love of learning. Thank you for your dedication to the education of our youngest learners. We are so grateful to have Ms. Fernandez as part of our New Haven family. Congratulations on 25 years!"

*-Principal Debbie Doyle, New Haven
Elementary*



TRACY GAFFNEY

"Tracy is a dedicated psychologist who strives to put students first in all she does. Through collaboration with educators, parents, and other professionals she has instilled the importance of helping students succeed academically, behaviorally, and social-emotionally."

-Jody Burriss, Director of Special Education



REBECCA HUNTER

"Rebecca Hunter has been a tremendous asset to Weston Ranch High School's math department and school in general. She loves teaching math, and she is loved by her students. Her door is open to all students who wish to eat lunch in her room. In addition to being department chair, Ms. Hunter is also the E-Sports coach for Weston Ranch. Congratulations on your 25 years of service Ms. Hunter!"

-Vice Principal Marcelo Zamarripa, Weston Ranch High



GAYATHRI JACOBS

"Gayathri's impact goes far beyond the walls of her office. She is one who consistently shows up for the students and families within the Weston Ranch community. Gayathri has one of the most genuine, caring, and giving hearts of anyone around. It has been nothing but a pleasure to work with Gayathri. Her colleagues are grateful for who she is and appreciate what she brings to Weston Ranch. She is valued and appreciated on our campus and is a tremendous asset!"

-Jody Burriss, Director of Special Education



TIMOTHY JENSEN

"Mr. Jensen has served Manteca High School students in various ways over the past 25 years including as a Study Skills coordinator, Tennis coach, and English Honors teacher, just to name a few. Mr. Jensen continues to be a very effective classroom teacher."

-Principal Megan Peterson, Manteca High



DAMON "SCOTT" MCHENRY

"Mr. McHenry has served MUSD as a teacher at the comprehensive high school sites and in the Independent Study program for the last 25 years. Scott is dedicated to our staff, students, and families of the Independent Study program. He works hard to ensure every student feels safe, supported, and ready to learn. His passion for helping students and commitment to service is an asset to our school and community. Scott works hard to identify struggling students and provide them with the necessary support to be successful in class and in the future. We are very grateful to have Mr. McHenry as a teacher. Congratulations on 25 years!"

-Vice Principal Chris Chilles, METC



KRISTEN MESSER

"Kristen's dedication and passion for education have been a true inspiration to generations of students. Her unwavering commitment to shaping the minds and hearts of our future leaders has made an impact on our community that will be felt for years."

-Principal Christie Newman, Online Academy



PAULA OVERBECK

"Ms. Overbeck shares her love of running with students by helping with Woodward's Running Club and this year supporting '10K with a Cop.' Thank you for dedicating 25 years of service to our students."

*-Principal Heather Thomson, Walter
Woodward Elementary*



KRISTA OWEN

“Krista is a very dedicated teacher who has not only supported students in the classroom but has coached junior high sports teams for many years. She is always willing to support students and create opportunities for them to find connections to their school and be successful!”

-Principal Candace Espinola, Stella Brockman Elementary

ROSA RODRIGUEZ

"The students who have had Ms. Rodriguez as a teacher are some of the luckiest students out there. Rosie has clear expectations in her classroom, and she holds the students to the highest standards when it comes to academics and behavior. It has been a pleasure watching her work her magic for the past five years."

*-Principal Rene Knapp, French Camp
Elementary*



JULIETA SALCEDO-NIEVES

"Mrs. Salcedo has served as a math teacher, department chair, and mentor teacher for 25 years. An East Union alum, she continues to serve the community and institution that connected her to post-high school goals. Congratulations on 25 years and thank you!"

-Principal Eric Simoni, East Union High



STEVEN SHAW

"Mr. Shaw has a passion for living a healthy lifestyle and this shows through his dedication to our students in P.E., coaching, and volunteering to run after-school events. Thank you for sharing your love of sports and physical activity with our students."

*-Principal Heather Thomson, Walter
Woodward Elementary*



MICHAEL TRAVIS

"Mr. Travis has served in MUSD for 25 years. During that time, he has provided instruction in various disciplines within the Math department. We appreciate his dedication and quality of service to our school. Thank you, Mr. Travis!"

