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and MUSD's 2024 Employees of the Year





MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

20 Years of
Service

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Amber Land-Denoyer

20
Years of Service

"Thank you, Amber, for all the wonderful work that you have been doing for the school. I appreciate you for the energy, positivity, and hard work. Keep smiling and shining. Congratulations for completing 20 years of service." - Uzma



Amy Monasta

20
Years of Service

Amy Monasta is a champion for kids. She is dedicated to working with service providers and other staff members to ensure that students needs are being met. She is good at celebrating student successes and is willing to support when there are challenges.



Anne Marie Shaw

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Shaw has been a vital part of Sierra High School since 2016. She is the ultimate team player, cares immensely about improving her craft, and has excellent interpersonal relationship skills with students and staff. She is a strong part of the foundation that has made the 'Home of the Timberwolves' a great place to learn and work. Congratulations, Anne Marie!



Annette Taser

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Taser has spent her time at East Union High School for the last 20 years serving as the sole and primary Theater instructor. Her golden heart and gratitude are on display each day she steps onto the East Union High School campus. The school community is fortunate to have such a class act as Mrs. Taser on the Lancer campus.



Benet Simonds

20
Years of Service

For 20 years Ms. Simonds has been an exceptional educator and has remained committed to the teaching profession. She goes above and beyond to support her students and has inspired so many with her growth mindset. Her classroom is an inviting environment where each student feels welcomed. We thank you Ms. Simonds for serving the students at Great Valley!



Christian Bauer

20
Years of Service

It has truly been a pleasure working with you for 19 years, I couldn't have asked for a better co-worker to sit across from in the office and work with. I appreciate and value our countless conversations about life and work. Thanks for being a great co-worker and friend.



Christina Fortuny

20
Years of Service

Ms. Fortuny has served as a teacher for MUSD for 20 years. Ms. Fortuny is a beacon of creativity, passion, and dedication, enriching the lives of her students and inspiring others on our campus. She has only been at New Haven for one year and in that short time, you can see her creative "cricket" touches all over our campus. Congratulations on 20 years!



Christina Hansen

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Hansen has spent 20 years inspiring students. Mrs. Hansen's dedication and innovative teaching methods make her a favorite amongst students. Mrs. Hansen is invaluable to our school, and we are lucky to have her at Stella Brockman!



Cynthia Preston

20
Years of Service

Ms. Preston is always willing to go the extra mile to support students and staff. She often volunteers her time to plan and facilitate community engagement events and serves on multiple committees. She goes above and beyond to provide students with support, guidance, and encouragement. We are lucky to have her!



Dawn Coyan

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Coyan has worked very hard to build up our Theatre program. There is a real passion for the arts at our school, in large part because of Mrs. Coyan. We are lucky to have this avenue for students and their interests.



D'Drea Black

20
Years of Service

Through all the ups and downs, Mrs. Black has touched so many lives, students, and staff alike. She has helped to celebrate accomplishments, pushed us all to reach for more, sprinkled glimmers of love and hope to stressful situations. She is an irreplaceable human being and MUSD staff and students are lucky to have had her support for 20 years!



Dwight Glennon

20
Years of Service

Mr. Glennon has dedicated 20 years of service to supporting students. Mr. Glennon's steady presence and tireless efforts have contributed to the academic journey of countless students. Thank you, Mr. Glennon, for your years of service and your commitment to education.



Erwin Afre

20
Years of Service

Erwin, a dedicated team player, consistently offers timely support and encouragement to colleagues. Erwin actively seeks opportunities for students to integrate into general education settings, fostering inclusive learning environments. Congratulations on 20 years with MUSD, Erwin!



Federico Rodriguez

20
Years of Service

Mr. Rodriguez, a respected educator at Mossdale since its opening in 2007, leads by example on campus and is well-regarded by both his team and the staff. As one of the "original Jaguars," he played a pivotal role in establishing Mossdale's strong school culture. His care and respect for students shine through in every interaction.



Frank Fontana

20
Years of Service

Mr. Fontana has served Manteca High School well for the last 2 decades. Not only as a great classroom teacher but also as a very successful coach and more recently as an administrator. Mr. Fontana has worked extremely hard for the students of MHS.



Jennifer Graham

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Graham has a family history in MUSD with a mom who retired as a principal and came back to substitute, an individual who loves technology and ACORN. Jennifer is a true CHAMPion!



John Hopper

20
Years of Service

John Hopper's service has been directly related to the development and maturation of Agriculture students at East Union High School. Under his leadership and service, countless students have been able to showcase their welding talents and skills in preparation for the workforce.



Joseph Verderame

20
Years of Service

Joseph is a remarkable teacher and scientist whose humility belies his immense intellect and proactive nature. He has a great sense of humor and engages and elevates conversations on any topic with ease. His commitment to helping others and his ability to make quick decisions make him an invaluable leader in our department. He is well-organized, inspiring, a genuine thinker, and a good friend.



Judith Martin

20
Years of Service

20 years of teaching the Lincoln Raiders! What a tremendous accomplishment in your career. We are so thankful for Mrs. Martin's passion and enthusiasm on our campus! Her classroom is always full of magical Kinder moments.



Kathleen Maki

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Maki goes above and beyond for her Widmer students. Her focus on students' academic and socio-emotional growth is apparent to all who work with her. Mrs. Maki is a team player committed to making Joseph Widmer Jr. Elementary School an excellent school community in which to work and learn.



Keith Kanbara

20
Years of Service

There is no length that Mr. Kanbara won't go to see his students succeed in rigorous expectations.



Kilian Graciano

20
Years of Service

Kilian Graciano has the students' best interests at heart. She is a passionate, dedicated Speech and Language Pathologist with a wealth of knowledge. Always willing to lend an ear, she proactively addresses the needs of our students. Mrs. Graciano is devoted to perfecting her practice and supporting her team members. She has engrained herself in the Joshua Cowell community and her impact has resonated throughout our campus.



Kimberly Merrill

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Merrill is a team player and has done well to serve the needs of our school and its students. Mrs. Merrill, our new science department chair, has always had the best interest of our students in mind.



Kira Eadington

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Eadington demonstrates a genuine care and concern for her students and their growth, while instructing all levels of students in ceramics. She has shared her talents with Manteca Unified high school students for 20 years and is a valued staff member on the Sierra High campus. Students enjoy her classes as they learn intricate skills and realize their own creativity.



Lauren Riley Blote

20
Years of Service

Lauren Riley Blote balances so many responsibilities including being a teacher and the WASC Coordinator for the school. She works tirelessly for her students to make sure they are learning and understanding the material and that different aspects of WASC are finished and done well. Both the staff and, more importantly, her students are lucky to have her. Congratulations Lauren!



Laurie O'Leary

20
Years of Service

Ms. O'Leary's passion for teaching and unwavering commitment to her students for the past 20 years have been a guiding force in our school. Her dedication to education is truly commendable.



Les Wheeler

20
Years of Service

Les Wheeler has dedicated 20 years to Manteca Unified School District, notably at Sierra High. He teaches multiple subjects and serves as AP Department Chair and National Honors Society Advisor. His coaching background and commitment to student growth contribute significantly to school culture.



Linda Cole

20
Years of Service

Congratulations Linda on your 20 years of service! So many students have benefited over the years from your knowledge of the subject area. I appreciate the friendship we have built working together. We wish you the best of luck in your future years in MUSD.

Lisa Herrin

20
Years of Service

Dr. Herrin is empathetic, knowledgeable, and 100% committed to student success. Her dedication to Manteca Unified, our students, and our staff is reflected in the countless hours she puts forth in ensuring she is part of the collective team to respond to needs District wide. Lisa prides herself on advocating for underserved populations and we are fortunate to have her on our team!



Micah Kelly

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Kelly is always a friendly face on our campus. She is patient, kind, & helpful to all. Jr High students are fortunate to have her. She is a huge part of why Lincoln is a family.



Nalee Thao

20
Years of Service

Nalee has served preschool and elementary students in the Weston Ranch area for the last 20 years. Her contributions have been greatly appreciated.

Congratulations Nalee!



Ramon Jimenez

20
Years of Service

Ramon is a member of Sequoia's amazing Junior High team. He is often found participating in games at our leadership assemblies while students cheer him on. Walking the hallways outside of his classroom is a true adventure with the variety of amazing projects that he completes with his students.



Raymond Galapia

20
Years of Service

Mr. Galapia has shaped the minds of countless students over the past two decades at Great Valley Elementary School. He has a passion for teaching and an unwavering commitment to his students. Mr. Galapia's dedication to teaching does not go unnoticed and is often found to be the first one on campus. Congratulations to Mr. Galapia on his 20 years of service in MUSD, we thank you!



Rebecca Benko

20
Years of Service

Ms. Benko is a Jr. high math and science teacher at Walter Woodward. She shares her love of art through her art history elective. In addition, Ms. Benko serves on our school site council. Congratulations for completing 20 years of service with MUSD.



