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PLACER COUNTY’S “TEACHER OF THE YEAR” FOR HIGH SCHOOL IS ERIN GRANUCCI FROM ROSEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Auburn, CA – Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica is pleased to announce Erin Granucci, science and Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Biomedical teacher at Roseville High School in Roseville Joint Union High School District, as the “2019 Placer County High School Teacher of the Year.”

“Placer County is gold in education because of teachers like Erin,” said Superintendent Garbolino-Mojica. “Together with Roseville Joint Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Denise Herrmann, we are thrilled to honor Erin.”



(Left to right: Roseville High School Interim Principal Dr. Suzanne Laughrea, Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica, 2019 Placer County High School Teacher of the Year Erin Granucci, Roseville Joint Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Denise Herrmann and Roseville Joint Union High School District Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services Brad Basham.)

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With more than two decades in the classroom, Ms. Granucci describes herself as a life educator rather than a teacher. Through the Project Lead the Way (PLTW), she sees her students develop, grow and thrive not only in the classroom, but in their self-esteem, confidence and ability to make an impact in the world. She takes every opportunity to mold coursework fit into real-world experiences through project-based learning. Her students come into the classroom, put on their lab coat and “go to work.” She provides her students with instruction and guidance, but then gives them room to explore concepts and experiment with their own solutions. In fact, one of her students has already been offered a career internship after graduation for their work in assessing art therapy for Alzheimer’s patients.

“I am amazed at what my students accomplish and the innovative and creative ideas they come up with in order to solve today's medical problems and to make our future better,” said Ms. Granucci.

Each year, the Placer County Office of Education honors three Teachers of the Year – Elementary School, Middle School and High School – through a process that highlights educational innovation, student learning, a commitment to professional development and empathy for all students to ensure equity in education. Further, the program highlights the positive aspects of our educational system. This year, 19 teachers from all across the county were nominated from their respective districts, making this year the highest number of nominations in the history of the recognition program.

2019 Placer County Teachers of the Year:

- Elementary School – Ashley Rue, Blue Oaks Elementary School, Roseville City School District
- Middle School – John-Paul Gonzalez, Placer Elementary School (K-8), Loomis Union School District
- High School – Erin Granucci, Roseville High School, Roseville Joint Union High School District.

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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.