-Principal Eric Simoni, East Union High



MARK VIVIAN

"There is incomparable value to the unfailing devotion that Mr. Vivian has provided for students over the past 25 years in MUSD. His selfless, compassionate, giving spirit has stood the test of time despite any challenges that have come his way. The Lincoln staff, students, and community are honored to have had him for most of his teaching career. Congratulations on 25 faithful years of service with Manteca Unified!"

*-Vice Principal Melissa Herrera, Lincoln
Elementary*



MATTHEW ZGONC

"Mr. Zgonc has served MUSD for the last 25 years and has been a Social Science teacher at Calla High School since 2007. Mr. Zgonc constantly goes above and beyond for his students and is a team player among the staff. He serves an important role on the Calla campus with student life, school activities, and student versus staff sporting events. You will always be sure to see him showing his school spirit and doing what is best for students."

-Principal Michele Bryson, Calla High



ALLYN ZIEBARTH

"In her 25 years as an educator, Mrs. Ziebarth has served as both a 1st-grade teacher and an 8th-grade teacher. She has also taught art and drama electives. She infuses her lessons with creativity, humor, and heart. During her time in junior high, Mrs. Ziebarth instilled a love of reading into her students and did her best to prepare them for high school and beyond. Mrs. Ziebarth has contributed her time and efforts to extracurricular activities like coaching track, the Harvest Festival Haunted House, and after-school tutoring. Congratulations on 25 years of service!"



*-Principal Stacy Valencia, Joshua Cowell
Elementary*

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AVELINO AZEVEDO

"Lino has always been an extremely dedicated employee. Through his many years of service, the District has benefited from his knowledge and eagerness to solve day-to-day issues within the Maintenance and Operations Department."

-Jeffery McLarty, Coordinator of Maintenance & Operations

DEBORAH LOPEZ

"Two and a half decades of service - that's a great achievement!!! The quality of her service and the contributions she made during this time are why Debbie is truly valued and appreciated. Debbie has worked as a campus supervisor and attendance clerk at East Union High School and has supported the Independent Study program as a pivotal member of the team. She has also helped manage the Independent Study and New Day programs with great success. Thank you for everything that you do."

-Vice Principal Chris Chilles, METC

JAIME MARTINEZ

Mr. Martinez joined the Woodward staff two years ago as our head custodian. He takes great pride in serving our community and keeping our campus clean. Thank you for all you do!

-Principal Heather Thomson, Walter Woodward Elementary



JOANN NEILSEN

"Joann Neilsen has served in the Manteca Unified School District for 25 years. She is a true professional who is fully dedicated to serving the East Union High School community. She is supportive of our students, families, and staff while connecting them to important career-planning services located in the counseling center. We are grateful for her service and commitment to our school."

-Principal Eric Simoni, East Union High



NORBERTO RIVERA

"Norberto Rivera has worked for Manteca Unified School District for the past 25 years, which is a great accomplishment. He is very dedicated to his job as a custodian. He puts his best efforts forward to his position and is liked by his coworkers. Norberto accepts new assignments and offers to help wherever he can. Manteca Unified School District is lucky to have him."

-Steven Truffa, Custodian Supervisor



20 YEARS OF SERVICE

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ELENA BECKER

"Mrs. Becker joined the Nile Garden staff just this year, however, it is evident that she truly has a passion for teaching and has the very best interests at heart for her students. She takes the time to get to know her students and what is the best way they learn. She always gives 110% while teaching and one can feel the electricity when you enter the room. Thank you, Mrs. Becker, for your dedication to the teaching profession."

*-Principal Debbie Noceti-Ward, Nile Garden
Elementary*



BRIAN BERGER

"I have spent half of my career working with Mr. Berger. First as his administrator at Great Valley Elementary and currently at New Vision High School. Mr. Berger has always had high expectations for his students, and he works hard to create a classroom environment that fosters learning. Cheers to your 20 years!"

-Principal Sonya Arellano, New Vision High



TAMMY CARSTERSEN

"Tammy has inspired the musical ability of MUSD students for the past 20 years. She currently supports both Great Valley and August Knodt schools to develop their music programs. She helps students learn music history while also teaching them the skills necessary to play instruments and sing. Tammy can always be counted on to participate in the district honor band and perform with other district music teachers in a showcase performance. There is no other person more dedicated to a music program. Through the last few years, Tammy has served as an administrative designee at Great Valley and has shown her dedication to support all students in their education. Thank you, Tammy, for your commitment and devotion to MUSD over the last 20 years!"

