

EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR
2015-2016
JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEANA HUGEN– DISTRICT OFFICE



Deana Hugen is the Accounts Payable Clerk in Business Services. Deana's primary role is to process vendor payments for the district. She also performs many other critical functions.

Deana locates products and negotiates with vendors to find the best pricing. She works with the departments and school sites to assist in ensuring all goods and services are properly ordered and entered as received in our AP system. She enters all district fixed assets into our database and ensures the items are properly tagged at the school sites. Deana also processes all ASB requisitions from three of our sites.

Deana has an incredible work ethic and very strong attention to detail. She goes above and beyond on a daily basis to assist staff in ensuring our documentation and backup for all expenditures is correct. She is a valued member of the Business Services team and our department is stronger thanks to her diligence and hard work.



NICOLE CRAFT– TRAINA SCHOOL



Nicole Craft has been a dynamic member of the JSD instructional team since 2011.

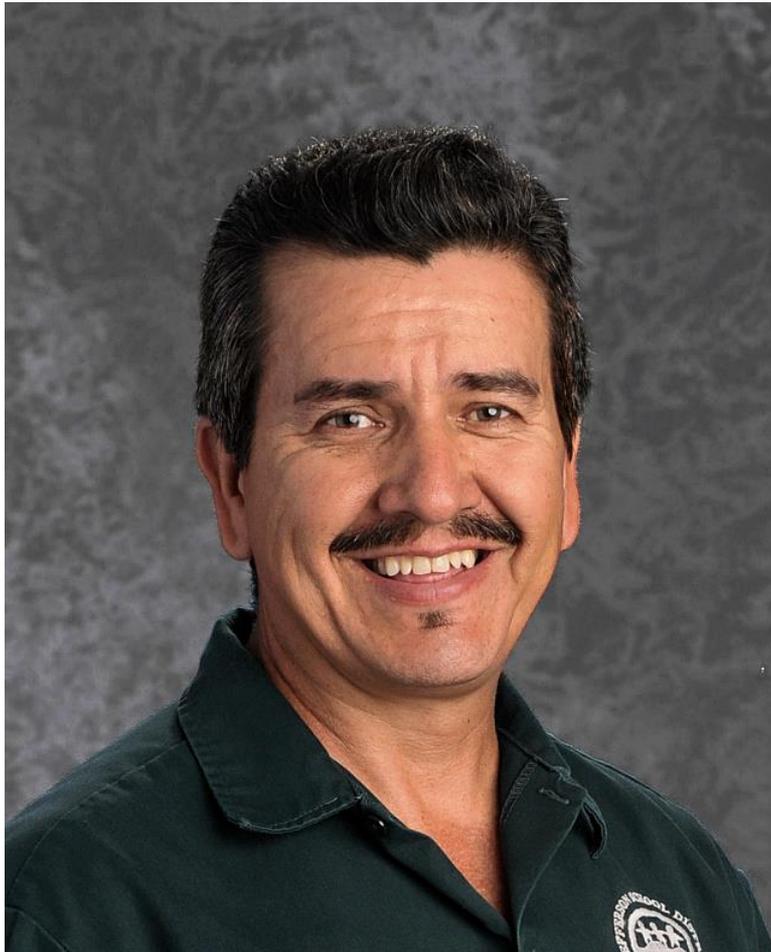
As the Science teacher at Traina, she has earned a reputation for excellence as an instructor as well as a colleague. Mrs. Craft is positive and very enjoyable to work with.

Mrs. Craft can be found on campus most days after school. She works tirelessly to enhance the quality of education for our students. She is as passionate about learning as she is about teaching. She is always looking for ways to improve the experience for her students. Her room is open for her students before school, during lunch and after school. Mrs. Craft coaches her Science Olympiad team, serves as a California Junior Scholarship Foundation sponsor, and works with the Great Valley Writing Project. She inspires her students to do their very best, and generates an excitement for science within them.

