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Lewis, Bradshaw, Solano County’s Educators of the Year

The Solano County Office of Education honored 14 school district employees Tuesday, May 1, 2018 who had been named earlier.

In addition, Vanden High School 9th/10th Grade Science Teacher Marilyn Lewis was announced Tuesday as Solano County’s 2018-19 Teacher of the Year.

Samantha Bradshaw, Vallejo City Unified School District bus driver and lead trainer, was chosen as the county’s Classified Employee of the Year.

“It is an honor and a privilege to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our Solano County educators and support staff,” says Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

The event recognizes teachers, paraeducators, child nutrition, support services and security and school staff who give their all to support student achievement, educational innovation and community involvement in Solano County schools.

“I have seen Samantha Bradshaw grow from a school bus driver to become a Drive Instructor,” wrote Vallejo City Unified School’s District’s lead dispatcher and driving instructor, Rochelle Weston. “She has shown that she has the can-do attitude and is willing to work on any project to help the department. She helped achieve our goal of getting new school bus equipment and buses, as well as, working on grants for retro fits for the buses. She works well with the drivers on all aspects of their training. Samantha has gone over and beyond the call of duty to help the Transportation Department.”

“Marilyn teaches Science and leads the development of courses that serve all students at Vanden High School,” wrote Travis Unified School District Assistant Superintendent, Sue Brothers. “Under her leadership, Vanden’s Science Department groups students, from our highest performing honors students to those with learning disabilities who require significant academic support, in the same classes. Marilyn has demonstrated that it is not only possible, but preferable, to have all students learn Science together. As a result, everyone learns more. She has developed answers to some of the questions we are exploring as a county team about how to improve the learning of students with disabilities.”

The other educators honored Tuesday for their work were as follows:



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Heather Cullum, Food Services Supervisor, Mary Farmer Elementary School, Benicia Unified School District.

Mellissa Harley, 5th Grade Teacher, Mary Farmer Elementary School, Benicia Unified School District.

Lisa Krebs, 10th-12th Grade English Teacher, Dixon High School, Dixon Unified School District.

Felix Lopez, Paraprofessional, Maine Prairie High School, Dixon Unified School District.

Amos Coleman, Custodian, Cordelia Hills Elementary School, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District.

Michelle Rippee, Kindergarten Teacher, Tolenas Elementary School, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District.

Angela Myers, 9th-12th Grade Teacher, Juvenile Detention Facility, Solano County Office of Education.

Brenda Pignataro, Vocational Specialist, Resource Development & Transition Services, Solano County Office of Education.

Anna Rodgers, Health Care Specialist, Travis Elementary School, Travis Unified School District.

Robin Bright, School Secretary, Ernest Kimme Charter Academy for Independent Learning, Vacaville Unified School District.

Jacob Wright, 7th & 8th Grade Physical Education Teacher, Vaca Pena Middle School, Vacaville Unified School District.

Ellen Baker-Valdez, 3rd Grade Teacher, Highland Elementary School, Vallejo City Unified School District.

“The Solano County Office of Education is proud to organize this recognition of excellence in education.,” says Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

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