-Principal Theresa Johnson, Great Valley Elementary



GINA CHELLI-HENCKEN

"Congratulations, Gina, on 20 years of service teaching our youth. Your dedication and care in helping your student's minds learn and grow with empathy and compassion is appreciated by the Komure Kids in your class."

*-Principal Jeff Podesto, George Komure
Elementary*



JUSTIN CROWE

"Mr. Crowe has served Manteca Unified School District for 20 years. He started in Manteca at Sequoia Elementary. He has proudly served the Sierra High community for the past 18 years and plays an integral role in the Social Science Department. Mr. Crowe teaches US History, Government, and Economics as well as Advanced Placement courses in his department. In addition to his role as an instructor, Mr. Crowe is the head coach for the girl's golf team. He establishes a strong rapport with the students and athletes he devotes his time to. He serves as a humble leader to all who are fortunate to work with him. Congratulations on 20 years Mr. Crowe!"

-Assistant Principal Anne Marie Shaw, Sierra High



MELISSA DEMATTEO

"Mrs. DeMatteo works hard to create a fun and collaborative learning environment. She thinks outside the box in designing lessons that engage her students and she encourages them to be problem solvers. Thank you for supporting all our Mustangs to be their very best every day."

*-Principal Heather Thomson, Walter
Woodward Elementary*



CORINA DONOVAN

"Corina Donovan is an exceptional teacher, mentor, and Induction support provider. Her technical skills are second to none, and she consistently utilizes them to provide valuable support to our new teachers. She has an incredible understanding of the curriculum and the needs of our students. She trains teachers to effectively implement the curriculum in a way that engages and challenges our students, and her efforts have led to significant improvements in student outcomes. Ms. Donovan's dedication is unmatched. She is always available to provide support and guidance, and her positive attitude and encouragement have been a constant source of motivation for our staff. Her contributions to our district have been invaluable, and we are incredibly fortunate to have her on our team."

-Dante Alvarez, Senior Director



BRADLEY GARLETS

"Mr. Garlets, a Manteca High alumnus, has served as a math teacher, football, basketball, and baseball coach, and coordinated student tutoring for the past 20 years. He has also been involved in our HOSA-Future Health Professionals program and has stepped up to teach most of our upper-level mathematics classes."

-Principal Megan Peterson, Manteca High



LISA GOODWIN

"Lisa is a passionate and bold educator who always put the needs of students at the forefront of her decision making."

-Jenni Andrews, Director of Elementary Education



DOUGLAS HAGGERTY

"Mr. Haggerty entered the teaching profession to make a difference. After 20 years of teaching his patience, desire for all his students to achieve, and his big heart have indeed impacted his students to make that very difference. Thank you for your dedication to Nile Garden as well as to all your students."

*-Principal Debbie Noceti-Ward, Nile Garden
Elementary*



NICHOLAS HOBBY

"Coach Nick Hobby has served the Manteca Unified School District for 20 years. He is a leader in the Physical Education Department and for all the student-athletes on the Sierra High campus. Coach Hobby is a certified Cross Fit instructor who shares a wealth of knowledge and expertise with his classes. He teaches and models the significance of a healthy lifestyle while maintaining a positive attitude and dedicated work ethic. Congratulations on 20 years STRONG Coach Nick Hobby!"

-Assistant Principal Anne Marie Shaw, Sierra High



JULIE HOLLANDER

"Julie is a bundle of energy and a workhorse when it comes to professional learning. She has a fabulous sense of humor and is generous to a fault. Julie has served MUSD as a teacher, program coordinator, vice principal, Common Core TOSA for ELA, and as the coordinator and director of professional learning over the past 20 years. Managing many tasks, she is often a blur as she speed walks from one task or meeting to the next. Thank you for your dedication, knowledge, and commitment to the students, teachers, and staff at Manteca Unified School District."

*-Lisa Herrin, Director of Curriculum/Instruction
& Compensatory Education*



IZUMI JOHNSON

"Izumi Johnson has been a mainstay at Joseph Widmer Jr. Elementary in her 20-year teaching career here in the Manteca Unified School District. Izumi's forte is math which she has taught to hundreds of 5th-7th graders in her career. "Math is my jam," says the 49ers fan. Izumi grew up in Oakland and graduated from Stanislaus State before joining MUSD. Izumi plans to retire this spring and said she looks forward to cooking new recipes she's saved up over the years, traveling to see national parks, and eventually exploring Canada and Europe as well.

