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PLACER COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
CELEBRATES CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Auburn, CA—Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica is pleased to announce Sarah Hendricks, Rio Linda resident and maintenance custodian, as the Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) “Classified Employee of the Year.”

“Sarah’s infectious smile and positive attitude shines bright throughout our entire organization,” said Superintendent Garbolino-Mojica. “She has a can-do approach to her work and she takes pride in a job-well done. We’re thrilled to recognize that hard work as the PCOE Classified Employee of the Year.”

(Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica pictured with the PCOE Classified Employee of the Year Sarah Hendricks.)
“If you can go home from work happy because you know you give your best every day, and if you take genuine pride in what you do and how you do it, it shows in your job well done, and it echoes out into your life,” shared Ms. Hendricks. “I feel on top of the world to know that my PCOE family sees, appreciates and recognizes all of the hard work that I do. Now I don’t just go home happy, I go home ecstatic.”

“My mom worked at PCOE as a secretary years ago while I was in middle school at E.V. Cain. Before and after school, I would walk the halls of PCOE and visit with the staff. I still remember the friendly faces,” continued Ms. Hendricks. “Fast forward several years, and I now take pride in keeping those very same hallways beautiful and clean for all who make their way to and fro throughout the building, including some of those familiar, friendly faces from back in the day.”

Ms. Hendricks has worked for PCOE since 2005 as a maintenance custodian. She is responsible for all activities associated with the routine, day-to-day use, support and maintenance of the PCOE main building located at 360 Nevada Street in Auburn including general cleaning as well as meeting set up and tear down.

See why Sarah Hendricks is #goldineducation – watch the video: 
Each year, the Placer County Office of Education honors its employees for their work performance through Employee of the Year Awards in five categories which include Classified, Certificated, Management, Rookie of the Year and the Superintendent’s Award. Nominations are submitted from peers in the organization and then selected by the leadership team. The PCOE Classified Employee of the Year and the Certificated Employee of the Year then move forward to the county-wide awards program in May, to which those winners will advance to the state awards program.

Under the leadership of the Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica and the County Board of Education, PCOE serves as the link between the California Department of Education and the 16 local school districts in Placer County. PCOE’s role includes approval of local school district budgets to ensure sound fiscal operation, reviewing and approving Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs), and developing professional development and educational opportunities for educators. In addition to providing services to local school districts, PCOE also operates educational programs that provide services directly to students such as special education programs for students with rare disabilities and alternative education programs for students who have been expelled or probation referred.

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**About Placer County Office of Education**

Nestled in the Sierra Foothills, Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) serves over 68,000 students in sixteen individual school districts across Placer County. In order to serve the students of Placer County, PCOE provides an array of programs and service to meet student needs. This task is accomplished by providing high quality specialized programs for students; recruiting, retaining, and developing highly qualified staff; and monitoring fiscal accountability and expenditures of our tax dollars. For more information, please visit [www.placercoe.k12.ca.us](http://www.placercoe.k12.ca.us).