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CCOE NEWSLETTER SPECIAL ISSUE

TEACHER & EMPLOYEE OF THE TRIMESTER AWARDS



Important Dates

Click underlined dates for more information

January 5: "And Literacy For All" Story Time, 6pm

January 10 & 27: Paraeducator Assessments

January 19: We Are Family Parent Meeting, 6-7:30pm

January 25: Child Development Hiring Event

CCOE Offices will be closed January 17

Contact CCOE

Main Office
345 5th Street
Colusa, CA 95932
(530) 458-0350

Education Village
499 Margurite Street
Williams, CA 95987
(530) 473-1350

Child Development Hiring Event

Children's Services

The Children's Services Department is pleased to invite prospective job seekers to the Child Development Hiring Event that's set to occur on Tuesday, January 25. Children's Services is currently hiring for the positions of



Teacher and Associate Teacher. This on-the-spot hiring event will be held from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the CCOE Education Village Multipurpose Room, located at 499 Margurite Street in Williams, CA.

To register, complete a Teacher or Associate Teacher job application on the EdJoin Website. Visit www.edjoin.org/ccoe to view the applications and to secure your spot. Interviews will be conducted and offers of employment made to qualified applicants at the event!

Not sure if being a teacher or associate teacher is for you? Walk-ins at the Child Development Hiring Event are welcomed! Highly trained staff will be there to answer any questions you may have. For more information, contact Human Resources at 458-0350 or hr@ccoe.net.

Come join our team, where every child matters and every moment counts!



DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE TRIMESTER

Colusa Unified School District



Jennifer Hardwick Burchfield Primary School

Nomination Text: "Our daughter is very fortunate to have Mrs. Hardwick as her teacher. Mrs. H teaches core values like respect, kindness, and caring. She challenges the students to do their best in a very structured and safe learning environment. Mrs. H goes above and beyond the call of duty for a typical teacher. We are so thankful to have her educate our daughter."

Carly Kolpin Egling Middle School

Nomination Text: "Miss Kolpin is organized, patient, calm, and kind. Her classroom and her students' behavior reflects all these qualities and make it a great place to learn and to be. She is a wonderful example of what it means to be a caring, compassionate, and effective teacher."



Tim Crabtree Colusa High School

Nomination Text: "Tim is an outstanding teacher. He taught both of my children in his metal shop classes. They are both in college now and credit Tim Crabtree for educating them with practical knowledge they are able to carry with them for the rest of their lives."

Maxwell Unified School District



Joanna Roa Maxwell Elementary School

Nomination Text: "Joanna is so great with her students. She has patience and is willing to help out others in need. She is always so kind and always answers my questions or concerns."



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Amber Charter Maxwell High School

Nomination Text: "Amber is an outstanding teacher. She gives 110% to her students. You will find her on campus early and leaving late. She is working to improve her program by applying for grants and has already been awarded a specialized program planning grant. She is planning a new Maxwell Made pathway which will give students a start-to-finish view of successfully planning, developing, making, marketing and selling a product. We are blessed to have her at Maxwell High School."



Pierce Joint Unified School District



Cindy Tellez Grand Island Elementary School

Nomination Text: "Mrs. Tellez is very professional and patient. She teaches multiple grade levels in her classroom and she does an extraordinary job keeping the children motivated and learning. I love her attitude and how dedicated she is at her job. You are truly one of a kind, Mrs. Tellez. Thank you!"



Megan Murphy Arbuckle Elementary School

Nomination Text: "I am nominating Megan Murphy because of how resilient she is working in special education. Despite the shortage of paraeducators within the county, she works with what she has. She does a great job making sure every child gets the help and attention they need and she does it with patience and kindness. Personally, I look forward to coming into work because of her."



Mikenzie Martinez Johnson Junior High School

Nomination Text: "I believe Mikenzie Martinez deserves 'teacher of the trimester' because she works hard every day. Even on days she's exhausted she does her best to teach the students. She keeps the classes fun and active. This is why I believe Mikenzie should win."

Merry Hofhenke Pierce High School

Nomination Text: "Ms. Hofhenke has a lot of patience with kids and is the best at helping them with what they need help with. She is one of the best teachers I've had that helped me throughout my high school years. She makes her class fun by goofing around with the kids to make them feel comfortable. She always makes people that come to her classroom feel welcome."



DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE TRIMESTER

Williams Unified School District



Monica Duran Williams Elementary School

Nomination Text: "Mrs. Duran displays patience, endurance, kindness, and love for our students on a daily basis. It has been a challenging year so far and she accepts the challenge with a great attitude!"

Delora Stephens Williams Upper Elementary School

Nomination Text: "Delora brings a positive attitude and a smile with her every day to campus. We are short a teacher at this grade level and she has supported each substitute by sharing whatever she has, including materials."



Darren Robinson Williams Jr. Sr. High School

Nomination Text: "I am nominating Mr. Robinson because he is kind, respectful, patient, and understanding with every one of his students. He puts in the extra effort to help us without it being recognized. He has given me encouraging words for a possible scholarship that I'm entering. He's been a big help and he is one of the best teachers at Williams High School."



Rodney Johnston Mid Valley High School

Nomination Text: "Mr. Johnston believes in his students. He gives them the opportunity to show themselves that they can graduate on time. He is always encouraging his students to be the best they can be. I don't think anyone else could do the job that Mr. Johnston is doing. He is simply the best at what he does."



DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OF THE TRIMESTER

Colusa Unified School District



Rosemary Hicks Burchfield Primary School

Nomination Text: "Rosemary is a great source of comfort and support for members of the community and families at Burchfield Primary School. When my sons attended Burchfield, if I had a question I knew I could always go to Rosemary for some help. She was always very friendly and helpful to me and my family, and I just know she is the same with other students and staff. Rosemary deserves this award because she is awesome at what she does and how she approaches each day."

Armando Villanueva Egling Middle School

Nomination Text: "Armando is always very friendly and does his job well. He makes the kids smile and we are so very lucky to have him at Egling Middle School."



Maxwell Unified School District



Claudia Rolon Maxwell Elementary School

Nomination Text: "Claudia goes above and beyond for everything she does at the school! It is a thankless job that often goes unnoticed. She cares about the students and always puts them first! She is a joy to have in the classroom working with students and helping teachers. She is wonderful!"



Bonnie Piper Maxwell Middle School

Nomination Text: "Bonnie is the employee that every administrator needs and wants on their team. She is a go getter, get stuff done, no-nonsense kind of employee. We have been short-handed throughout this pandemic and Bonnie has been there for the save. Teachers appreciate her work and students are greeted in her presence. She is flexible in her assignment and does whatever is needed each day. Maxwell Unified is blessed to have her on our team."



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Pierce Joint Unified School District



Ruben Saavedra Pierce High School

Nomination Text: "Ruben has been the president of Arbuckle Youth Football for a few years and this year he also started assisting with the JV team at the High School. One of his players is in foster care and the home he was in was going to have to move him. Even knowing this was going to happen, the boy went to practice every day and gave his all. During this time Ruben and his wife made the choice to become emergency foster parents and took the boy into their home; all in less than a week. What Ruben has done throughout the years with the football program for our community has been amazing. He is a true example of a coach that not only coaches for the win but for the good of the athlete."

Williams Unified School District



Magali Garcia Williams Elementary School

Nomination Text: "Magali is a hard worker and loves the students. She can lead a group with very little direction. She is willing to volunteer after hours to support the teachers and students."



Natalie Herrejon Williams Jr. Sr. High School

Nomination Text: "Mrs. H believed in me when I didn't believe in myself. I was able to graduate because she pushed me through to the finish line. She always texted me to remind me to keep going. Mrs. H is the best!"

Help us celebrate a teacher and employee from your school district! Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to fill out the nomination survey for Teacher & Employee of the Winter Trimester. Survey closes on February 11, 2022.



For assistance, contact the CCOE Communications Director at (530) 531-7055.

CCOE SUPERINTENDENT SPOTLIGHT



Michael P. West
Colusa County
Superintendent of Schools

With over 35 years of experience in the field of Education, Colusa County Superintendent of Schools Michael P. West has a breadth of knowledge and expertise in the areas of leadership, building community partnerships, and the practice of family literacy development. A graduate of Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota, West has a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education with a Minor in Physical Science. In 2012 he obtained his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Brandman University of the Chapman University System.