One of her favorite quotes is, 'Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart.' Happy trails, Izumi!"

*-Principal Tarsha Taylor-Godfrey, Joseph Widmer
Elementary*



JULIE KRAUS

"Julie Kraus is a third-grade teacher at Shasta Elementary. Her love of learning shines through to her students each day. She brings excitement and fun to her classroom. Staff adoringly call her the chicken lady and we appreciate her for all the love she has for her chicks AND Hornets! Congratulations Julie!!"

-Principal Katie Francis, Shasta Elementary



BRENDA MADSEN

"Mrs. Madsen has been encouraging students to find their passion for reading and writing for 20 years. Thank you, Mrs. Madsen, for your time and dedication to our Mustangs!"

*-Principal Heather Thomson, Walter
Woodward Elementary*



CECILIA MARTINEZ

"Congratulations on 20 years of service! Ms. Martinez is an amazing teacher who does a wonderful job at providing a caring and structured learning environment in which her students thrive."

*-Principal Anita Tillotson, Lathrop
Elementary*



LAURA MEJIA

"Congratulations to one of the most genuine people I have ever had the pleasure to work with. Mrs. Mejia marches to the beat of a different drum. She is witty, humorous, and always ready to be real with you. Although she has a reputation for being academically demanding, her students come to adore her and appreciate her demands. Her passion for preparing students for academic success has always been unwavering. A former student visiting from UCLA said it best: "The teacher who best prepared me for college professors was Mrs. Mejia." As a friend, I can always count on her support and wise counsel. Together, we have laughed and seen each other through hard times. I'm proud to call Laura Mejia my friend. Congratulation on 20 years, here's to 20 more!"

-Miguel Torrente, Teacher, Weston Ranch High



THEODORA MICHELETOS

"Mrs. Micheletos classroom is a warm and friendly learning environment. It is evident that Mrs. Micheletos loves to connect with her students. Thank you for 20 years of service."

*-Principal Heather Thomson, Walter
Woodward Elementary*



SHERISSA MOROSS

"Sherissa Moross has dedicated the past 20 years to the 3rd grade. She has a kind heart and is reflective of her practice to support student learning."

-Principal Melanie Smith, George McParland Elementary



ALICIA MUNOZ

"It's always such a pleasure to walk into Mrs. Munoz's classroom. It is evident that she loves her students and cares about their success. She is an admirable colleague, and I am proud to have worked with her for the past 5 years. Our youngest students are in good hands with Mrs. Munoz!"

*-Principal Rene Knapp, French Camp
Elementary*



CHRISTIE NEWMAN

"Christie is dedicated to improving learning for Manteca students. She is a flexible leader and always willing to take on opportunities when asked."

*-Jenni Andrews, Director of Elementary
Education*



DANA O'DELL

"Dana O'Dell has served MUSD and the Weston Ranch Community as a music teacher for 20 years. We thank her for her commitment to teaching our students music and the arts, along with putting on concerts, plays, and musicals. She has brought the community together year after year through these performances and she will go above and beyond for her students and the community."

*-Principal Jeff Podesto, George Komure
Elementary*



ELIZABETH OYARZABAL

"Ms. Oyarzabal has served in Manteca Unified for 20 years. During her time she has held the positions of teacher, program coordinator, and academic coach, and she is currently serving as an instructional specialist at Great Valley and Nile Garden. Elizabeth loves working with both children and teachers, and it shows through the smile she brings to work every day. She is dedicated to the vision of MUSD and strives to educate us all daily. We are blessed to have Elizabeth working with our students and staff! Congratulations on 20 years of service in MUSD!"



-Lisa Goodwin, Director of Innovation & Improvement

DENISE PASION

"Mrs. Pasion has served Manteca High School well over the past 20 years. Her service includes teaching for multiple departments, coaching and advising California Scholarship Federation. Mrs. Pasion also helps with our HOSA-Future Healthcare Professionals program."

-Principal Megan Peterson, Manteca High



KATHRINE PUCK

"Kathrine has served MUSD for two decades as a music teacher. She has taught hundreds of students music at several different schools in our district. Congratulations on this milestone. Thank you for your years of service and dedication."

*-Principal Debbie Doyle, New Haven
Elementary*



JESUS "JJ" RAMIREZ

"Mr. Ramirez has served in the District for 20 years. Initially an instructor of the Social Sciences, Mr. Ramirez has spent the last 12 years serving as the Athletic Director at his alma mater, East Union High School. Known for his kindness and servant's heart, we want to congratulate "JJ" for his dedication and hard work."

