MUSD's

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Recognizing employees for their years of service
and MUSD's 2025 Employees of the Year

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

20 Years of Service

CERTIFICATED

Adrian Andrews

20 Years of Service

"Congratulations to Ms. Andrews on an amazing 20-year teaching career! Ms. Andrews' passion for teaching is evident in every lesson!"

– Stella Brockman Administration



Adrian Hernandez

20 Years of Service



"Ms. Hernandez's positive attitude, quick responses, and thoughtful feedback make her an invaluable asset to the Sierra community. What really stands out is her ability to connect on a personal level. Though she has a large caseload and MANY responsibilities as lead counselor, she knows her kids. She is available to them and takes the time to value them."

– Sierra High Administration

Allison Birakos

20 Years of Service

"Allison Birakos, known affectionately as 'B-Rock' by her students, is the heart of Lathrop High School's vibrant culture. She pours her passion into leadership, empowering students to take ownership of their school experience. Her dedication fosters a positive, spirited community that makes Lathrop High School feel like family."

– Lathrop High Administration



Angela Mueller

20 Years of Service



"Mrs. Mueller is a cornerstone of our second-grade team at George McParland. Her dedication to continuous improvement is inspiring, as she constantly seeks out new training opportunities to enhance student learning. She builds strong, trusting relationships with her students and their families, creating a nurturing and supportive classroom environment."

– George McParland Administration

Anita Tillotson

20 Years of Service

"Through your years of service, your passion, dedication, and leadership have shaped not only the school community but the hearts and minds of those you've inspired along the way."

– Jenni Andrews, Executive Director



Ann Niendorf

20 Years of Service



"For the past 20 years, Ann has been a dedicated and passionate educator. She is always the first to arrive in the morning, putting in long hours to ensure her students receive the best education possible. This year, she took on the challenge of teaching a 2nd/3rd grade combination class at Mossdale Elementary School, demonstrating her commitment to her students' growth and success. Her deep care for each child is evident in everything she does, making a lasting impact on their lives."

– Mossdale Administration

Anthony Dahl

20 Years of Service



"Anthony Dahl has been an elementary music teacher and a high school band teacher during his career. He has also been the Music Coordinator and, most recently as the MUSD VAPA Coordinator. Anthony has worked very hard to support the VAPA programs for the District. He is a creative problem solver, but most importantly, he has a big heart for teachers and students."

– Clara Schmiedt, Executive Director

Ashley Souza

20 Years of Service

"Ashley is a dedicated speech therapist who strives to put students first in all she does. Through collaboration with educators, parents, and other professionals, she has instilled in her students the importance of helping them succeed in and out of the classroom. She is a tremendous asset to the SPED department!"

– Dr. Jody Burriss, Senior Director



Bernadette Ogbeide

20 Years of Service



“Bernadette Ogbeide is a strong, steady presence in the classroom, earning the deep respect of her students. She challenges them with high expectations while guiding them to reach their full potential. Beyond the classroom, she mentors new teachers, providing invaluable support and fostering their growth. She is an asset to the Spartan Nation."

– Lathrop High Administration

Bonnie Stogner

20 Years of Service

"Throughout her career, Bonnie has been more than just an educator; she has been a guide, a mentor, and a leader. Her ability to facilitate meaningful learning experiences, whether with students or adult learners, showcases her rare talent for connecting with people and fostering growth. Bonnie doesn't just teach—she empowers, she collaborates, and she inspires."

– Julie Hollander, Director



Bryan Buterbaugh

20 Years of Service

"Bryan Buterbaugh creates a calm and supportive math classroom where students feel safe to take risks and grow. His patience and encouragement help students build confidence in their learning. Beyond the classroom, he brings the same dedication to coaching cross-country, inspiring his athletes to push beyond their limits."

– Lathrop High Administration



Carol Kemper

20 Years of Service

"Celebrating 20 years in MUSD, Carol has been a committed math teacher, helping students at all levels succeed. She has been an invaluable support as an admin designee, always stepping up when needed. Her experience, patience, and willingness to help have benefited both students and staff. Carol's passion for education and dedication to MHS have made a significant impact over the years."

– Manteca High Administration



Cristina Perez

20 Years of Service



"Cristina works hard to build positive relationships with her students and follows up with them long after they leave 3rd grade. She is a team player and always works hard to provide the best education for our students. She holds her students to high academic and behavioral standards and truly believes all students can learn and succeed; therefore, she seeks out the strategies and support needed for each of her students. 'Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.'- John C. Maxwell."

– Great Valley Administration

Deana Villarreal

20 Years of Service

"Mrs. Villarreal has a way of bringing students together through music, theater, and choir. Her annual holiday caroling trip and Spring musical are Lincoln traditions. Mrs. Villarreal's strong passion and dedication are evident through her many hours of prep and direct student encouragement and support of the arts."

– Lincoln Administration



Denice Bryant

20 Years of Service

"Denice is a dedicated Resource Teacher who brings compassion, expertise, and heart to everything she does. She advocates fiercely for her students and creates a supportive environment where they can thrive. Denice's impact extends beyond her classroom, uplifting both students and staff. She is a steady, caring presence in our school community."

– George Komure Administration



Dimos Birakos

20 Years of Service



"Dimos is a team player and an essential member of the Physical Education Department at Sierra High. Dimos is willing to jump in and help when he sees a need. He teaches his students commitment, dedication, and to be better each day. Dimos also serves our country in the military in addition to his teaching responsibilities. We recognize this sacrifice he has made and salute him for it! Thank you for your years of service to Sierra High School."

– Sierra High Administration

Eduardo Palacios

20 Years of Service



"Mr. Palacios is a dedicated educator who has made a lasting impact on his students and colleagues. His passion for teaching and commitment to his students have been evident throughout his years of service. He continuously goes above and beyond to create a supportive and engaging learning environment. We celebrate and appreciate his hard work, dedication, and the positive influence he has had on so many lives during his years at MUSD."

– French Camp Administration

Francisco Cisneros

20 Years of Service

"Mr. Cisneros is a student-centered educator. Whether it's teaching Health, Success 101, or coaching on the soccer field, Mr. Cisneros is a consistent professional who is very reliable and a team-oriented individual. He exemplifies what a professional educator should be."

– Weston Ranch Administration



Janelle Bauer

20 Years of Service

"Mrs. Bauer is an exceptional, professional educator who holds her students to high standards and expectations. We appreciate her work and value her reliability throughout many years at Weston Ranch High School."

– Weston Ranch Administration



Jeffrey Abrew

20 Years of Service

"Jeff Abrew tirelessly tackles every challenge put in front of him. His approachability and willingness to listen to students, players, and colleagues make it obvious that he cares and truly wants to help the Sierra community. Coach Abrew leads by example, showing students and fellow coaches how to remain positive and put others first rather than focusing on winning above all costs."

– Sierra High Administration



Jeffrey Wright

20 Years of Service



"Mr. Wright has worked at the following school during his time with MUSD: 3 years at Calla, 11 years at LHS, and 6 years at Manteca Day / New Day / Yosemite Day. I first had the pleasure of working with Mr. Wright while an SDC teacher at Lathrop High, where he was our department chair. He is a dedicated family man and cherishes his wife, three daughters, and son. Also, as you can see, he is the life of the party at our Field Day festivities."

– Yosemite Day Administration

Jennifer Anderson

20 Years of Service

"Mrs. Anderson is a Kindergarten teacher through and through, who always takes her student's learning personally, so learning is always growing! Thank you for your continued support of student learning!"

– Brock Elliott Administration



Jennifer Bettencourt

20 Years of Service

"Jen's expertise in general education, special education, and inclusion has been a tremendous asset to MUSD. She is a collaborative team player who consistently demonstrates enthusiasm and a willingness to support her colleagues."

– Dr. Jody Burriss, Senior Director



Joleen Eakle

20 Years of Service

"With 20 years of dedicated service, Mrs. Eakle has inspired countless students, developed young minds, and made a lasting mark on the world of education through her passion and commitment. Congratulations, Mrs. Eakle, on this accomplishment!"

– Stella Brockman Administration



Jonya Meyer

20 Years of Service



"Jonya Meyer, your caring and empathetic nature truly shines through in all that you do. Your commitment to Social Emotional Learning creates a supportive and nurturing environment where everyone feels heard and valued. You continuously inspire those around you with your passion for fostering emotional well-being and growth. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to making a positive impact on both students and staff alike."