Robert Merrill

20
Years of Service

Robert "Troy" Merrill is THE science teacher at New Vision. Troy is a vital part of the New Vision school community. Troy can always be seen talking with students outside his class, participating in student activities, and advocating for students. Troy continues to have a positive impact on our team and in the lives of our students as they work toward graduation.



Ryan Costa

20
Years of Service

Ryan Costa is a dedicated teacher who has built CTE programs for the betterment of our students and the community. We are appreciative of his years of service and the impact he has had on the Manteca/Lathrop community.



Ryan Tarr

20
Years of Service

Mr. Tarr is a Lancer through and through! After serving the district at another school site, Mr. Tarr was granted the opportunity to return to his alma mater, East Union High School, as a Social Science teacher. He has also served as an admin designee, WASC focus group lead and athletic coach.



Samantha Danley

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Danley has served MUSD as an English teacher for the last 20 years. Her most recent assignment has allowed her to serve EL students at East Union High School. Her passion, her dedication, her heart is seen pouring into her students each day. She is, without a doubt, a true inspiration to her students.



Selina Reynolds

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Reynolds is an asset to our school. Her experience and knowledge of the profession show daily in her lessons and mentorship of new teachers. Mrs. Reynolds fosters a classroom environment where students thrive intellectually and socially.



Terri Richichi

20
Years of Service

Terri is new to the primary world this year. After several years of teaching music for the district, she made the move to Sequoia to join our first-grade team. It is a joy to walk into her classroom and watch her interact with the younger students.



Thomas Gaines

20
Years of Service

Tom Gaines has maintained a loyal and consistent presence among his colleagues in the Business Department at Sierra High for 20 years. His expertise and experience coupled with his great humor positively impact his students daily. Congratulations Mr. Tom Gaines!



Timothy Horning

20
Years of Service

Mr. Horning is a very good science teacher who keeps class interesting for his students. He also goes above and beyond in his service to the school. He has served as our head girls volleyball coach and will help our school in any way needed.



Troy White

20
Years of Service

Mr. White is a teacher that works diligently for his students. A rare individual who can teach Chemistry and Life Science, Mr. White is always willing to do what the school needs of him. MHS is very lucky to have Mr. White.





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Alma Nunez

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Years of Service



Alma's dedication to keeping our school clean and safe for the past 20 years has been truly inspiring. Her hard work and positive attitude have made a lasting impact on George Komure's school community.

Amparo Ibarra

20
Years of Service



Amparo is an asset to our department. She is dependable, kind, and hardworking. It has been wonderful to see the confidence and growth in Amparo over the past 20 years. Having staff such as Amparo makes it a joy to be a supervisor.

Carmen Galicia

20
Years of Service



Carmen Galicia has been working for Manteca Unified in the Nutrition Department for 20 years this month. Carmen is one of those caring employees that is a joy to work with and who always takes the initiative to make new employees feel welcome. She is always eager to help others and to share ways to work faster and more efficiently. Carmen is a great example of an employee and person. Congratulations Carmen and thank you for your years of service.

Cheryl Ramos

20
Years of Service



Cheryl worked fourteen years as a school bus driver and field trip driver. In that time, she was loved by all her students and always had one of the cleanest buses in the yard! Cheryl has spent the past year in the Transportation office as our Router/School Bus Operator. Her years of experience and knowledge have made her an amazing addition to our office.

Claudia Rocha

20
Years of Service



It is with great pleasure that we celebrate the remarkable 20-year tenure of Claudia Rocha's invaluable service to the esteemed Manteca Unified School District Nutrition Services. Over the course of these two decades, Claudia has adeptly fulfilled a multitude of responsibilities and played various roles within Weston Ranch High School, consistently exhibiting a level of excellence that is truly commendable. Her unwavering commitment and exceptional leadership have not only inspired countless students but have also left an indelible mark on the entire school community.

Dale Fitzmorris

20
Years of Service



Congratulations on reaching 20 years with Manteca Unified School District! Your dedication and hard work are not going unnoticed. Thank you for your continued commitment.

Elbert Bartlett JFI

20
Years of Service



Elbert Bartlett's commitment to MUSD is a reflection of his passion to serve our community. The knowledge and experience gained from his years of service is extremely valuable to our department as well as the District. Congratulations on 20 years of Service Elbert!

Herlinda Bracamonte

20
Years of Service



Herlinda is passionate about her job at Lincoln. She is hardworking and treats all her students with kindness and compassion. Herlinda has built a strong team as the lead at Lincoln Elementary. I have enjoyed watching her interacting with her students and staff and the connections she makes.