-Principal Eric Simoni, East Union High



ELYCE SMITH

"Mrs. Smith, a graduate of Manteca High, has served our students well for 20 years. She has been a swim and basketball coach and has taught a vast array of English and English Language Development classes. She currently serves as our Library Media Teacher. Mrs. Smith coordinated our WASC accreditation process and led tutoring as well."

-Principal Megan Peterson, Manteca High



JENNIFER SMUDRICK

"Jennifer Smudrick has been an integral part of the George McParland family since she was hired in Manteca Unified in 2002. She is dedicated to our staff, students, and community. She has a unique ability to build relationships with students to help them learn and grow. She encourages them to be the best that they can be. If you were to walk into her classroom at any moment you would hear her enthusiasm for student learning and success. "

*-Vice Principal Melissa King, George
McParland Elementary*



HEATHER THOMSON

"Heather is enthusiastic and action-oriented. She works well with her school community and is dedicated to improving instruction for students."

-Vice Principal Sandy Del Mundo, Walter Woodward Elementary



LEE TRIBBEY

"Mr. Tribbey has served in the Manteca Unified School District for 20 years. He has taught science courses and served as a club advisor at East Union High School. Our school community is thankful for his dedication to our students, families, and staff."

-Principal Eric Simoni, East Union High



TONG "SABRINA" VUE

"Tong Vue articulates goals for students and organizes curriculum to facilitate student understanding of subject matter."

-Principal Melanie Smith, George McParland Elementary



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SANDRA AMARAL

"Sandra goes above and beyond every day, ensuring that school site kitchens have the groceries and supplies needed to feed our students. Sandra's job has become increasingly complex over the past few years as supplies have been challenging to procure. Still, Sandra's commitment has never wavered. Her passion for her job is evident in the impeccable customer service she provides to students, parents, and staff. Sandra is a valuable member of the Nutrition Education Department. She makes a positive difference every day. Congratulations, Sandra, on 20 years with MUSD!"

-Tracee Franks, Coordinator of Nutrition Services



SHARON BRIGHT

"Employees like Sharon are vital to the success of our department. Starting as a substitute, she worked in many roles at Manteca Unified School District before joining Lathrop High School as the Main Kitchen Operator. Year after year, Sharon has shown up for her team and the students at Manteca Unified School District, and we appreciate all she has done and continues to do to elevate our program. Congratulations on 20 years!"

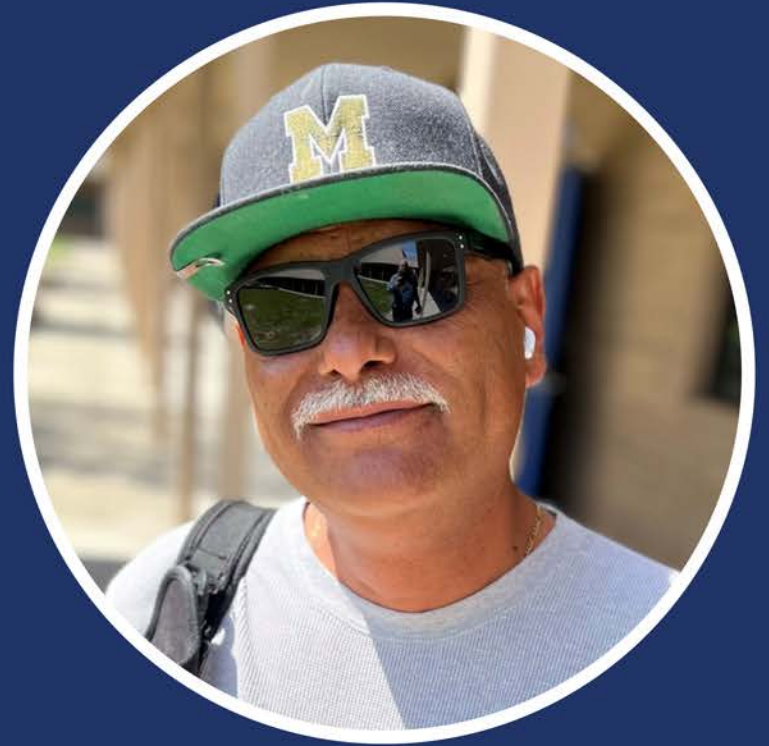
-Laura Howe, Nutrition Supervisor



RAYNALDO ESPINOZA

"Ray has been a Classified staff member in MUSD for the past 20 years. He has served the students, staff, and community as a Campus Monitor and Custodian. Ray is also a family man whose been married for over 40 years and has two children. He is currently part of the Great Valley Custodial team where he strives to provide a clean and safe environment for the students. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to a co-worker. Ray strives to find ideas on how to improve the campus and the safety of the students and staff. He can be found interacting with students and truly enjoys being able to make a difference in their day. Ray loves his "dad" jokes and playing music at lunch - anything to bring joy to the lives of the students. Congratulations on 20 years of service!"

-Principal Theresa Johnson, Great Valley Elementary



TINA GODSOE

"I've had the pleasure of being Tin's supervisor for a few years. Over the past 20 years, Tina has given her dedication to cooking student meals, always with a dash of care and a whole lot of love for what she does. Tina tackles her daily tasks with the "can do attitude" and always encourages her team to be the same way. Tina is a valuable member of the Nutrition Education Department. Congratulations Tina for your 20 years of service with MUSD Nutrition."

*-Annastacia Yager, Nutrition Services
Supervisor*



DENISE GRAHAM

"Denise Graham is an exceptional school bus driver. She has been loved by her students throughout her twenty years and cares for them very much. She is dependable, holds herself to the highest safety standards, and is always willing to help out her fellow bus drivers. Big shout out to Denise for having one of the cleanest buses in the yard. MUSD is lucky to have her!"

-Julie Fannin, Director of Transportation



MARILYN GRAVES

"MUSD and Weston Ranch High School struck gold when adding Marilyn Graves to our Cougar Family! By far the most dedicated, loving, and hardworking human being on this planet! Lynn is my night buddy when working late nights at the high school and she will go above and beyond to assist in any way! The quality of her work and work ethic are inspiring to all those who know her. She LOVES and is proud of her own family yet treats all of us at work as if we were her own family! WRHS would not be the same without her smile, friendliness, music, singing while she pours her heart out while leaving our school spotless!"

-Assistant Principal Aracely Sandoval, Weston Ranch High



ANGELA HERRERA

"Angie has provided the District with 20 years of service. Currently, she serves as a Library Media Tech. Her quality of service and attention to detail are recognized by all who use utilize the library services offered at East Union High School. Her great effort and outstanding customer service during her tenure are cherished and valued by those she serves."

-Principal Eric Simoni, East Union High



JUSTIN MUSCHOTT

"I have had the pleasure of working with Justin in the Nutrition Education Department for over a decade. I can, without a doubt, say that he is the most flexible, thoughtful, and reliable person I know. When faced with challenges, Justin is solution-focused; "can't" is not in his vocabulary. Justin wholeheartedly dedicates himself to his team and, most importantly, his family. Congratulations Justin!"

-Tracee Franks, Coordinator of Nutrition Services



LUZ SEGURA

"Luz Segura has served the district in many roles including Bilingual Paraprofessional, a Special Education 1:1, and currently as a Behavior Support Program Assistant. She brings dedication, flexibility, compassion, and a special warmth to the job. Luz approaches every classroom and student with a calm and supportive presence and quickly connects to build rapport with even the most struggling students. She never has a complaint about any assignment and makes her team feel supported. She takes on new challenges eager to learn and is loved by her entire team."

-Jandy Pastore, Coordinator of Special Education

DANIEL SILVA

"Danny Silva has been in the district for 20 years, providing service with a smile on his face. He previously worked in Grounds before becoming the Head Custodian at Shasta Elementary. Danny loves to interact with staff and students making everyone feel welcomed. He always makes sure that our campus is safe and ready for our students and staff. Congratulations Danny!! We appreciate you!"

-Principal Katie Francis, Shasta Elementary



JULIE SOUSA

"Julie has been such an asset to the school district. Her quality of service, positivity, and passion for the district show every day. Julie is such a pleasure to work with, we are very fortunate that she joined our team. We wish her all the best in her upcoming retirement, it is well deserved!"

*-Samria Faria, Payroll & Employee Benefit
Supervisor*



PATRICIA TALLERICO

"Trish is a jack of all trades. She provides our students with vital support and service. She is a joy to work with!"

*-Principal Tony Shah, Golden West
Elementary*

