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County Classified School Employees Honored

SAN JOSE, CA – Six classified school employees have been selected to represent Santa Clara County in the 2013 statewide Classified School Employee of the Year Program. The program honors the efforts of classified school employees, who play a vital role in creating a school environment that promotes student achievement, safety and health.

Districts countywide submitted employee nominations, along with three letters of recommendation for each nominee, to the Santa Clara County Office of Education. The nominations were reviewed by a representative of SEIU 521, who selected the six honorees.

Their names now go to the California Department of Education, which will name statewide winners in each category later this month, and honor them at an event in Sacramento during Classified School Employee Week in May.

Below are categories and honorees from Santa Clara County, who will be recognized at the Santa Clara County Board of Education's May 15 meeting:

Child nutrition: **Natalie Rogerson**, a cafeteria assistant at De Vargas Elementary School, Cupertino Union School District

Maintenance and Operations: **Juan Flores**, a painter at Metropolitan Education District

Office and Technical: **Sylvia Orlowicz**, a clerical office assistant at Brett Harte Middle School, San Jose Unified School District

Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance: **Rocio Knight**, a paraeducator at Washington Elementary School, San Jose Unified School District

Support Services and Security: **Alex Nguyen**, a security officer at Metropolitan Education District

Transportation: **Sylvio Delucchi**, a bus driver at Cupertino Union School District

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