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Congratulations to 42 Special AUSD Employees Nominated in September for New 2018 Monthly AUSD Badges Awards Program

The newly launched monthly AUSD Badges program (www.ausd.us/badges/) — a program designed to give any one in the community the opportunity to thank and recognize an AUSD employee who is making a difference in student lives while also helping to create a culture of connection and respect among students, colleagues, and parents — received 42 AUSD nominations from ten sites in September, its first month in operation.

A parent and many colleagues nominated AUSD employees from Alhambra High (3), Mark Keppel High (1), San Gabriel High (1), Ynez (4), Baldwin (2) Garfield (17),

Marguerita (2), Repetto (4), Moor Field LIFT (1), and the District office (7) for the Beyond the Call of Duty and the Spotlight Badge Awards.

The 42 Nominees included 18 teachers, a school psychologist, two from technology and information services, a confidential secretary, instructional specialists, an ELA instructional specialist, a college and career counselor, a sign language interpreter, a home school coordinator, instructional aides, a senior custodian, office staff, an assistant principal, office managers, a special projects assistant, two campus supervisors, a noon duty aide, and a one-on-one aide for a student with autism.

Congratulations to Angela Canola; Kimberly Morinaka; Jurgio Valinhas; Monica Adelstein; Patricia Allaf; Alex Kaminski, Melissa Martinez; Desarie Bradvica; Elizabeth An; Daniela Herera; Sara Sosa; Amy Walsh; Zoraida Llorens; Margarita Ramos-Garcia; Laurene Moses; Michelle Lo; Jessica Arthur; Maryhelen Ramirez; Anarely Mata; Joel Sanchez; Amy Walsh; Yvonne Liang; Harvey Chin; Catherine Livadary; Jamila Nash; Shelley Gee-Ryan; Kathy Taggart; Kate Livadary (twice) ; Josephine Cabbalero; Albert Jarek; Debra Palafox-Perry; Amanda Diaz; Danika Klebe; Jennifer Diaz; Yow Wei; Myint Khin; Liezel Guttierrez; Jenny Tobias; Lisa Jones; James Hamilton.

From this pool of special nominees, two Game Changer Award winners are selected each month of the school year by a three person team consisting of ATA president, Tammy Scorgia, CSEA president Craig Proffitt, and Stacie Colman Hsu, AUSD Human Resources Director. School First Federal Credit Union underwrites the \$100 check given to each Game Changer winner.

Out of the 42 September 2018 nominees, Joel Sanchez, senior custodian at Repetto, and Jurgio Valinhas, a Spanish teacher at Alhambra High were chosen as

Game Changer Award winners to be honored by the Board of Education on October 9, 2018.

BRAVO to Joel Sanchez and Jurgio Valinhas!

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To nominate an AUSD employee, please go to www.ausd.us/badges/. Click on recognition and then on the badge you want. It takes two or three minutes to nominate someone. The impact on your nominee can last forever.