— Frank Gonzales, Director II

Judy Xiong

20 Years of Service

"Judy Xiong has been impacting education in MUSD for the past 20 years. She does a great job communicating with families and building relationships with students. Her commitment to student learning is evident in all she does."

– Walter Woodward Administration



Julie Albers

20 Years of Service



"Working alongside Mrs. Albers has been an incredible experience. She brings invaluable knowledge and wisdom to our team! Her dedication to helping her students is unwavering, and she consistently goes above and beyond to ensure her students are growing to their full potential."

– French Camp Administration

Kelly Hughes

20 Years of Service

"Kelly Hughes is a veteran math teacher with 20 years of experience. She brings a structured approach to her classroom, challenging students academically. Her years in education reflect her commitment to the field of mathematics."

– Lathrop High Administration



Kendra Martinsen

20 Years of Service



"Kendra has a remarkable gift for welcoming and supporting new teachers, ensuring that they feel not only prepared but truly valued. She understands that the foundation of a strong team lies in fostering relationships, and she excels at building meaningful connections. Her mentorship creates an environment where new teachers are empowered to grow, succeed, and shine."

– Julie Hollander, Director

Kimberly Rotert

20 Years of Service

"Kim excels with her students. She has a true passion for her students and their learning. It is awesome to see her excitement as she describes their accomplishments."

– Sequoia Administration



Larry Cardoso

20 Years of Service



"Mr. Cardoso is a true gift in the junior high world. He is a legend at Sequoia and a great team player within his junior high team. We often have his former students return to visit him, and many bring their own children to meet him or attend school on our campus."

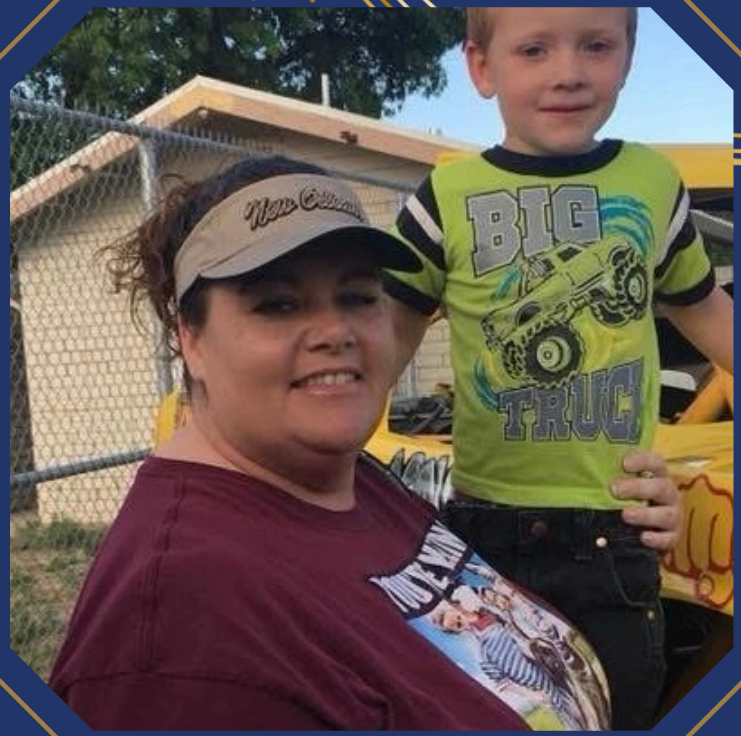
– Sequoia Administration

Laura Steiner

20 Years of Service

"Ms. Steiner has always shown commitment to our learners through her knowledge and her honesty, giving each of her students the talk, the tools, and the tasks that build their individual successes."

– Brock Elliott Administration



Laurie Vazquez

20 Years of Service



"Since I have known Laurie, she has always demonstrated passion and commitment to her students and their learning. Laurie always finds a way to support her students, peers, and school. She never hesitates to lend a helping hand or share her knowledge when someone needs or asks for support. Laurie is an exemplary example of what a lifelong learner and educator should be after many years in servitude to her community and workplace."

– French Camp Administration

Lisa Arp

20 Years of Service

"Mrs. Arp has dedicated her teaching career to many students at Lincoln Elementary. We are thankful for her years of service in MUSD and Lincoln."

– Lincoln Administration



Lori Guzman-Alvarez

20 Years of Service

"A great leader's legacy is not measured by what they accomplished alone, but by the lives they inspired and the positive change they set in motion." Your passion, dedication, and leadership have shaped the school community and the hearts and minds of those you've inspired. Congratulations on your retirement!”

– Jenni Andrews, Executive Director



Lu Xiong

20 Years of Service

"Lu inspires her students to find their voice and think critically. She holds high expectations while creating a space where students feel safe, seen, and supported. Her calm presence and dedication make a difference every day. Lu is a valued member of our Komure team."

– George Komure Administration



Lynne Klatt

20 Years of Service

"Lynne's background as a general education teacher has been a great asset in her work as an adapted physical education teacher. We are grateful for her dedication to the students she serves."

– Dr. Jody Burriss, Senior Director



Marlene Martin

20 Years of Service

"Mrs. Martin is a teacher leader among her peers and a dedicated instructor to all students fortunate enough to study with her. She serves Sierra High as a Department Chair, mentor teacher, and advocate for emerging students. Mrs. Martin instructs English and English Language Development Classes. Congratulations on 20 amazing years, Mrs. Martin!"

– Sierra High Administration



Melissa Herrera

20 Years of Service



"Melissa Herrera has worn many hats in her career with Manteca Unified. She has taught students in the primary grades, been a program coordinator, helped lead Lincoln Elementary as a Vice Principal, and now shares her knowledge as an ELD TOSA. Her expertise in professional development for English learners has greatly benefited both teachers and school site administrators. Her next challenge involves working with teachers on assessments and grade/marks reporting as a TOSA in the upcoming school year. Congratulations, Melissa, on your continued successes with MUSD!"

– Sherrie Jamero, Director

Melissa King

20 Years of Service



"For 20 years, Mrs. Melissa King has been a dedicated educator and leader within Manteca Unified, always putting students first. She spent 12 years as a classroom teacher, followed by a year as a program coordinator. She has served as a vice principal for seven years and is currently serving the community at Mossdale Elementary. Her commitment to building strong connections with students, staff, and the community has made a lasting impact. Melissa's passion for education and unwavering dedication continue to shape a positive and supportive environment for all."

– Mossdale Administration

Melissa Ouimette

20 Years of Service



"Mrs. Ouimette brings a wealth of knowledge to George McParland's Special Education department. Her kind and compassionate nature shines through in her interactions with students, making her a consistent and reliable presence in their educational journey."

– George McParland Administration

Melissa Rosander

20 Years of Service

"Miss Rosander has been a dedicated Lincoln teacher for most of her career. Her strong commitment to student success is commendable, and she is admired by those who work with her."

– Lincoln Administration



Men Sam

20 Years of Service



"For 20 years, Mr. Men Sam has been a steady and inspiring presence at Mossdale Elementary. With a quiet demeanor yet an unwavering commitment to engaging his students, he brings learning to life every day. His collaborative nature fosters a strong sense of teamwork among colleagues, and his dedication has earned him the admiration of staff, students, and parents alike. His impact over the years is a testament to his passion for teaching and the lasting connections he builds in the school community."

– Mossdale Administration

Michael Hale

20 Years of Service

"Mike Hale is an exceptional educator who has been committed to the students, staff, and community of Weston Ranch since the doors opened here at the school site. Mike is one who stands for what is true, one who is student-centered, and one who continually goes the extra mile to effectively get things done. It has been a pleasure to work alongside Mike. Mike is a natural leader who is driven to be the best that he can be."



– Clara Schmiedt, Executive Director

Neonila DuBois

20 Years of Service



"Ms. DuBois makes the most amazing connections with her students! Her positive attitude and energy in the classroom and on campus is infectious. She is inspiring as a professional, and she's a teacher that her students will remember for a lifetime."

– New Haven Administration

Pha Chuon

20 Years of Service

"Pha Chuon's 20 years of teaching in MUSD have all been at Golden West Elementary. He has been instrumental in building a positive culture with our junior high students through engaging lessons and strong rapport with students and families in the classroom as well as on the court through coaching. The GW community is lucky to have Mr. C!"

– Golden West Administration



Piedad Condon

20 Years of Service

"Thank you for everything you have done for our students and community! We appreciate you!"

– Lathrop Elementary Staff

Regina Lopez

20 Years of Service

"Regina is a life-long learner who is committed to adapting to her audience. Watching students show their love towards Regina during affirmation circles and witnessing basketball scrimmages where she demonstrated her Steph Curry shooting accuracy on the court have been two high-leverage connection tools that she has implemented this school year to build community within her class."

– August Knodt Administration



Samantha Baker

20 Years of Service



"Mrs. Baker has dedicated 20 years to nurturing and inspiring countless students. Her compassionate approach has left a lasting impact on everyone she has taught. She is admired for her commitment, patience, and ability to make learning enjoyable. As we celebrate her 20 years of service, we honor her contributions and the positive difference she has made in our Joshua Cowell community."

– Joshua Cowell Administration

Sandy del Mundo

20 Years of Service

"Congratulations to Sandy for twenty successful years in Manteca Unified! Mrs. del Mundo has served the District as a teacher, program coordinator, vice principal, ELD TOSA, and now supports our English Learners as the EL Coordinator. Sandy consistently demonstrates exceptional leadership skills and works in collaboration with teachers and administrators to increase knowledge in the areas of designated and integrated language instruction. Sandy radiates a passion for student learning and is highly committed to enhancing the language acquisition and academic success of our English Learners."



– Sherrie Jamero, Director

Sara Russell

20 Years of Service



"Sara Russell is a beloved teacher at Sierra High, and this is her 20th year at MUSD. Sara has taught many subjects in her teaching career, and currently, she is an integral member of the Spanish Department. Students respond to her dynamic personality and her sense of humor is also an asset in the classroom. She sets high expectations and holds students to those goals. Her students look to her as a mentor, and the lessons they learn from her go beyond the coursework. We thank Sara for her years of service, and for the thousands of students she has inspired."

– Sierra High Administration

Sarah Haskett

20 Years of Service

"Celebrating 20 years at MHS, Sarah has been a dedicated English teacher and a leader. She has served as department chair, WASC coordinator, and MEA High School Director, consistently striving for excellence. A former MUSD Teacher of the Year, Sarah's passion for education and her students is undeniable. Her leadership, dedication, and expertise have had a profound and lasting impact on our school community."



– Manteca High Administration

Sella Groves

20 Years of Service

"Your thoughtful leadership and genuine care for others leaves a lasting impact on your school community. Thank you for your years of service and dedication to making a difference."

– Jenni Andrews, Executive Director



Sharan Silveira

20 Years of Service

"For 20 years, Sharan Silveira has been a dedicated and compassionate educator at Mossdale Elementary, bringing experience and a kind heart to her first-grade classroom. She is deeply committed to her students, always fostering a warm and supportive learning environment where they can thrive. Beyond her classroom, she willingly helps others, serving as a mentor to new educators and sharing her knowledge and guidance. Her dedication to Mossdale and its students does not go unnoticed."

– Mossdale Administration



Stayce Baptista

20 Years of Service



"Mrs. Baptista is a standards-focused, bell-to-bell educator. She takes pride in her profession and demands excellence from her students; her students learn at a very high level under her teaching and guidance. She is incredibly valuable and appreciated more than she will ever know!"

– Weston Ranch High Administration

Stephanie Hjelmstad

20 Years of Service

"Celebrating 20 years at MHS, Stephanie has been the driving force behind student activities at MHS. As a Leadership teacher and Activities Director, she has organized countless events, creating a positive and spirited school culture. Despite facility challenges, she always finds ways to make events successful. Students know they can rely on her, and her dedication to making MHS a fun and engaging place is truly commendable."



– Manteca High Administration

Susan Austin

20 Years of Service

"Ms. Susan Austin has developed a tremendous fan base over her years of teaching. She has developed countless connections with the students and families that have passed through her classroom and remains one of the most requested teachers at Neil Hafley. She is a strong voice among the Hafley staff and provides leadership at her grade level and across campus. Most importantly, she knows how to develop life-long learners who SOAR!"

– Neil Hafley Administration



Susan Vyfvinkel

20 Years of Service

"Susan leads her sixth-grade classroom with consistency, care, and a deep commitment to her students. She creates an environment where students are empowered to grow academically and personally. Her influence is felt in the classroom and throughout our school. Susan is a trusted and respected educator."

– George Komure Administration



Tania Schutte

20 Years of Service

"For 20 years, Tania has been a dedicated educator, known for her consistency, professionalism, and commitment to helping students succeed."

– George Komure Administration



Teresa Valencia

20 Years of Service

"Teresa brings energy, heart, and a love for learning to her third-grade classroom. Her students thrive in an environment built on trust, encouragement, and high expectations. Teresa is deeply committed to her students and her school community. She is a shining example of what it means to be an educator."

– George Komure Administration



Tina Vasquez

20 Years of Service

"Ms. Vasquez brings imagination and wonder to life every day in her UTK class. Watching her interact with students on the playground or in the classroom fills me with pride. She creates a learning environment where students can explore through play and investigation, making learning fun and engaging for all."

– George Komure Administration



Todd Walker

20 Years of Service



"Todd Walker brings his passion for science to the Living Earth classroom, engaging students in exploring the natural world. This year, he expanded his impact by teaching an ELD class, demonstrating his flexibility and dedication to student learning. He collaborates closely with his PLC, contributing to a strong team approach to instruction."

– Lathrop High Administration

Trisha Gonzales

20 Years of Service

"Ms. Gonzales is the epitome of a team player. Over the past four years, she has faced every challenge with grace and a smile. She diligently teaches her students to be positive role models for their younger peers. Her passion for teaching and physical education is evident in the excitement of junior high students who eagerly support younger students through peer PE programs."

– George Komure Administration



Tristyn Silva

20 Years of Service

"Tristyn's passion as an educator radiates in so many facets of work. Her commitments to her students, the agriculture/FFA programs, and to East Union are exceptional. We are proud of the positive impact she has made. Congratulations Tristyn!"

– East Union Administration



Troy Fast

20 Years of Service

"Troy Fast has been a high school administrator for most of his career, starting at Manteca High School as a Vice Principal and Assistant Principal and now as the Principal of Weston Ranch High School. Troy is a great leader who always puts students first. He has worked hard to build a positive culture that is focused on student learning."

– Clara Schmiedt, Executive Director



Ursala Bishop

20 Years of Service

"Ursala is a passionate educator! She is a true gem with a strong spirit and is eager to please when faced with challenges. She is a lifelong learner herself and is willing to shift for the good of herself and others."

– Brock Elliott Administration



Valerie Flores

20 Years of Service

"Mrs. Flores has had a consistent and notable presence on the Sierra High campus for 20 years. She is the epitome of a team player and works tirelessly with her department to create innovative classes and a dynamic club experience for students in FCCLA and related courses. Her knowledge of and passion for her craft is second to none and is evidenced daily in all she does for students."

– Sierra High Administration



Anthony Chapman

20 Years of Service

"Anthony has held many roles and responsibilities over the past twenty years and has excelled in each and every one of them. Anthony has brought the highest standards and expectations to his roles within MUSD. Anthony is compassionate, standards-driven, and internally driven to bring more to our students within the District."

– Roger Goatcher, Deputy Superintendent



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Belinda Nascimento

20 Years of Service



“Belinda Nascimento serves students with genuine care, concern, and empathy. She builds relationships with all who enter her classroom and works to meet the individual and unique needs of each student. She assists teachers and colleagues while working in the best interest of all kids. She shows pride in Sierra High, always participating in activities and contributing to the positive climate and culture of the school. Congratulations, Belinda!”

– Sierra High Administration

Beverly Vaughn

20 Years of Service

"Beverly has been at Weston Ranch High since the opening of the school site. Beverly's organization, attention to detail, and overseeing the office and campus operations is invaluable. Beverly is one of the hardest workers I have ever come across."

– Weston Ranch Administration

Christy Scott

20 Years of Service



"We are honored to recognize Christy Scott for 20 years of dedicated service. As the heart and soul of our office, she keeps everything running smoothly, ensuring that both staff and the public feel welcomed and supported. Her professionalism, kindness, and efficiency make a lasting impact every day. We truly appreciate her commitment and hard work!"

