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Solano COE Celebrates Educators of the Year

Solano County, CA- Every year school districts throughout Solano County nominate one teacher and one classified employee to be recognized as an Educator of the Year. On Tuesday, April 27, 2021, Solano County Office of Education will virtually honor each school employee nominated for the 2021-2022 Solano County Educators of the Year awards. The virtual celebration will be posted on the Solano County Office of Education Facebook page and at www.Solanocoe.net at 3:30 PM.

"Throughout students' academic careers there are many educators who will connect, inspire, and empower them. Educators and school staff can have a positive life-long impact that improves overall quality of life, pushes the limits of their creativity, and inspires students to dream big and go further. It only takes one teacher, administrator, or support staff to make a difference in a student's life," says Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

The virtual celebration will feature video segments honoring each nominee.

Classified school employee of the year nominees:

Andre Finn - Skills Trades Technician, Benicia Unified School District Alicia Perez - Custodian, Dixon Unified School District Celia Rivera - Administrative Assistant, ELITE Public Schools Betty Weihe - Staff Accountant, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Shelia Vogel - College and Career Development Specialist, Solano County Office of Education Penny Stokholm - Food Service Lead, Travis Unified School District Markeisha Washington - Mental Health Support Provider, Vallejo City Unified School District Maria De Lourdes Cardenas - Student Monitor, Vacaville Unified School District

Certificated staff or teacher of the year nominees:

Kelly Hughes - 5th Grade, Benicia Unified School District Jenny Campbell - Response to Intervention (RTI) and English Language Development (ELD) (K-3), Dixon Unified School District Joseph Arizu - Math, Algebra II, Integrated Math & Geometry (9-12), Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Ronald Major - Multiple Subjects (8-12), Solano County Office of Education Kylie Negin - English and Journalism (9-12), Travis Unified School District Vivet Beckford-Nelson - Biology and Engineering Design and Development (9-12), Vallejo City USD Laura Roberts - U.S. History and Ethnic Studies (11 & 12), Vacaville Unified School District

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