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ELK GROVE UNIFIED HONORS ELEVEN EXTRAORDINARY EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED AS EGUSD EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

The EGUSD Board of Education Meeting Looks Forward to Inviting Theses Outstanding Team Members to a Future Board Meeting for Formal In Person Recognition

ELK GROVE, Calif. – June 15, 2021 – The Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) commends eleven outstanding employees as the District’s 2020-2021 Employees of the Year. These individuals will be recognized and honored in person at a future EGUSD Board of Education meeting which will include the Employee of the Year Reception held that same evening in the Boardroom. Each employee was nominated and selected by their affiliated members as exemplary individuals in education helping to prepare every student to become college, career and life ready graduates.

The 2020-21 Employees of the Year for the Elk Grove Unified School District are:

Employee of the Year PSWA Psychologists’ And Social Workers’ Association	Theresa Gannon	School Psychologist	Preschool Assessment Center/PALSS Program
Employee of the Year AFSCME American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees	Mary Jo Goes	Food & Nutrition Services Packing Lead	Food & Nutrition Services
Employee of the Year ATU Amalgamated Transit Union	Jesse Valenzuela	Bus Driver Instructor	Transportation
Employee of the Year CSEA California School	Kari Ballez	Paraeducator, SE, Moderate/Severe	Elk Grove Elementary School

Employees Association			
Employees of the Year EGTEAMS Elk Grove Team for Education/Administrative Management and Support	Zachary Moritz	High School Secretary	Monterey Trail High School
	Ginger Ornelas	Personnel Analyst	Human Resources
	Tami Elmatari	Coordinator - Health Services	Student Support & Health Services
Employee of the Year NUHW National United Health Workers	Karamjit (Karm) Kalkat	Mental Health Therapist	Student Support & Health Services
Teachers of the Year EGEA Elk Grove Education Association	Tammy Null	6th Grade Teacher	Florence Markofer Elementary School
	Amy Rasin	9/12 Teacher, Social Science	Cosumnes Oaks High School
Educator of the Year EGEA Elk Grove Education Association	Jo Ellen Kauble	School Nurse	Student Support & Health Services

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.

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