– Nile Garden Administration

Claudia Zamora

20 Years of Service

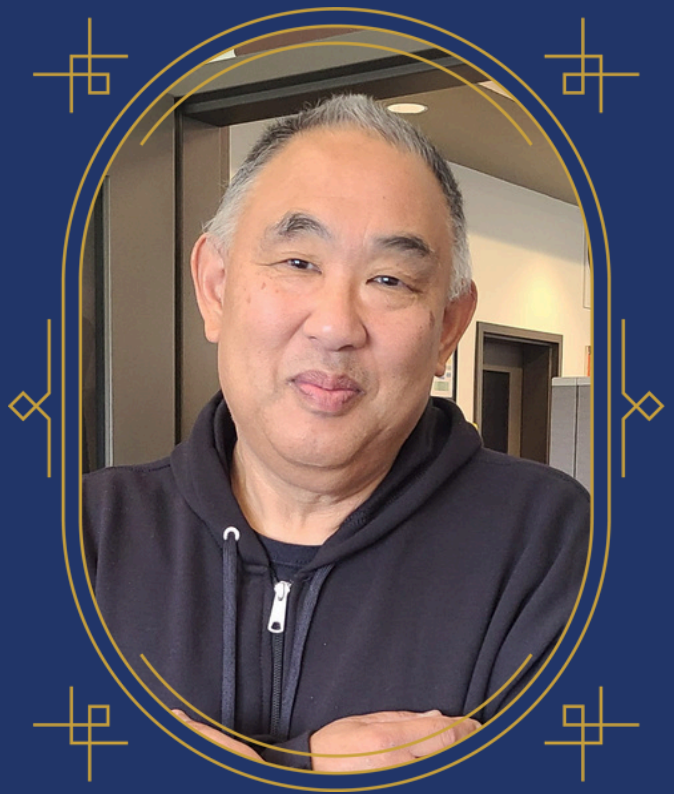


"We are proud to celebrate Ms. Claudia Zamora for 20 years of dedicated service. As a bilingual educator, she connects deeply with the families she serves, building strong relationships and providing invaluable support. Her commitment to assisting second-language learners has made a lasting impact on countless students, helping them thrive academically and personally. We are grateful for her dedication and passion!"

– Nile Garden Administration

David Maeyama

20 Years of Service



"I have had the pleasure of working with David at several school sites. He takes pride in his work when it comes to keeping the campus clean and presentable. He enjoys being around the students and interacting with them."

– Sequoia Administration

Deanna Soares

20 Years of Service



“Deanna is the warm heart of the school office. She has an amazing connection to students and their families. She is dedicated to her work and to making sure that students feel loved and welcome on the Sequoia campus. She is the keeper of the "magic ice" that heals all boo-boos.”

– Sequoia Administration

Deborah Miramontes

20 Years of Service



"Reliability, attention to detail, and dedication define Debbie. Thank you for keeping everything running smoothly and for your commitment to getting things done with care and precision. Your impact is truly felt behind the scenes."

– Terra Garcia, Fiscal Accounting Supervisor

Diana Descovich

20 Years of Service



"Congratulations, Ms. Descovich, for 20 years of supporting students. For 20 years, Ms. Descovich has been a dedicated and caring paraprofessional, offering support to students and teachers."

– Stella Brockman Administration

Ebelia Magana

20 Years of Service



"Your 20 years of dedication as a cook and baker have nourished not just the bodies but also the hearts of countless students. Your passion for creating delicious and nutritious meals has made a lasting impact on our school community. We deeply appreciate your hard work, creativity, and the warmth you bring to our kitchens every day. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and for making our school a better place!"

– Carline Wagner, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor

Elsa Forrest

20 Years of Service



"Elsa Forrest has been a dedicated member of Manteca Unified's Nutrition Education Department for 20 years, bringing excellence and commitment to every school she has served. Currently a Cook/Baker at East Union High School, she has made a lasting impact through her passion for serving students and creating high-quality meals. We celebrate Elsa's two decades of hard work and dedication, recognizing her as an invaluable part of our team!"

– Laura Howe, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor

Jean Sorich

20 Years of Service



"Jean Sorich, your professionalism and dedication to excellence are truly inspiring. Your organizational skills and unwavering commitment play a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth operation of our Student Services Department. Your contributions not only provide stability but also create an environment where both students and staff feel supported and valued. Thank you for your continued hard work and for setting a standard of excellence that motivates us all."

– Frank Gonzales, Director II

Jennifer Meyer

20 Years of Service



"Through her experiences, Jennifer continues to demonstrate life-long learning and grow her repertoire of work. Her contributions as a versatile teammate have had a huge impact on East Union programs that serve students. Thank you, Jennifer, for all your contributions to East Union and to the District."

– East Union Administration

John Vieira Sr.

20 Years of Service



"You made it John! 20 years of service in the books! Thank you for all your dedication over the years, and congratulations on your work anniversary!"

– Daniel Brown, Supervisor

Kelly Coenenberg

20 Years of Service



"Mrs. Coenenberg is the heart and soul of George McParland. Whether she's working as an attendance clerk, volunteering in the community club, or supporting the PBIS team, her energy and enthusiasm are boundless. Her warm smile greets students every morning, supports them throughout the day, and sends them home with a sense of accomplishment."

– George McParland Administration

Kiani Goodwin

20 Years of Service



"Kiani Goodwin is a breath of fresh air! She is an exceptional employee, one who goes above and beyond each and every day, no matter what may be thrown at her, setting a standard of excellence. MUSD is better off for having Kiani serving in the role that she does. Congratulations, Kiani, on your 20 years of service!"

– Anthony Chapman, Director II

Laura Leyva

20 Years of Service



"Laura is organized and professional. She has an analytical mind that delivers accurate results in accounting tasks. She is friendly and delightful to be around. Congratulations to Laura for her dedication to Manteca Unified School District!"

– Kimberly Waltermire, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor

Leoveldina Torres

20 Years of Service



"Celebrating 20 years, Lola has been one of the hardest-working and most positive individuals on campus. Her dedication as a custodian is evident in everything she does, and she consistently goes above and beyond. Always greeting staff and students with a smile, she makes MHS a better place. Her incredible work ethic and cheerful attitude make her an essential part of our school community."

– Manteca High Administration

Lisa Thomas

20 Years of Service



"As a paraprofessional, Ms. Thomas has spent two decades demonstrating dedication, compassion, and support, leaving a lasting impact on students and teachers alike. Congratulations on 20 years of service!"

– Stella Brockman Administration

Lisa White

20 Years of Service

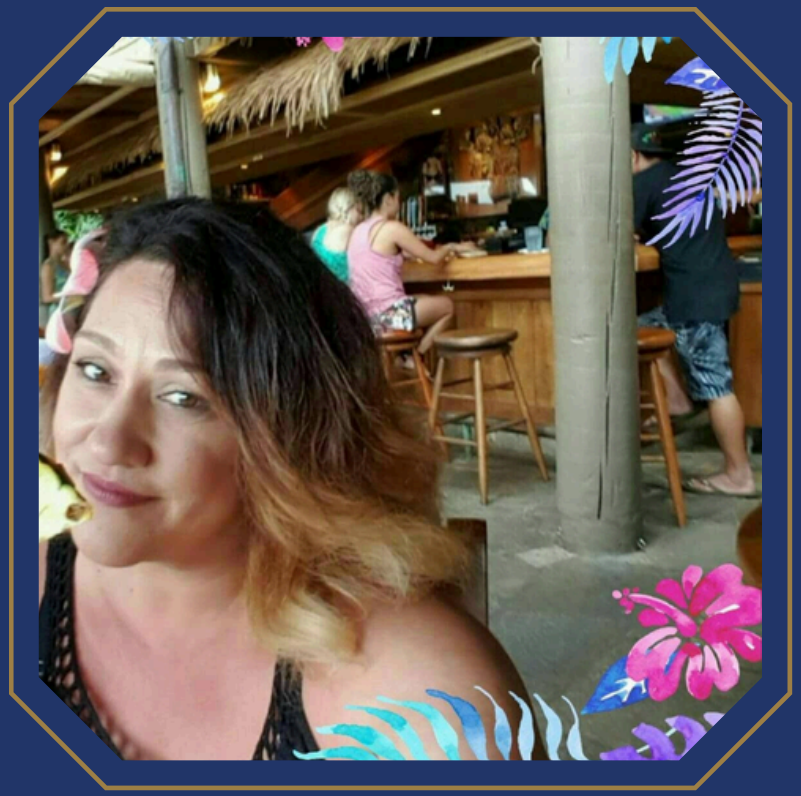


"Lisa White is a Mustang through and through. She takes pride in keeping the campus safe & clean. Lisa, thank you for your 20 years of service."

