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Fifth-Grade Teacher Adrienne Go-Miller Named County Teacher of the Year *Lodi Unified School District teacher passionate for the success of all students*

The San Joaquin County Office of Education would like to congratulate Adrienne Go-Miller, the 2016-17 San Joaquin County Teacher of the Year.

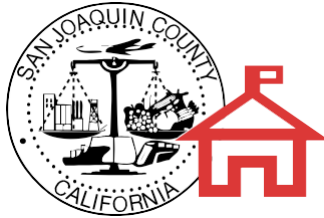
The fifth-grade teacher challenges her students at Elkhorn School to think for themselves, and she is dedicated to ensuring all students succeed. Her dedication to education goes beyond her classroom, which she has shown through her commitment to encourage parent involvement and by driving school-wide efforts at Elkhorn. It is for these reasons and more that Go-Miller received this year's award.

The winner was announced at the Sixth Annual San Joaquin County Classified Employee and Teacher of the Year Awards Celebration Dinner on Thursday, June 9. Go-Miller also received \$1,000 from Premier Community Credit Union, a long-time supporter of educators in San Joaquin County and co-sponsor of the annual awards banquet for teachers and classified school employees.

Go-Miller was nominated by Pat White, principal of Elkhorn School, which is in Lodi Unified School District. "First and foremost, she is passionate about the success of all students," White writes of Go-Miller in her nomination. "She works diligently to create an environment that reaches the needs of all learners."

Go-Miller has a master's degree in gifted education from University of Connecticut, and she has continued to amass a lengthy list of professional development trainings she is quick to share with colleagues, White writes.

In her fifth-grade classroom, Go-Miller engages her students using the Socratic method of questioning, allowing students to engage in deep, critical thinking. Go-Miller has dedicated her career to the idea that all students have an innate desire to be challenged, according to White. "Mrs. Go-Miller establishes a classroom of mutual respect. The students know that she believes in them and holds fast to the strong belief that all students will succeed through effort and perseverance."



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Go-Miller forms lifelong bonds with her students, with many coming back to volunteer in her classroom during breaks from college years later.

She also brings the community to Elkhorn to engage one-on-one with students to discuss reading, leading students to a deeper understanding of the books they select to read. A therapy dog named Rosie has even joined the classroom during book discussions to help reluctant or shy students take part in the enrichment activity.

Go-Miller's students are not just fifth-graders. She is also an instructor at the SJCOE's Teachers College of San Joaquin. Some of her former students now work in Lodi Unified and elsewhere.

As the San Joaquin County Teacher of the Year, her application will be submitted to the state for consideration as the California Teacher of the Year.

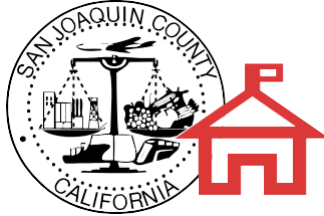
Four other outstanding teachers were recognized as finalists. Each received \$400 from Premier Community Credit Union.

They are:

- Beatriz Flores, Banta Elementary School, Banta Elementary School District
- Stephan Unterholzner, Sierra High School, Manteca Unified School District
- Kristi Lee, Edison High School, Stockton Unified School District
- Dean Reese, Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District

Also recognized on Thursday were the five San Joaquin County Classified Employees of the Year in four different categories. Each received \$400. They are:

- Child Nutrition: James Christensen, San Joaquin County Office of Education
- Maintenance, Operations & Facilities: Tony Barros, District Office, Manteca Unified School District
- