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PLACER COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES “2019 CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR”

Auburn, CA – Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 Placer County Classified School Employees of the Year:

- **Tracey Rissanen**, Child Nutrition, Spring View Middle School, Rocklin Unified School District
- **Pam Soha**, Office and Technical, Lincoln Crossing Elementary School, Western Placer Unified School District
- **Crystal Gist**, Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance, Challenge High School, Roseville Joint Union High School District
- **Anna Hagen**, Support Services and Security, Granite Bay High School, Roseville Joint Union High School District
- **Sharon Laguna**, Transportation, Roseville Joint Union High School District.

“It takes an entire school community to ensure our students are ready for college, career and life,” said Superintendent Garbolino-Mojica. “As the Placer County Superintendent of Schools, I am honored to recognize these amazing individuals for their commitment and contribution in making Placer County gold in education.”

This year, 39 classified school employees from all across the county were nominated from their respective districts in the following categories: Child Nutrition; Maintenance, Operations and Facilities; Office and Technical; Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance; Support Services and Security; and, Transportation. Nominees were judged on work performance, school community involvement, leadership and commitment.
(2019 Classified School Employee of the Year for Child Nutrition Tracey Rissanen (with flowers) pictured with Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica, Rocklin Unified School District Superintendent Roger Stock and other education leaders from Spring View Middle School and Rocklin Unified School District.)

(2019 Classified School Employee of the Year for Maintenance, Operations and Facilities Kevin McWilliams pictured with Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica and Placer Hills Union School District Superintendent Julie Kehoe.)
(2019 Classified School Employee of the Year for Office and Technical Pam Soha (with flowers), pictured with Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica, Western Placer Unified School District Superintendent Scott Leaman and Lincoln Crossing Elementary School Principal Jennifer Hladun.)

(2019 Classified School Employee of the Year for Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance Crystal Gist (with flowers), pictured with Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica, Roseville Joint Union High School District Superintendent Denise Herrmann and other educational leaders and students at Challenge High School.)
(2019 Classified School Employee of the Year for Support Services and Security Anna Hagen (with flowers), pictured with Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica, Roseville Joint Union High School District Superintendent Denise Herrmann and other educational leaders from Granite Bay High School and Roseville Joint Union High School District.)

(2019 Classified School Employee of the Year for Transportation (with flowers), pictured with Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica, Roseville Joint Union High School District Superintendent Denise Herrmann and other school district leaders.)
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.