– Walter Woodward Administration

Malinda Ortiz

20 Years of Service



"Malinda is an outstanding Lead for Nutrition Education. Her dedication and positive attitude are a benefit to our department and to the students at Neil Hafley. I am grateful to have her, and she is a great leader for her team. I appreciate Malinda and thank you for all you do. We are lucky that we have had you for 20 years."

– Stephanie Huff, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor

Margarita Barron

20 Years of Service



"Margarita Barron has dedicated 20 years to Nutrition Education, serving students with kindness and a smile. She led at Great Valley and later brought her talents to Weston Ranch, helping provide great meals. Margarita's commitment to students has always been evident in her work. Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone!"

– Josie Contreras, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor

Maricela Lemus

20 Years of Service



"Maricela has shown incredible dedication to Nutrition Education and the students she serves daily. Her hard work and commitment make her a valued member of the team. We truly appreciate all she has done to support our students. Congratulations, Maricela, on 20 years of outstanding service with MUSD Nutrition!"

– Josie Contreras, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor

Martin Torres

20 Years of Service



“We are delighted to honor Marty, our dedicated Purchasing Warehouseman, for an outstanding 20 years of service for Manteca USD. Marty's exceptional customer service has been a cornerstone of our operation, consistently going above and beyond to meet the needs of our staff and students. His friendly demeanor and willingness to assist have made a lasting impact on everyone he interacts with.”

– Brenda Alvarez, Purchasing Agent

Mauro Lopez

20 Years of Service



"Mr. Lopez has been a leader and mentor since the day he came on board at MUSD. Mr. Lopez started as a custodian, later became the Head Custodian at Stella Brockman, and currently works as a Maintenance Specialist. Mauro is always eager to help the folks around him and jumps at the opportunity to expand his abilities. Mauro has the ability to touch employees in need and mentor them to success."

– Jeff McLarty, Coordinator of Maintenance & Operations

Olivia Matlock

20 Years of Service



"Olivia consistently demonstrates leadership, organizational expertise, and a commitment to fostering a collaborative and efficient work environment. She communicates with staff and parents in a way that fosters a culture of mutual respect and professionalism. In addition, her problem-solving ability and quick thinking have proven invaluable during situations requiring immediate attention. Olivia's ability to keep the SPED department running smoothly is an enormous asset!"

– Dr. Jody Burriss, Senior Director

Paramjit Kaur

20 Years of Service



"Pam began her career with Nutrition Education in 2005. From the start, Pam has been dedicated to each task she endures and has embraced every opportunity to expand her knowledge and skills. Pam actively engages in school and community events, where she promotes the Nutrition department and highlights its positive impact. Pam is highly regarded by her coworkers, supervisors, and the Nutrition Director. It has been a tremendous pleasure to have her as part of our department."

– Annastacia Yager, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor

Paula Reynoso

20 Years of Service



"Paula hits all the marks on hard work, attention to detail, and accuracy, but an additional benefit is her passion and commitment to her team and students at Manteca High. Paula values teamwork and empowering her staff to grow, which is one of the many reasons she was selected as Nutrition Education Employee of the Year. I am grateful to her for her commitment to students, staff, and Nutrition Education. Congratulations on 20 years."

– Stephanie Huff, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor

Ruth Urizarri

20 Years of Service



"Ruth has a calm and warm demeanor; she has a wonderful rapport with the students and her team at Shasta Elementary. Her hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated. Ruth is valued, and it's a pleasure to be her supervisor."

– Stephanie Huff, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor

Sylvia Sauceda

20 Years of Service



“Today, we celebrate 20 years of exceptional service and dedication with MUSD. Beginning as a Payroll Technician and, rising to Lead Payroll Technician, and now excelling as a Payroll Analyst, your journey reflects your unwavering commitment and expertise. Your steadfast dedication and passion have been instrumental in ensuring the smooth functioning of our payroll operations. Thank you for your tireless efforts, loyalty, and extraordinary service over the years. Your achievements inspire us all, and we are grateful for your continued dedication. Here's to many more years of success and collaboration.”

– Kiani Goodwin, Payroll Supervisor

Teresita Castro

20 Years of Service



"For 20 years, Teresita has been a valued member of the Great Valley Staff, beginning her journey as a bilingual paraprofessional and now serving as the attendance clerk. Her infectious positivity and commitment shine through in all her endeavors. She is an incredibly reliable and devoted team player, arriving each day with a smile and spreading joy to everyone around her. We truly appreciate having her as part of the Great Valley office staff."

– Great Valley Administration

Tracey Kestyus

20 Years of Service



"Tracey brings a positive and encouraging presence to the Nutrition Education department. She is honest, compassionate, and enthusiastic, always willing to step in to support when needed. She is committed to the success of Manteca Unified, which is evident in her ability to deliver consistently accurate work. She is an invaluable asset to our team!"

– Kimberly Waltermire, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor

Veronica Vargas

20 Years of Service



"For 20 years, Mrs. Veronica Vargas has been an invaluable part of Manteca Unified, serving in various roles, including attendance clerk, attendance technician, and school site assistant. Most notably, she has spent the past nine years as the office manager at Mossdale Elementary, where she warmly welcomes parents, students, staff, and community members each day. Her kindness, professionalism, and commitment create a positive and welcoming environment for everyone who walks through our school doors. Her dedication and support help keep the school running smoothly, making a difference in the lives of those around her."

– Mossdale Administration

Wendy Rivas

20 Years of Service



"Thank you for all you do for our students at Lathrop El! Congratulations on 20 years of service, we appreciate all that you do each and every day!"

– Lathrop Elementary Administration

Yolanda Villeda

20 Years of Service



"Congratulations on reaching the incredible milestone of 20 years of dedicated service with MUSD! Your time working in payroll, though short, your dedication, resilience, and enthusiasm are truly commendable. Your contributions have made a significant impact on our team. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and hard work. We are grateful for your outstanding service and look forward to many more years of success together."

– Kiani Goodwin, Payroll Supervisor

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

25 Years of Service

CERTIFICATED

Adam Liel

25 Years of Service

"Celebrating 25 years at MHS, Adam has been a dedicated teacher, coach, and leader. He has coached multiple sports, including football and softball, and has also served as department chair and admin designee when needed. His leadership and commitment to students and staff have had a lasting impact. Adam's dedication to both academics and athletics has helped shape MHS into the strong and supportive community it is today."



– Manteca High Administration

Cherie Henke

25 Years of Service

"I admire Ms. Henke as a teacher and colleague because she believes that every student can be a compassionate, caring, well-rounded person. She is passionate and SO very good at what she does! If you need a reminder of why you chose a career in education, just walk into her room!"

– New Haven Staff



Christine Watson

25 Years of Service

"Working with Ms. Watson has been an incredible experience, as she brings 25 years of dedication and expertise to our school district. Her leadership as Vice Principal is marked by her unwavering commitment to student success, staff development, and a positive school culture. She leads with integrity, professionalism, and a deep passion for education, always ensuring that both students and teachers feel supported. Ms. Watson's impact on our school community is truly invaluable, and her years of service reflect her dedication to excellence in education."

– Veritas Staff



Christina Young

25 Years of Service



"Christina Young is passionate about her students and the art of teaching, and she brings energy and enthusiasm daily to her classes. She never rests on her laurels and constantly hones her craft while searching for ways to build engagement and increase learning. As a classroom teacher, mentor teacher, and department chair at Sierra High School, Christina Young is a true instructional leader."

– Sierra High Administration

Christopher Courtney

25 Years of Service



“Mr. Courtney will graduate this year "with Honors" with the class of 2025! He has served Sierra High students in the Science Department and has been an integral part of the department's growth and success. He is a leader among teachers, always willing to assist new staff and go the extra mile to encourage positivity on campus. His instruction is consistently dynamic, as he inspires his students, creating a love of learning. Congratulations and Happy Retirement Mr. Courtney!”

– Sierra High Administration

Denise Nagao

25 Years of Service



"Denise has strong knowledge in a broad range of special education areas, including non-public schools, legally defensible report writing, and understanding of student disabilities and their needs. She has been instrumental in training new psychologists in the District so they can become good practitioners. She has made a positive impact in MUSD due to her expertise and commitment to the well-being of students and staff."

– Dr. Jody Burriss, Senior Director

Elizabeth Rivera

25 Years of Service

"Elizabeth brings warmth, structure, and joy to her first-grade classroom every single day. Her students know they are loved, challenged, and believed in. For 25 years, she has made a lasting impact on the lives of young learners. Elizabeth is a true treasure in our school."