Janet Stage

20
Years of Service



Janet Stage is always willing to step in and help wherever she can be of assistance. We are grateful for her years of service and the impact she has made on our school community.

Joseph Wallace

20
Years of Service



Joe is our Head Mechanic and his knowledge and years of experience make him invaluable! He has a great sense of humor and is always stepping up to help employees throughout the district with their vehicle needs. I am so proud of Joe's pride in his work and years of service!

Judy Jansen

20
Years of Service



I've had the pleasure of supervising Judy for several years. Over the past 20 years, Judy has given her dedication to the Nutrition Education department but most of all to the students that she provides meals for. Judy tackles her daily tasks with a "can do attitude" and always encourages her team to do the same. Judy is a valuable member of the Nutrition Education department. Congratulations Judy for your 20 years of service with MUSD Nutrition.

Laura Huerta

20
Years of Service



I am honored to celebrate Laura Huerta's remarkable milestone of 20 years of dedicated service to MUSD. Throughout her tenure, she has been an invaluable asset to both Weston Ranch High School and New Vision, embodying unwavering commitment and care for our students' well-being. Her passion for her work shines through in every meal she prepares, making a positive impact on countless lives within our school community. The Nutrition Education Department extends our heartfelt gratitude to Laura Huerta for her two decades of hard work, compassion, and dedication.

Lorraine Luna

20
Years of Service



Lorraine is the glue that holds the Sequoia Office together. She is knowledgeable in all aspects of her job and treats everyone with kindness.

Nancy Serrano

20
Years of Service



I am thrilled to honor Nancy as she celebrates an impressive 20 years of service with MUSD. Nancy's dedication, caring nature, and natural leadership qualities earned the esteemed role of Nutrition Services Lead at George Komure. She consistently demonstrates a genuine commitment to the well-being of students and staff, and she passionately believes in lifting and empowering her colleagues. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Nancy for her invaluable contributions over the past two decades, and we eagerly anticipate the continued impact of her leadership in the years to come.

Rachelle Metcalfe

20
Years of Service



Shelly shows a great deal of dedication and expertise in her role as a Lead at Lathrop Elementary. Shelly works so well with kitchen staff, office staff, and with the students that pass through her line daily. She is respected by her peers. Her smile and laugh can only brighten up your day whenever you are around her. Her customer service is unmatched and that is something that cannot be taught. She leaves a lasting impact on everyone she interacts with. Students have even come by to see her after they have long left elementary school. Shelly is one of those co-workers, friends, and employees that you will never forget. We want to thank Shelly and to also congratulate her on her 21 years of fantastic service!

Renee Miramontes

20
Years of Service



Renee has worn many hats at Walter Woodward. She's been our librarian, homeless liaison, girls' volleyball coach, and attendance clerk. No matter what Renee is doing she is focused on putting kids first. Her love for this community shows in all she does. Congratulations for completing 20 years of service with MUSD.

Richard Antuna Jr.

20
Years of Service



Thank you for your dedication to Lincoln students & staff. You are so appreciated for your dedication to maintaining a safe and clean environment for everyone. Thank you, Mr. Richard!

Rickie McLarty

20
Years of Service

Rickie definitely cares about the school district and has shown this through his work ethic, taking care of business, and ability to work alongside with people to keep this place running smoothly. You can count on him to get the job done.

Thank you for your service, Butch!

Roxana Salgado

20
Years of Service



Ms. Salgado embodies French Camp in every way. Over the years, she has developed positive relationships with French Camp families, staff, and students. Families respect and trust her. The French Camp staff has an immense amount of appreciation for all that she does to help French Camp run smoothly. Students who have gone through French Camp return just to say hi to Ms. Salgado. She is a person who continues to leave a positive impression on the FC Community.

Yolanda Lopez

20
Years of Service

Mrs. Lopez has been a dedicated custodian for 20 years, serving our school community. Her work and attention to detail have kept our facilities clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone. We are grateful for her years of service and the impact she has had on our school and community. Congratulations, Mrs. Lopez, on this milestone!



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Angie Ojeda

25
Years of Service

Angie is the quintessential “Early Adopter” at AK! She says, “I have enjoyed my teaching career at August Knodt . I am always ready to learn something new, implement new strategies and continue my teaching career at Manteca Unified.”



Brent VanZwaluwenburg

25
Years of Service

Mr. VanZwaluwenburg has shared his knowledge of and passion for the Spanish Language with his students for 25 years at Sierra High School. He is a teacher leader on campus, respected by colleagues and administration. His students are consistently successful and perform at a high level. In addition to instructing his classes, Brent collaborates regularly with the administration to lead the World Language Department and progress monitor the school's WASC goals.



Chantelle Springer

25
Years of Service

Chantelle has worked at Jr. High and is currently working in Transitional Kindergarten. She has a wealth of knowledge and ability to work with all age ranges of students. She is a strong teacher advocate and works closely with MEA.



Cheryl Pires

25
Years of Service

Cheryl spends many hours developing fun, new ways to help students reach their goals in Speech. She is a student advocate who cares deeply for her current and past students. Although Cheryl seems to know everyone who is around her, she has a way of letting each individual feel seen and heard. She is both professional and personable at the same time. Anyone who has worked with Cheryl knows that she is an amazing colleague and friend!



Corrina Lewis

25
Years of Service

Mrs. Lewis is committed to our students and community, putting in hard work to ensure our students feel supported and ready to learn. We greatly appreciate everything she does for Lathrop Elementary. Congratulations on 25 years of service!



Deborah Krug

25
Years of Service

Mrs. Krug has served East Union High School and MUSD for 25 years. In addition to teaching multiple disciplines within the Math department, Mrs. Krug has played an intricate role in the East Union High School Lancer Academy, a bridge program for all Freshman students. East Union High School is very grateful for her service.



Deborah Ward

25
Years of Service

"The greatest leaders mobilize others by coalescing people around a shared vision."

-Ken Blanchard



Dwayne Kulm

25
Years of Service

Happy 25th anniversary to the King of the purple folders and the mentor who turns every lesson into a unique work of art! Your guidance shapes the future of our students and your colleagues. On behalf of your students and peers thank you for spreading your passion for educating our students and ourselves.



Heidi Debudey

25
Years of Service

Mrs. Debudey-Avila is a cornerstone of our kindergarten team, infusing her teaching with experience, dedication, and creativity. She goes above and beyond to support each student, fostering their holistic development and instilling lifelong habits of success. Congratulations on 25 years in MUSD!



James Carter

25
Years of Service

James has been a dedicated member of the Calla High School staff for over 10 years. He is dependable and forms amazing connections and relationships with our students. Mr. Carter teaches our Senior classes (Government and Economics) and plays a vital role in helping many of our students reach graduation and also think about life after high school.

Thank you for your dedication to Calla High School.



Jennifer Spellman

25
Years of Service

Jennifer Spellman is truly an asset to Lathrop High School. As our teacher librarian, Jennifer has created a safe space in our library for Spartans to grow and learn and serves as a leader on campus, supporting the positive culture of Lathrop High School.



John Yip

25
Years of Service

Mr. Yip has served at MUSD for 25 years. During that time, he has provided instruction in various disciplines within the Math department. We appreciate his dedication to our students and the East Union High School community. Thank you, Mr. Yip!



Juan Gutierrez

25
Years of Service

Mr. Gutierrez has been setting high standards for precision and creativity with his students for 25 years. His dedication to the Visual and Performing Arts Department at Sierra High is second to none. He serves as a Department Chair and works to mentor new teachers. Congratulations on 25 years Mr. Gutierrez!



Kathleen Slikker

25
Years of Service

Kathleen Slikker has been a dedicated and consistent School Psychologist in the Special Education Department for 25 years. She shares a friendly, positive attitude with all who are fortunate to work with her and makes meaningful contributions to her team at Sierra High.

Congratulations on 25 great years
Kathleen!



Keith Johnson

25
Years of Service

Mr. Keith Johnson has had a remarkable journey for the past 25 years as a teacher and a coach. He is an extremely dedicated individual who has tirelessly committed to both the court/field and to the classroom. He has left an impression on countless numbers of students shaping not only their skills but their character. Congratulations Keith!



Krista Ray

25
Years of Service

Krista Ray has been a dedicated 2nd-grade teacher at Veritas school. She is a strong advocate for meeting the needs of all students and is a champion of trying new ways to meet the learning needs of students.



Kristin Meeks

25
Years of Service

Mrs. Meeks creates a classroom environment where students are excited to learn through exploration, movement, and storytelling. She is a vital part of our instructional leadership team. Walter Woodward is lucky to have Mrs. Meeks on Campus. Congratulations on completing 25 years of service with MUSD.



Lori Pellegrino-Jackson

25
Years of Service

Lori Pellegrino- Jackson has dedicated her career to helping guide students through the high school journey but also to prepare them for life after high school. She consistently prioritizes the well-being and future success of every student. She empowered countless individuals to navigate the complexities of adulthood with confidence and purpose. Lori is compassionate and caring and we are so appreciative of her efforts at Calla High School.



Melanie Fisicaro

25
Years of Service

Ms. Fisicaro is a valued member of the special education team at Great Valley Elementary School where she helps to enrich the minds of students every day. Ms. Fisicaro has a fun and energetic personality that helps to engage her students. For this we extend our sincere gratitude for her many years of service and the impact she has had on so many.



Monica Lopez Retamoza

25
Years of Service

Ms. Retamoza is a positive role model for her students. She has an upbeat personality, a great amount of patience for her students, and flexibility as a professional to meet the needs of the site. She inspires her students to do their very best. They view her as not just a teacher, but a superstar!



Nicole Williams

25
Years of Service

Nicole Williams is a professional through and through. Nicole is a strong advocate for her Online Academy students and has dedicated her craft to supporting students. Nicole has built relationships with her students throughout her career and continues to have a positive impact in those she reaches.



Rena Niford

25
Years of Service

Mrs. Niford's 25-year dedication to education has shaped countless young minds. She continually evolves her teaching, integrating technology and innovative methods to engage students. Her impact on the school community is profound, marking a legacy of unwavering devotion to student success.



Robert Baker

25
Years of Service

Year 25 may be your last, but you have made a lifetime of memories and lasting impressions on so many students! The Lincoln community has been so fortunate to have your support, leadership and dedication. We can't wait until you return to sub!



Shelley Dini

25
Years of Service

Mrs. Dini's 25 years of service as a special education teacher at New Haven reflect her dedication and compassion. She goes above and beyond, serving as a beacon of support for students with special needs, making a lasting impact on countless lives. Congratulations on 25 years!



Steven Jackson

25
Years of Service

Mr. Jackson has served in the district for 25 years. His primary role has been a Social Science teacher while serving in various additional capacities within the school community. He has been a department chair, WASC focus group lead, athletic coach, and club advisor. The school community appreciates his hard work and dedication to his students.



Tricia Barnett

25
Years of Service

Mrs. Barnett's exceptional organizational skills have contributed to a smooth and effective learning environment for all of her students. Her dedication to educating young minds is truly inspiring. We are so grateful to have Mrs. Barnett as part of our New Haven family. Thank you for your years of service and dedication.





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Christopher Snell

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Mr. Snell is one of the most dedicated and hardest working staff members I have ever worked with. He has a strong passion for serving our students and staff members and is so dedicated to ensuring the Golden West School's facilities are safe, well maintained, and sanitized.

Concepcion Abalos

25
Years of Service



“No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are; how you treat people ultimately tells all! Integrity is Everything”

Ms. Abalos is faithful to her students and her work and provides relentless support to students at August Knodt.

Federico Pimentel Jr.

25
Years of Service



Mr. Pimentel takes pride in his work and in all things French Camp. He is kind to the students and staff and is always willing to make the campus a better place. He goes above and beyond when it comes to making French Camp's campus the best it can be.

Jaymie Tyson

25
Years of Service



Jaymie is a school bus driver and field trip driver who is loved by her students and co-workers. She is a great mix of fun and safety for her students, which makes her the perfect driver! We are so lucky to have her!

Joe Barros

25
Years of Service



Celebrating 25 years of diverse experiences, challenges overcome, and growth achieved while serving the students and staff with dedication. Looking back with pride, and forward with enthusiasm for the continued journey ahead. Thank you for allowing me to make a meaningful impact each day.

Kelly Spingola

25
Years of Service



Ms. Spingola has been an integral part of our educational community at Great Valley. She supports her students with compassion and care. Ms. Spingola has a big heart for the students at Great Valley and her positivity is contagious. Thank you Ms. Spingola for your 25 years of service in MUSD!

Maribel Torres

25
Years of Service



Mrs. Torres always has a ready smile and pleasant hello for any student, teacher, or parent she meets. She has spent her career as a bilingual aide at French Camp school. She encourages students of all ages to work diligently so that they may succeed in all they do.

Paula Gulbronson

25
Years of Service



Paula Gulbronson's 25-year dedication to Sierra High School has been invaluable. As a humble leader, she consistently prioritizes students' and families' needs while supporting staff in various roles. Paula's exemplary leadership and unwavering dedication have earned her respect across the Timberwolf Community. Her knowledge, experience and dedication to Sierra High is second to none. Congratulations on 25 amazing years Paula!



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Clairlyse Touchon

30
Years of Service

Ms. Touchon has a wonderful rapport with students and staff alike. Her class has always been welcoming and a fun environment to learn in. Manteca High is lucky to have Ms. Touchon on staff.



David Silveira

30
Years of Service

"Leaders instill in their people a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals."

-Unknown



Deborah Doyle

30
Years of Service

"The growth and development of people
is the highest calling of leadership."
—Harvey S. Firestone



Deborah Head

30
Years of Service

Mrs. Head's commitment to her students and their social, emotional as well as academic well-being has always contributed to her successes in the classroom. She is willing to help any student or staff member who needs assistance, and she does so with a positive attitude.



Deborah Winter

30
Years of Service

Mrs. Debbie Winter has demonstrated a dedication and commitment to teaching for 30 years that cannot be compared to anyone. Throughout her tenure, Debbie has exemplified excellence in education, inspiring countless students and colleagues alike. Her passion for teaching and unwavering support of her students has touched many students throughout her 30 years. Debbie's remarkable service is a testament to her enduring impact on the field of education.



Frank Gonzales

30
Years of Service

"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionable integrity."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower



Hortencia Garcia

30
Years of Service

Throughout her years of service, Mrs. Garcia has been unwavering in her passion for mathematics and dedication to the students she educates. Her knowledge paired with a sense of humor has endeared her to junior high students.



Terri Brown

30
Years of Service

Mrs. Brown has been faithfully serving the students at Joshua Cowell Elementary School since it opened in 1994. She is committed to ensuring her lessons are engaging and rigorous. Mrs. Brown truly loves her students and her care for them goes well beyond academics. Congratulations Mrs. Brown on 30 years of shaping and inspiring the minds of the future!



Julia Cannon

30
Years of Service

Mrs. Cannon has given many hours to students beyond the classroom. She has coached and supported students to develop their athletic abilities and mindset from 7th to 12th grade. Her passion for students' physical fitness is shared with her students.

Lisa Kelley

30
Years of Service

Mrs. Kelley is unequivocally one of the most efficient and organized people that I have worked with. She can prioritize the demands of the teaching profession while preparing students for their future. She was one of our Success 101 teachers and she did an amazing job in leading students into their future. She is extremely committed to seeing her students achieve at a high level and mentors them when they do not meet their personal goals.



Richard Boyd

30
Years of Service

Mr. Boyd is an original Timberwolf, having joined the Sierra family in the Fall of 1994. Rich has spent countless hours teaching, coaching, and mentoring students and colleagues through his roles as a PE teacher, baseball and football coach, FCA advisor, and PE Department Chair. He is a positive role model for our students, and Sierra has been lucky to have him over his 30 years in MUSD.



Robin Bradshaw

30
Years of Service

Ms. Bradshaw has dedicated a remarkable 30 years to education. Not only does she impact students in the classroom, but she often dedicates her time at after school events. Ms. Bradshaw genuinely cares about the well-being and success of her students.



Shellie Schuiling

30
Years of Service

“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.” - Socrates

Ms. Schuiling acknowledges and builds on the strengths that each student brings to the classroom.



Susan Kelley

30
Years of Service

Mrs. Kelley is one of the most dedicated and inspiring teachers at McParland. Her days begin and end with the success of her students at the forefront of her thoughts and plans. She not only inspires students to meet academic expectations but also in community building.

Tevani Liotard

30
Years of Service

Mrs. Liotard has served at multiple school sites during her 30-year tenure in the Manteca Unified School District. Known for her service in the physical education department and volleyball coaching circles, Mrs. Liotard is especially recognized for her dedication, professionalism, and leadership.





MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

30 *Years of
Service*

CLASSIFIED



Chelo DeLeon

30
Years of Service



Chelo DeLeon is the quiet but mighty backbone of the Manteca Unified School District. Her dedication to the district, the staff, “her” Board, and our students is unparalleled. Chelo is the first to arrive and the last to leave. She is the “go to” for anything Manteca Unified. Without Chelo DeLeon the Manteca School Board and Superintendent would be lost. Thank goodness she keeps us on the straight and narrow! She works hard, cares deeply, and is intimately knowledgeable.



MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

35 Years of
Service

CERTIFICATED



Daniel Cunial

35
Years of Service

Dan Cunial has served Manteca Unified School District for 35 years. Beginning at Lathrop Elementary, he later served Sierra High for 30 years, teaching various subjects and coaching varsity sports. He challenges his students to think critically and establishes strong rapport creating a safe and engaging learning environment.