Superintendent West's career history in education is expansive. In Arkansas City (Kansas), he held teaching positions in the fields of science, chemistry, and aeronautics. After moving to Colusa County in 1986, West became involved in community activities, gaining memberships with the City of Colusa Planning Commission, National Association of Flight Instructors, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and Airport Support Network representative for Colusa County, Colusa County Airport Advisory and Land Use Committee, and the Colusa Rotary Club. In 1988, Superintendent West was the Mayor of the City of Colusa and in 1997, was named President of the California Interscholastic

Federation for the Northern Section and served as the Vice President of the Colusa County Economic Development Corporation.

West believes his desire to educate all children, teachers, parents, and citizens is his true calling and this is evident in his teaching career in Colusa County. As the Director of Athletics & Activities at Colusa High School, Superintendent West taught the Regional Occupational Program's Introduction to Aerospace course, and physical science and education classes while coaching baseball and football. He then went on to hold the positions of Assistant Principal of Colusa's High School and Alternative School, and was Summer School Principal for Colusa County Migrant Education before being elected to his current office of Colusa County Superintendent of Schools.

As Superintendent of Schools, West stated that it's his mission to "continually educate myself, my staff, and others through communication, cooperation, collaboration, and education as the elected leader of the Colusa County Office of Education."

When not meeting with community groups, creating professional development opportunities, and leading and supporting staff, West loves spending time with his wife of 43 years (Janis), their three children (Amber, Austin, Adler), and grandchildren (Anden and Quincy). He enjoys watching and attending sporting events, and was recently inducted into the Black Hills State University Athletic Hall of Fame as a pitcher of the 1977 and 1978 Baseball Teams. Achieving a 2nd Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo and Hapkido, Superintendent West makes a point to continue his practice of the eastern arts.

Welcome CCOE New Hires!

Samantha Cranford
Paraeducator
Special Education/SELPA

Michael Richins
Adult Education Teacher
Educational Services

Katlin Rector
Teacher
Children's Services

Bianca Talamantes
Program Assistant
First 5 Colusa

CCOE SUPERINTENDENT SPOTLIGHT



Aaron Heinz
Deputy Superintendent,
Administrative Services

Deputy Superintendent Aaron Heinz has worked at CCOE for two years with a background of 15 years in school business affairs. With a bachelor's degree in accounting, and experience owning a small business, Aaron worked his way from being a food service delivery truck driver to earning his current position at CCOE. What he most likes about working in the field of education is the people. "Some of the smartest people in the world work in education," he said. "That's extremely special, and that creates an environment that emphasizes helping one another out, not pushing each other down." Aaron also loves the positive impact those in education have on children, and he has great respect for those who choose this field for their life's work. When not at the office, Aaron cherishes spending time with his wife of 21 years (Angie), and his father- and sister-in-law who live with the pair. The family extends to a dog named Sydney, and the memory of Jack, a cat the group lost at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. A favorite hobby of Aaron's is playing video game classics and more modern versions with a great storyline. Another valued activity is golfing with friends. "It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors with friends, and the game teaches you instant humility."

Deputy Superintendent Chuck Wayman has worked at CCOE for 17 years and is a native of Colusa County. Starting out as a Special Education Teacher, Chuck then became the Director of Special Education, and for the last six years held the position of Assistant Superintendent of Special Education/SELPA. In September of this year he was appointed to Deputy Superintendent of Student Services, where he oversees the Educational Services, Children's Services, and Special Education/SELPA Departments. While teaching, Chuck most enjoyed the relationships made with students and families, and coaching football and basketball. In his current role, he appreciates "the amazing people I work with and helping improve our programs and services to our students," he stated. Outside of work, Chuck loves spending time with his wife of 15 years and two children (a daughter aged 13 and a son aged 11). The family cares for a Labrador Retriever dog (Ruby) and Guinea Pig (Linnie). Chuck's hobbies include being outdoors, hunting, golfing, and watching his children's sporting activities. For Deputy Superintendent Wayman, Colusa County has always had a special place in his heart. "The people, the quality of schools, and sense of community are some of the attributes that make it a wonderful place," he said.



Chuck Wayman
Deputy Superintendent,
Student Services

We are hiring! Full-Time, Part-Time &
Substitute Employment Opportunities.
Contact Human Resources at (530) 458-0350
or scan the QR code to see current job openings!



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