Mrs. Craft is described by her colleagues as a “go-to” teacher. They “go-to” her for many things. She shares instructional strategies, ideas, and is widely respected for her knowledge of educational technology and her willingness to help other teachers. She is an invaluable voice on the site leadership team. She does all of the things she does out of a genuine enthusiasm for students and teaching combined with her commitment to do excellence.



JOSE SANCHEZ – TRAINA SCHOOL



Jose Sanchez started working for JSD over 12 years ago at Jefferson School.

Since that time he has worked at all 4 schools in the district. Currently, he is part of the custodial team at Traina where he serves the staff and students with excellence and distinction. He likes his job and it shows in the quality of his work

Jose is known by the Traina staff as a person of caring and integrity. He is always kind and positive. He is well liked by students and adults alike. Jose is meticulous in the performance of his duties and teachers mention that he pays attention to even the smallest of details.

Jose always has a warm smile, and has a reputation among the staff for getting the job done, no matter what is requested. We are proud to have him as a colleague.



SARA ONETO – HAWKINS SCHOOL

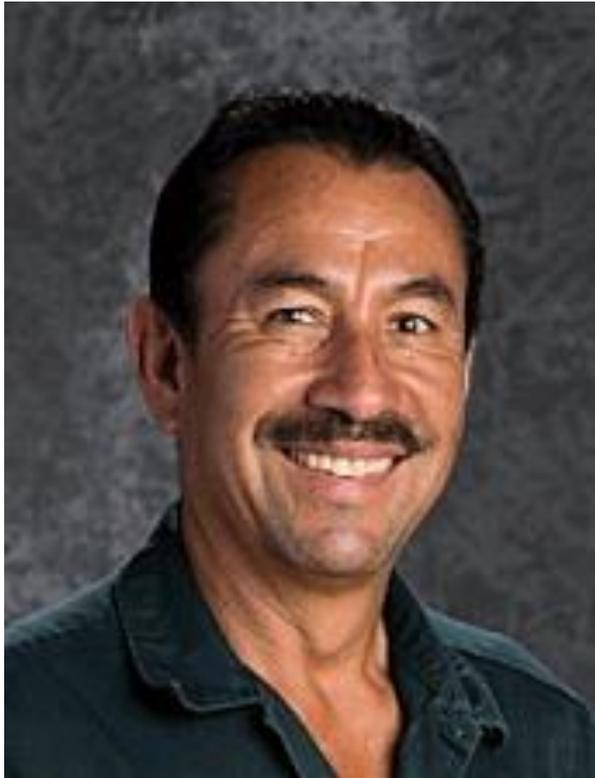


Sara Oneto is a 4th Grade Teacher at Tom Hawkins. She has worked in the Jefferson School District since 2000. For the past 16 years, Sara has been an exemplary teacher and staff member. Sara has served the site and district as a member of the Instructional Norms Team. Through that group, she has lead professional development at the site and district level and served as a model classroom for other teachers to observe. She continuously supports new and existing teachers. Sara is also on the Site Leadership Team, and is a positive source of energy on the campus. The collaboration among her colleagues allows her to impact students beyond her own classroom.

Sara is a natural leader. She is well respected by students, staff, and parents. Sara is always ready, willing and able to try new strategies to reach her students academically and get them involved in the curriculum. She is constantly hunting through the latest techniques and finding new and engaging activities for students. Sara is continuously reflecting on and modifying her instructional practice which makes her a flexible and dynamic educator. Her students appreciate the humor she is able to infuse into her classroom. She truly believes in helping every child reach their full potential and is willing to do whatever it takes to make them successful and confident learners.



MANUEL RODRIGUEZ – HAWKINS SCHOOL



Manuel Rodriguez is the Head Custodian at Tom Hawkins Elementary School. Manuel began working for the district in 1990 as a custodian at Jefferson Middle School. In 1999, he was promoted to the position of Head Custodian. During his 26 year tenure, Manuel has had a major impact on the district. Recognized by coworkers at two different school sites, Manuel is the first employee to be awarded Employee of the Year twice.