– George Komure Administration



Esperanza Gonzalez

25 Years of Service

"Congratulations Ms. Gonzalez on 25 years! Ms. Gonzalez has demonstrated an extraordinary passion for teaching, always going above and beyond to ensure that each student reaches their full potential."

– Stella Brockman Staff



Gregory Boedecker

25 Years of Service

"Over the past four years, Mr. Boedecker has transformed learning into an exciting adventure. His enthusiasm for science, math, and creative projects keeps students engaged and eager to learn. He excels not only in the classroom but also as a volleyball coach and master of ceremonies for junior high events and talent shows."

– George McParland Administration



Jeannine Haxton

25 Years of Service

"Ms. Haxton is a positive role model for her students. She is fearless in trying new approaches to teaching, exhibits a great amount of patience for her students, and demonstrates flexibility as a professional to meet the needs of the site. She inspires her students to do their very best!"

– New Haven Administration



Jeffrey Harbison

25 Years of Service



"Mr. Jeff Harbison plays an integral role in the Special Education Department and on the campus of Sierra High School. He has a humble presence, is always willing to work with his team, and encourages students to be their best. He establishes a positive rapport with his students, teaching them valuable life lessons while holding them accountable for their education. He has served as the Varsity Football coach, leading his team to the only State Championship in MUSD history. Congratulations on 25 years Jeff Harbison!"

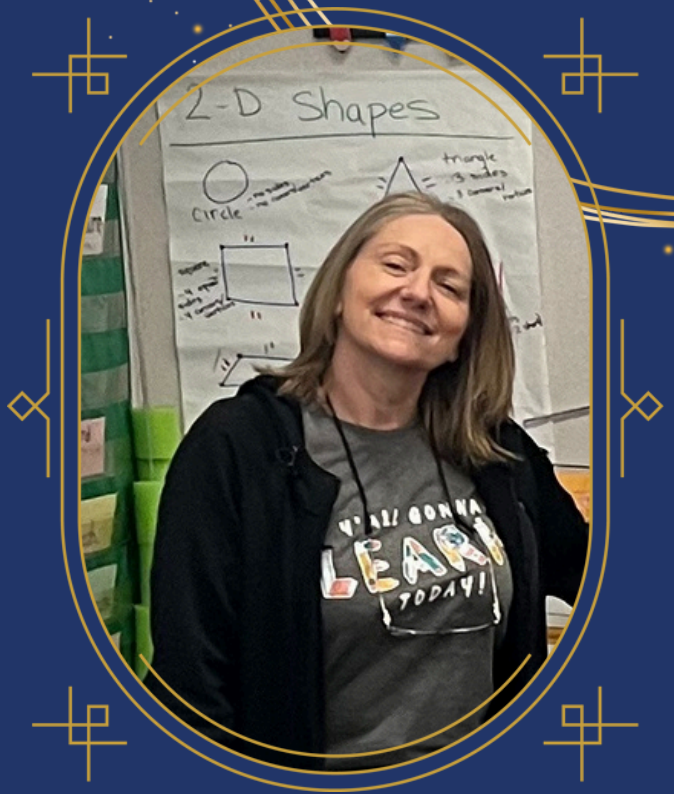
– Sierra High Administration

Jennifer Dooley

25 Years of Service

"Jennifer Dooley is always looking for ways to encourage her fellow teachers and celebrate her students. She shares her passion for running with our community by leading our Mustang Marathoners to complete a progressive marathon each year. In addition, she oversees our track program. Thank you for 25 years of service."

– Walter Woodward Staff



Jody Burriss

25 Years of Service

"Jody has provided the students and staff of Manteca Unified with exceptional leadership in the area of Special Education for the past twenty-five years. She is always mindful of the needs of students and will passionately find solutions to meet those needs. Jody continually works with staff to ensure that special education continues to be a service provided and not a placement."

– Roger Goatcher, Deputy Superintendent



Jon DeRoos

25 Years of Service

"Mr. DeRoos has consistently demonstrated what it means to have a "can-do attitude." He is a team player and works hard daily to support his students. He is an educator who is reflective, takes pride in his profession, and wants to educate his students to the best of his ability."

– Weston Ranch Administration



Joseph Barron

25 Years of Service

"Mr. Barron is a natural, with music in his blood; all who come in contact feel the passion and love for his talent for organizing and teaching others. Thank you for all you do for students!"

– Brock Elliott Administration



Kellie Barnett

25 Years of Service



“Mrs. Barnett is an invaluable member of the Veritas Elementary School team, consistently going above and beyond to support students, families, and colleagues. She is deeply committed to fostering both the academic and socio-emotional growth of her students, ensuring they thrive in a nurturing and enriching environment. Beyond her dedication to the classroom, she generously mentors new teachers, sharing her expertise and guidance to strengthen the entire school community. A true team player, she exemplifies professionalism, collaboration, and a passion for excellence, making Veritas Elementary School a wonderful place to learn and grow.”

– Veritas Administration

Kevin Niendorf

25 Years of Service

"Kevin serves as an exemplary role model to other teachers and his students. His expertise makes him the go-to person for guidance on any matter. On top of that, his sense of humor and vibrant personality sprinkles the campus with joy, making each day enjoyable. His contribution is invaluable, especially amidst our busy schedules. We are truly grateful to have him at Great Valley. 'Some people have to go to work. I get to go to work.'"



– Great Valley Administration

Lisa Rodrigues

25 Years of Service

"Lisa Rodrigues shares her passion for history and traveling with her students. One of her favorite pastimes is to coordinate trips for students to Washington DC. Lisa, thank you for your 25 years of service."

– Walter Woodward Administration



Maria Cordero

25 Years of Service

"Mrs. Maria Cordero has a tremendous heart! She adds kindness and compassion to every aspect of her job. The students, staff, and community appreciate having Mrs. Cordero's support."

– Lori Guzman-Alvarez, Principal



Marisa Castellanos

25 Years of Service



"Marisa is an incredibly dedicated and compassionate teacher. She prioritizes not just her students' achievements but also their overall well-being, making sure they feel supported and can reach their full potential. She has a calming and soothing voice, which reflects her caring nature. Her articulate communication skills truly set her apart as both an outstanding educator and a wonderful friend, and we feel fortunate to work alongside her."

– Great Valley Administration

Marissa Stolarik

25 Years of Service

"Mrs. Stolarik is the kind of teacher every student dreams of having. Her love for learning is palpable the moment you enter her classroom. She recognizes each student's unique strengths and helps them achieve success. I am fortunate to call her my colleague and learn from her exceptional skills."

– George McParland Administration



Miguel Torrente

25 Years of Service



"Mr. Torrente is one of the founding fathers of Weston Ranch High School. He has served in many different capacities over the years as an educator, innovator, team player, coach, and one who can be counted on. Weston Ranch colleagues, students, parents, and community members hold Mr. Torrente in high regard."

– Weston Ranch Administration

Neil MacDannald

25 Years of Service



"Neil MacDannald has spent the last 25 years at Manteca High School serving as an outstanding math teacher, coach, and currently as Vice Principal. Neil is a smart, committed, and incredibly hard-working individual with a passion for improving the lives of our young people. He is passionate about creating a school community that has a place for all kids to find a connection to school and realize their maximum potential. Manteca High School is incredibly lucky to have Mr. MacDannald as a part of the Buffalo Family!"

– Clara Schmiedt, Executive Director

Roger Goatcher

25 Years of Service



"Don't let that young guy in an LA Dodgers hat fool you; he is actually an amazing, seasoned administrator who makes good decisions 😉. Roger has been a pillar of excellence in our great District for the last 25 years, and I am proud to call him a colleague and a friend. His legacy is routed throughout this District and community. His commitment to students and student achievement is unparalleled. His work with teachers and staff has ensured our collective team is trained, prepared, equipped, and student-focused. And despite his choices in sports teams, Roger is a great guy!"

– Dr. Clark Burke, Superintendent, & Superintendent's Office

Sandra Suzuki

25 Years of Service



"Sandra 'Sandy' has been a true pillar of our school community, always going above and beyond to support her students. Her warmth, kindness, patience, and welcoming nature have earned her the deep respect and love of students, many of whom continue to visit her long after they've graduated. Her contributions to Calla High School will never be forgotten, and the lasting impact she has had on everyone here will continue to inspire for years to come. Thank you, Sandy, for all you have given and for being such an extraordinary teacher and friend to us all. You will be greatly missed."

