

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ELK GROVE UNIFIED SURPRISES ELEVEN TOP-NOTCH EMPLOYEES ON ZOOM TO ANNOUNCE AND RECOGNIZE THEM AS EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Employees of the Year Nominated by Peers for Commitment to Educational Quality, Work Performance, Leadership and School Community

ELK GROVE, Calif. – May 19, 2020 – The Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) tips their hat to eleven exceptional employees as the District’s 2019-2020 Employees of the Year. Each employee was nominated and selected by their affiliated members as superb partners in education to prepare every student to become a college, career and life ready graduate.

The 2019-20 Employees of the Year for the Elk Grove Unified School District are:

Category	Name	Job title	Site / Department
AFSCME American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees	Linda Seamons	Library Technician	Anna Kirchgater Elementary
ATU Amalgamated Transit Union	Rick Flint	Bus Driver	Transportation
CSEA California School Employees Association	Janice Hinde	Health Assistant	Student Support and Health Services

Teacher of the Year - EGEA Elk Grove Education Association	Caroline Martin	English Language Instructional Coach	English Learner Services
*2020-2021 Teacher of the Year - EGEA Elk Grove Education Association	Christa King	Special Education Teacher	John Ehrhardt Elementary
*2020-2021 Teacher of the Year - EGEA Elk Grove Education Association	Lynda Bettencourt	Teacher	James Rutter Middle School
EGTEAMS Elk Grove Team for Education/Administrative Management and Support	Jennifer Yamzon	Occupational Therapist	Special Education
EGTEAMS Elk Grove Team for Education/Administrative Management and Support	Penny Whalen	Secretary	Laguna Creek High School
EGTEAMS Elk Grove Team for Education/Administrative Management and Support	Martin Hock III	Principal	Sunrise Elementary
NUHW National United Health Workers	Pam Seigen	Mental Health Therapist	Student Support and Health Services

PSWA Psychologists and Social Workers	Catherine (Kate) Babero	Social Worker	Student Support and Health Services
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*Due to the timing of the Sacramento County Teacher of the Year (TOTY) competition, we typically announce our TOTY during the current year and those announced nominees will be entered into the county’s competition for the new upcoming school year.

About the Elk Grove Unified School District

The [Elk Grove Unified School District](#) (EGUSD) is the fifth-largest school district in California located in southern Sacramento County. EGUSD covers 320 square miles and includes 67 schools: 42 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. Offering a multitude of educational programs, including over 70 career-themed academies and pathways within 15 industry sectors, we prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant, and self-disciplined; technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. We integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and real world workplace experiences and ensure that *Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day to Prepare College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.*

For more information about the Elk Grove Unified School District, please visit www.egusd.net and follow us @ElkGroveUnified on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#) and [Eventbrite](#).

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