Deborah Frazer

35
Years of Service

Ms. Frazer is a cornerstone at 35 years to Brock Elliott. Debbie is a National Board Certified Teacher, always open to learning, plays handbells, energizes us with the B-R-O-C-K Cheer, and has a passion for beginning the school year with a Gorilla in a box that always seems to arrive and excite adventure that awaits her class!



Julie Thomas

35
Years of Service

Julie Thomas is an incredible asset to the department of Student Programs and to our MUSD teaching staff. Julie's commitment to developing and implementing a standards-based report card for our TK-6 grade students that is equitable and informative, has been invaluable. Mrs. Thomas is always there to support our MUSD teachers. Congratulations on 35 dedicated years to our teachers and students!



Kathleen Curtright

35
Years of Service

Kathleen is a dynamic member of Sequoia Elementary's 1st-grade team. She also sits on our Instructional Leadership team. Her dedication to her classroom, her students, and their families is commendable and appreciated.



Laura Sudderth

35
Years of Service

35 years of service to Lincoln & MUSD is truly amazing! Laura teaches each day as if it were still day 1. I appreciate her leadership, experience, and unwavering support of student learning. We are better because of Mrs. Sudderth.



Richard Hammarstrom

35
Years of Service

Mr. Hammarstrom joined the Sierra family 26 years ago, adding more than great music to campus. His smile, warm greetings, and friendly nature make every Timberwolf feel accepted and important. Beyond being an outstanding teacher, mentor, and role model to thousands of students throughout his 35 years in MUSD, Sierra feels fortunate to have had "Hammar" help shape our culture for so many years.



Rosa M. Gutierrez

35
Years of Service

Mrs. Gutierrez is a valued member of the Joseph Widmer team. She goes above and beyond to serve students and families. Additionally, Mrs. Gutierrez generously gives her time to mentor new teachers.





MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

40 *Years of
Service*

CLASSIFIED



Angelina Keigley

40
Years of Service



Ms. Keigley shows her commitment to the students through her actions. She comes to work every day with a great attitude, a smile on her face, and eager to help the students. She has a kind soul and strives to make the time with her students the absolute best part of their day.



MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



Christopher Snell

'24
Classified Employee
of the Year

"Chris is a ray of sunshine! Positive, patient, flexible, dedicated, and just the hardest-working person. He has a strong passion for serving our students and staff members, and he provides highly effective leadership on campus."



Mike Lehr

'24
Classified Employee
of the Year

Mr. Lehr is also the San Joaquin County Office of Education's 2024 Classified School Employee of the Year in the Skilled Trade Services category.

"Mike is an asset to the Facilities Department and Manteca Unified School District. He excels at working with teams on projects he oversees and is an excellent communicator. He is team-minded, pleasant, and always welcoming to ideas and challenges voiced by members of the Core Planning Teams."



Paula Gulbranson

'24
Classified Employee
of the Year

"It is rare to find an individual with the willingness to work and challenge themselves at the level that Paula does. She is continuously striving to improve her skills and push herself to the next level. Paula is a humble leader, unafraid to step in and assist in difficult situations."



Sandra Burch

'24
Classified Employee
of the Year

"Ms. Burch is the consummate professional and team player. She is extremely effective in mentoring, supervising, motivating students, and promoting a positive campus climate. She is patient and effective in supporting each unique student."





MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR



Maria Franco

'24
Educator
of the Year



"Ms. Franco's ability to motivate students and create innovative lessons has been an inspiration to her colleagues over the years. She genuinely looks out for her students' well-being, takes the time to address their hopes and fears, lifts them so that they believe in themselves, and can find the positives in any situation."

Maria Ravelo

'24
Educator
of the Year



Ms. Ravelo is also the San Joaquin County Office of Education's 2024 Teacher of the Year

"Ms. Ravelo is part of the backbone of our teaching staff. Through her optimism and positive attitude, and the belief that every student can learn, Maria instills confidence in her students, daily. It comes as no surprise that students in her class feel safe, respected, and supported. She is an exceptional educator and an even better person."

Patricia Gonzales

'24
Educator
of the Year



"Everyone Ms. Gonzales connects with is influenced by her work ethic, compassion, professionalism, and humility. Her positive energy and expertise with curriculum and instruction brightens the lives of students, both in and beyond the classroom. She is an inspiration to students, and truly makes Weston Ranch High School better each day."

Shelley Kulm

'24
Educator
of the Year



“Throughout her career with MUSD, Ms. Kulm has always gone above and beyond for students. She works to improve their lives by helping increase academic performance, boost social skills, resolve behavioral issues, and support students’ emotional and mental health. Over the years, students have consistently reported that Ms. Kulm really listens to them and makes sure their needs are met.”