– Calla High Administration

Scott Thomason

25 Years of Service



"Scott Thomason has been a valuable member of the Sierra High staff for 25 years. Scott is well-liked by his students. He sets a high standard for the students in his Physical Education classes. He also has a great sense of humor, and students respond to this. Scott also was our Varsity Head Basketball coach for many years. He had a very successful coaching career at Sierra High that included Valley Oak League championships, a Section Championship, and teams selected for the Nor-Cal Tournament. We thank him for his years of service at Sierra High School."

– Sierra High Administration

Terry Silveira

25 Years of Service

"The arts programs at East Union are thriving, and Mr. Silveira is a prominent factor. As a part of the teaching staff, his impact is highlighted by our exceptional Mariachi band! We are thankful for your hard work and dedication to your students and East Union."

– East Union Administration



MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

25 Years of Service

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Annastacia Yager

25 Years of Service



"Annastacia Yager has been a dedicated part of MUSD for 25 years, and I've had the pleasure of working with her for many of them. She's hard-working, creative, and always willing to help, making her a true asset to our District. Her commitment to students and staff is something to be celebrated, and I'm grateful for all she's done!"

– Tracee Franks, Director

Anne Widmer

25 Years of Service



"Anne Widmer has worked her entire 25 years in MUSD at Golden West Elementary as the Office Manager, and she has become an integral part of the lives of GW students and families during this time. Her dedication to the students, families, and staff has been unwavering, and we are so fortunate to have her!"

– Golden West Administration

Barbara Castillo

25 Years of Service



“Happy 25-year work anniversary, and congratulations on reaching such an impressive career milestone! Your journey has been characterized by integrity, hard work, a genuine passion for your role, and always upholding the highest standards of excellence for our District. Your professional journey is an inspiration, and you embody the qualities required to succeed in the workplace and in life. It's a pleasure to work with you, and I admire your dedication and loyalty. Thank you for everything you've done and continue to do!”

– Kiani Goodwin, Payroll Supervisor

Delfina Saenz

25 Years of Service



"Delfina Saenz started working as a Bilingual Aide 25 years ago at Joshua Cowell and Sequoia. 24 years ago, she moved here to Golden West Elementary and has remained to this day! Our students, families, and staff appreciate her positive attitude and willingness to help others. In addition to her work as a bilingual aide, she also coordinates the yearly Cinco de Mayo dance presentation – teaching all interested students the dances for this wonderful show."

– Golden West Administration

Gloria Figueroa

25 Years of Service



"Gloria is not only competent and extremely efficient in her work, but she is also a tremendous resource and support for our community. Lincoln School is very grateful for Ms. Figueroa."

– Lincoln Administration

Heather Armstrong

25 Years of Service



"Caring. Quiet, steady, loyal, and dedicated. Heather embodies the unwavering support and commitment that runs a great district like MUSD! In Heather's 25 years in Manteca Unified, the District has seen lots of growth and changes; behind every decision and action, Heather has ensured the District is keeping pace. Her affable demeanor complements our team and ensures the Superintendent's office is responsive to our students, staff, and community. Thank you, Heather, for all you have and continue to do!"

– Dr. Clark Burke, Superintendent, & Superintendent's Office

Jeffery McLarty

25 Years of Service



"Congratulations, Mr. Jeff McLarty, on 25 years of exceptional service. Through your unwavering commitment to the District and unique 'lead by doing' approach, you've inspired your peers and countless others. Your experience has helped shape a culture of excellence - where hard work, dedication, and compassion are at the core of every success. Here's to 25 years of inspiring leadership and to many more years of making a difference."

– Aaron Bowers, Director II

Jill Saberniak

25 Years of Service



"Jill helps drive the climate and culture of East Union through her role as office manager. She serves as a leader to the staff at large, playing a huge support role in all contexts. Thank you, Jill, for all you do at East Union!"

– East Union Administration

Jose Sandoval

25 Years of Service



"Congratulations on 25 years of service, Jose! Here's to many more successful years at Manteca Unified!"

– Daniel Brown, Supervisor

Juan Pimentel

25 Years of Service



"Celebrating his 25th year with the District, Juan is excelling in his first year as head custodian. With years of experience in district maintenance, he brings an unmatched work ethic and a positive attitude. Juan is a true team player who is always willing to go the extra mile. His dedication, reliability, and willingness to help make him a tremendous asset to our school community."

– Manteca High Administration

Kelly Cardoza-Pimentel

25 Years of Service



"Kelly is the heartbeat of New Vision. She comes to work every day to support our students and teachers. Kelly understands the value of students connecting with school. She comes to work everyday making New Vision a school where our students feel they belong."

– New Vision High Administration

Martha Rosas

25 Years of Service



"Martha Rosas puts her heart and soul into teaching all students. Her patience and kindness makes them feel valued and supported as they build their English language. It is an honor to work with Martha in teaching students here at French Camp."

- French Camp Administration

Mary Buchanan

25 Years of Service



“Celebrating 25 years of service, Mary has been a cornerstone of our school library. Always willing to assist students and staff, she keeps our library organized and inviting. Her dedication extends beyond the library, as she has also served as part of CSEA 50, advocating for her colleagues. Mary’s commitment to excellence and her supportive nature have made a lasting impact on the MHS community.”

– Manteca High Administration

Stephanie Huff

25 Years of Service



"Stephanie Huff has been a dedicated part of MUSD for many years, and I've been lucky to work alongside her. She is truly committed to supporting both students and staff, always bringing passion and creativity to everything she does. Stephanie is hands down the most creative person I know, and her impact on this District is immeasurable!"

– Tracee Franks, Director

Vichet Tan

25 Years of Service



"He is extremely dedicated to this site and will act immediately on any request to fix or solve a problem. He works well with all staff. He is a devoted family man and cherishes his wife, two daughters, and son. Fun fact: he used to own and operate a donut shop in Lathrop."

– Yosemite Day Administration

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

30 Years of Service

CERTIFICATED

Benjamin Sianez

30 Years of Service



"Ben has a heart of gold when it comes to "his" Kindergarten students. He truly cares about each one of them. He makes learning fun and hands-on in his Kindergarten classroom."

– Sequoia Administration

Elena Gavino

30 Years of Service



"We are thrilled to recognize Mrs. Elena Gavino for 30 years of dedication to education. Her commitment to student success goes beyond the classroom, as she willingly gives her own time to support and guide her students. She holds them accountable, instilling responsibility and a strong work ethic that prepares them for the future. We truly appreciate her passion and unwavering commitment to making a difference!"

– Nile Garden Administration

Norma Molina

30 Years of Service

"Thank you for your dedication and the difference you make every day! We appreciate your support of students, staff and the Lathrop community.
Congratulations on 30 years of service!"

– Lathrop Elementary Administration



MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

30 Years of Service

CLASSIFIED

Carlos Cabello

30 Years of Service

"Wow, 30 years! Your commitment to our organization is inspiring. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do!"

– Daniel Brown, Supervisor



Cynthia Rebeiro

30
Years of Service

"Your dedication and hard work over the past 30 years have been truly inspiring. Your commitment to excellence has set a high standard for everyone around you. We are incredibly grateful for your unwavering loyalty and the positive impact you've made. Here's to celebrating your remarkable journey, and we are looking forward to many more successful years together!"

– Carline Wagner, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor



Diane Silva

30 Years of Service

"Diane Silva has a positive and productive presence on the Sierra High campus. She is known and respected by students and staff alike. Diane always has a smile for kids and her coworkers and is the first to step in when someone needs assistance. She knows the campus and takes the time to get to know the students. People appreciate the attention and care she shows for her job and the people around her. She goes above and beyond to keep people safe and ensure the well-being of everyone on campus. Congratulations on 30 great years, Diane!"

– Sierra High Administration



Melvin Nelson

30 Years of Service



"A dedicated member of MHS for 30 years, Mel has always been someone the school could count on. His reliability and strong work ethic were evident when he stepped up as head custodian, doing an outstanding job. He is always willing to lend a hand and ensures the campus runs smoothly. Mel's dedication and commitment to MHS make him a valued and respected member of our team."

