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SJCOE Announces San Joaquin County Teacher and Classified Employee of the Year Honorees

Teacher of the Year to be revealed at dinner hosted by SJCOE and Premier Community Credit Union that will also honor retiring Stockton Unified Interim Superintendent Julie Penn

What: The San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) is pleased to announce this year's San Joaquin

County Classified Employee of the Year winners and the San Joaquin County Teacher of the Year finalists. All finalists and winners will be honored on June 9 at the Sixth Annual San Joaquin County Classified Employee and Teacher of the Year Awards Celebration Dinner. The dinner will also be an occasion to honor Julie Penn, interim superintendent of Stockton Unified School District, who is retiring after a long career of service in education. Honorees will be recognized for their outstanding commitment and dedication to education and to San Joaquin County students. The 2016-17 Teacher of the year will be announced at the dinner. Proceeds from the event will go toward student events such as the Academic

Decathlon, Spelling Bee, Science Olympiad, Mock Trial, and more.

When: Thursday June 9 at 6 p.m.

Where: Burwood Auditorium, Wentworth Education Center

San Joaquin County Office of Education 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton

Tickets: \$35 per person. For tickets, please email jhodgson@sjcoe.net or call (209) 468-9027.

Sponsors: This event is co-sponsored by Premier Community Credit Union and San Joaquin County Office of

Education. Courtesy of Premier Community Credit Union, each Classified Employee of the Year and Teacher of the Year finalist will receive \$400. The 2016-17 Teacher of the Year will receive \$1,000.

Honorees: San Joaquin County Teacher of the Year Finalists:

Beatriz Flores

Banta Elementary School, Banta Elementary School District

Adrianne Go-Miller

Elkhorn Elementary School, Lodi Unified School District

Stephan Unterholzner

Sierra High School, Manteca Unified School District

Kristi Lee

Edison High School, Stockton Unified School District



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Dean Reese

Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District

San Joaquin County Classified Employees of the Year:

CHILD NUTRITION

James Christensen

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SUPPORT SERVICES AND SECURITY

John Gilgert

Stagg High School, Stockton Unified School District

MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

Tony Barros

District Office, Manteca Unified School District

OFFICE AND TECHNICAL

Elizabeth Lopez

Banta Elementary School, Banta Elementary School District

PARAEDUCATOR AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT

Lauren Duncan

Ripon Elementary School, Ripon Unified School District

About the San Joaquin County Office of Education:

San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) provides educational leadership, resources, and services to support schools throughout the county. With its highly regarded programs, innovative staff, and community partnerships, SJCOE ensures that every student in San Joaquin County has the opportunity of a quality education. For more information, visit www.sjcoe.org.

About Premier Community Credit Union:

Premier Community Credit Union was founded in 1931 in the midst of the Great Depression. A handful of local educators gathered to form a nonprofit, financial cooperative – Stockton Teachers Credit Union – to provide much needed personal financial services to educators. Over the past 81 years, the credit union has grown and thrived, while maintaining its strong ties to the education community.

To share the financial services with other parts of the community, the credit union has expanded the benefits of membership to all of San Joaquin County communities. While it expanded, Premier Community Credit Union has always been dedicated to the education community in San Joaquin County – one of the reasons why they are proudly sponsoring



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the Classified Employee and Teacher of the Year Awards Celebration Dinner. Standing true to the credit union philosophy of "people helping people," Premier Community Credit Union is ready to service the needs of the education community as well as the broad communities it serves in San Joaquin County. For more information, visit www.premierccu.org.