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OUSD Announces Classified Employees of the Year

ORANGE, Calif., March 4, 2010—The Orange Unified School District announced today the 2009-2010 District Classified Employees of the Year.

Martha Martinez, Library Media Technician , Esplanade Elementary

Lana Nicol, Office Business Manager, El Rancho Charter Middle School.

Kathy Stephens, P. E. Attendant, Villa Park High School

Martha Martinez is the Library Media Technician for Esplanade Elementary. She has served the Orange Unified School District for fourteen years. Martha's library is one of the most exciting elementary libraries you will find. Her work ethic personifies all of the District's ten core values. Colleagues say her attitude is always positive and her face smiling. She is known for reaching out to the community that she serves. Esplanade principal Amy Hitt says of Martinez, "Martha is always doing what's best for kids."

Lana Nicol works as the Office Business Manager for the El Rancho Charter Middle School. For sixteen years she has advocated for students and staff of the Orange Unified School District. Her career has been spent working in the office/clerical category and has served the students, staff and community of El Rancho Charter Middle School. El Rancho principal John Besta said, "She does remarkable work in extending the resources of the school, keeping the office working efficiently, and working well with students, parents, teachers and administrators."

Kathy Stephens has spent her career in OUSD as a P. E. Attendant at Villa Park High School for over twenty years. She has a very caring attitude and many fondly refer to her as the "mom" of the P. E. room. Her colleagues appreciate her high degree of energy, commitment and professional conduct. She performs her job duties so well and with such a positive attitude that it leaves a lasting impression to all who come in contact with her.

All nominees and winners will be recognized at the Employee of the Year Celebration, Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., in the Board Rooms. Site Nominees for OUSD Classified Employee of the Year included:

School	Name
California	Nancy Coates
Canyon Rim	Angela Simkin
Chapman Hills	Paula Larson
Crescent	Debbie Hewitt
Fairhaven	Jose Galicia
Fletcher	Rukhsana Muhammad
Imperial	Cheryl Mc Bride
Jordan Elementary	Cherie Slack
La Veta Elementary	Katherine Ball
Lampson Elementary	Lynette Runge
Nohl Canyon Elementary	Jessie Galvan
Panorama Elementary	Gonzalo Sanchez
Prospect Elementary	Alfonso Ramos
Riverdale Elementary	Nancy Steadmon
Running Springs Elementary	Kathy Peters
Serrano Elementary	Lisa Adray
Taft Elementary	Margaret Hunter
West Orange Elementary	Sue Bailey
Cerro Villa MS	Lynn O'Dell
Portola MS	Sheri Trejo
Canyon HS	Jack Tisthammer
El Modena HS	Gloria Guzman
Orange HS	Barbara Hodges

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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