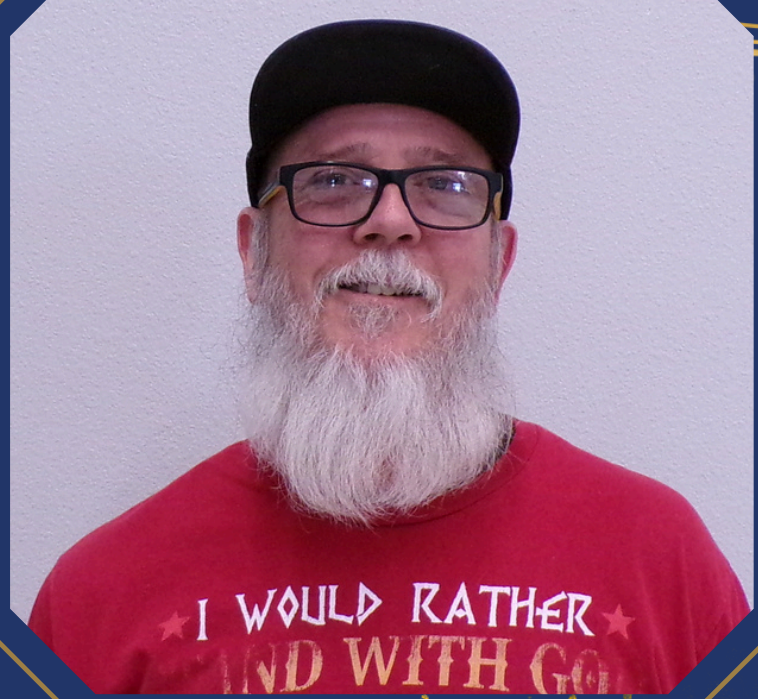
– Manteca High Administration

Michael Brown

30 Years of Service

"Mr. Brown truly loves New Haven. He comes to work every day with a great attitude, a smile on his face, and a welcome greeting for everyone he passes by. His footprints were imprinted in the concrete during modernization, marking his place in New Haven history."

– New Haven Administration



Michael James

30 Years of Service



"Mike James is a true leader on the Sierra High campus and the first one people seek when they need help or there is a problem. His experience and expertise make him the best at his job, but his dynamic personality, sense of humor, and willingness to help make him the best colleague. He is a role model and motivator for student-athletes, pushing them to achieve their best and compete at a high level. Mike James. The Man, The Myth, The Legend, Congratulations on 30 years of service to MUSD."

– Sierra High Administration

Rosalie Teicheira

30 Years of Service

"Rosalie Teicheira has dedicated 30 years to Manteca Unified, bringing passion and excellence to every kitchen she has served. As the Main Kitchen Operator at East Union and formerly at Joshua Cowell, she takes pride in preparing nutritious, high-quality meals with care and love. Her hard work and commitment make her an invaluable asset to our department, and we are grateful for her decades of service!"



– Laura Howe, Nutrition Ed. Supervisor

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

35 Years of Service

CERTIFICATED

Lawrence Machado

35
Years of Service



“Lawrence Machado has been the Lead Counselor for the District and most recently now the Principal of the Manteca Training & Education Center (Adult School) Throughout his career Larry has dedicated himself to at risk students and adults in our community. Due to Larry's efforts many students and adults have successfully received their high school diploma or equivalent which has allowed them to move on to better opportunities which has improved our community.”

– Clara Schmiedt, Executive Director

Leah Belkin

35
Years of Service

"We are proud to celebrate Mrs. Leah Belkin for her incredible 35 years of dedication to education. Though she is new to Nile Garden School, we appreciate her commitment to Nile Garden's students and are grateful to have her as part of our team. Congratulations on this remarkable milestone!"

– Nile Garden Administration



MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

35 Years of Service

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Brian Peacock

35
Years of Service

"Mr. Peacock is the heartbeat of George McParland. His passion for creating a welcoming and prideful environment is unmatched. He forms lasting connections with both students and staff, making everyone feel valued and appreciated the moment they step onto campus."

– George McParland Administration



David Searl

35 Years of Service

"Dave Searl is the quiet force that keeps Lathrop High running smoothly. As head custodian, he ensures our campus is pristine and that everyone has what they need to succeed. His dedication and hard work may often go unnoticed, but his impact is felt by all. We are truly grateful to have Dave at Lathrop High."

– Lathrop High Administration



Lori Hilson

35 Years of Service

"Thank you for 35 years of service to MUSD. We appreciate you and all that you do each and every day for students, staff and the Lathrop community!"

– Lathrop Elementary Administration



Sean Deaver

35 Years of Service

"Sean Deaver loves the Woodward community. He looks for opportunities to connect with staff, students, and families when they are on campus. He is enthusiastic to help others. Sean, congratulations on 35 years of service."

– Walter Woodward Administration



MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

45 Years of Service

CERTIFICATED

Linda Voorheis

45 Years of Service



"Congratulations on 45 years of service. Ms. Voorheis has been a constant presence in the classroom, contributing her time and experience to the field of teaching."

– Stella Brockman Administration

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

Sarah Smith

'25 Educator of the Year



"Ms. Smith demonstrates exceptional skill in creating a nurturing and dynamic learning environment, tailoring her teaching to meet each student's unique needs through creative lesson plans, small group activities, and assistive communication tools. Her ability to listen empathetically and offer practical solutions has fostered a supportive and trusting partnership between our school and families."

Annamarie Hutsell

'25 Educator of the Year



"With 17 years of dedication to MUSD, Ms. Hutsell's positive attitude and ability to uplift her peers have significantly enhanced our school environment. She truly embodies all the qualities we want to see in an educator by showcasing a keen understanding of diverse learning needs and tailoring her lessons to ensure that all students benefit from her teaching. Her dedication, passion for teaching, and tireless advocacy for her colleagues and students make her an outstanding candidate for this recognition."

Bonnie Stogner

'25 Educator of the Year



"Ms. Stogner approaches teachers with humble leadership, providing insight, suggestions, and strategies to enhance instructional practices. As a Teacher on Special Assignment, she serves as a vital liaison between school sites and district leadership, playing a pivotal role in curriculum adoptions and teacher training. Known for her professionalism, warmth, and expertise, Bonnie creates a welcoming atmosphere for all while navigating complex situations with grace. Her tireless dedication to students, educators, and families and her commitment to excellence make her an invaluable asset to MUSD."

Kristin Miller

'25 Educator of the Year



Ms. Miller is also a San Joaquin County Office of Education's 2025 Teacher of the Year Finalist!

"Ms. Miller embodies the gold standard of teaching excellence and leadership, and her impact extends far beyond the walls of her classroom. To her students, she is affectionately regarded as the "GOAT"—the Greatest of All Time—a title she more than earns by creating a classroom where students can be curious, grow, and feel valued. Her influence is so profound that students adopt her "Miller-isms," creating a culture of peer encouragement that mirrors her own."

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Tracey Kestyus

'25
Classified Employee of the Year

"Tracey embodies an incredibly strong work ethic, approaching every task with the same level of dedication and precision. She is always willing to lend a helping hand, and frequently goes above and beyond to assist others. For over 20 years, her commitment to the department and the students we serve has never wavered. Her positive attitude and constant smile brighten our workplace, making her an invaluable asset to our team."



Paula Reynoso

'25
Classified Employee of the Year

"Paula goes above and beyond daily to support both students and staff. While prioritizing quality and food safety, she simultaneously brings out the best in her team by making them feel valued and empowered through her guidance, direction, and passion. Her dedication to supporting the lunch staff and ensuring everyone is well taken care of truly makes a difference. We are lucky to have such a hardworking and compassionate leader guiding our team."



Joshua Bowers

'25
Classified Employee of the Year

"Joshua consistently demonstrates exceptional technical skills and remarkable leadership. His meticulous attention to detail ensures our IT systems function flawlessly, providing seamless support to both staff and students. His commitment to helping those around him learn has empowered both students and staff, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of technology's vital role in our educational environment."



David Halla

'25 Classified Employee of the Year

Mr. Halla is also the San Joaquin County Office of Education's 2025 Classified School Employee of the Year Finalist in the Transportation Services category.



"Every day, David approaches his work with a genuine passion, always upbeat and ready to help in any way possible. He exemplifies dedication and compassion in his role, ensuring that each student and staff member he interacts with feels valued and supported. His teamwork and willingness to help his colleagues exemplify the spirit of our organization."

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR

Jessica Munoz

'25 Educator of the Year



"Jessica's innovative approach to counseling has made a significant impact on students, as she consistently goes above and beyond in her efforts to ensure that every student receives the support they need to succeed. She inspires students to hold themselves accountable and find success within themselves, instilling a strong sense of purpose and determination. Her unwavering commitment to student needs and her collaborative spirit makes her an invaluable asset to East Union and the broader community."


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