Manuel is a dedicated employee who goes above and beyond every day. His work ethic and commitment are unsurpassed and are reflected in the beautiful upkeep of the Hawkins campus. Hardworking does not begin to describe Manuel. On time for Manuel is 15 minutes early. He has excellent time and task management skills with a proactive approach to his work. He is open to accepting challenges and frequently solves problems to help make school operations run efficiently. His dedication to upholding high standards of campus appearance creates a sense of school pride that has a direct impact on student success. He is able to anticipate site and staff needs and comes to the aide of those in need eager to help. The most striking aspect of Manuel as a staff member is his positive attitude towards staff and students. He is rarely seen without a smile on his face and is a great asset to the Hawkins team.



LISA COLLINSWORTH– MONTICELLO SCHOOL



It is an honor to present Lisa Collinsworth, Monticello School's certificated Employee of the Year. Lisa is finishing her 20th year in the Jefferson School District. She has taught kindergarten, first, and second grades.

Lisa is very creative. She has been on many, many committees. Some of them include: student council advisor, pacing guide representative, site leadership, and ELA adoption committee. She also is a docent for Star lab. She created 3 themed binders for her grade level team that are common core themed to supplement the district adopted series. She is the band booster president for Tracy High School, where her son Tristen is a saxophone player. She also tutors students in her spare time.

Lisa said one of the reasons she is a teacher is because she wants children to love school and be successful in their lives. She ultimately wants them to become life-long learners.

Lisa is a treasured member of our school community. We appreciate you, Lisa. Congratulations! You have earned this honor and award.



NADINE DAWSON– MONTICELLO SCHOOL



It is an honor to present Nadine Dawson, Monticello School's classified Employee of the Year. Nadine has been an employee in the Jefferson School District for 15 years. She began her career in RSP at Jefferson. She is currently our intervention specialist and all that this position entails She also assists with the administration of CAASPP assessments.

Nadine said that she is in education because she loves working with the kids. She wants to make a positive difference in their lives. She wants them to achieve! Nadine also said that she has always wanted to work with children and has never considered another career.

Nadine has been married to her husband, David, for 27 years. They have three wonderful children, Meghan, Elizabeth, and Gregory. Elizabeth and Gregory are currently attending college and Meghan has graduated from college. Nadine herself graduated from college and received her Masters with an emphasis in "Science of Teaching" from Honolulu, Hawaii.

Nadine is a treasured member of our school community. We appreciate you, Nadine. Congratulations! You have earned this honor and award.



PAUL FERN– JEFFERSON SCHOOL



Mr. Paul Fern has been an employee of the Jefferson School District since 2000. He currently impacts the lives of 5th grade on the Jefferson Campus on a daily basis. Paul serves as our technology guru on site and also as a member of our Instructional Leadership Team. Furthermore he is involved in sports, after school programs, and just about anything he can get his hands on to support his students and the school.

When asking others about Paul Fern, many immediately respond that he is one that puts his students first and goes well above and beyond the call of duty.

The staff and students describe Paul as a positive role model for our students, always happy to assist others without any question, looks at things from the perspective of what is best for the students, motivates others to do their personal best, an optimist, and there are no limits to what he would do to ensure that each of this students feel connected and cared about.

Thank you, Paul Fern, for your dedication to Jefferson School and for your genuine passion for education. We appreciate you! Congratulations.



MARIO AGUIRRE – JEFFERSON SCHOOL



Mr. Mario Aguirre has been an employee of Jefferson School District since the beginning of 2013. Mario serves as the Head Custodian at Jefferson School. In that role, he oversees the campus' needs and does that to fidelity. Others describe Mario as one that displays not only a great work ethic but a great sense of pride in our school. You will often see Mario dressed up on spirit day, mentoring and building relationships with students, leading by example and bringing a positive attitude to work on a daily basis. Mario is pulled in many directions; he stays on top of his work and does it all with a smile.

Thank you, Mario Aguirre, for caring about our school and going above and beyond to keep it beautiful. We appreciate you and congratulations!

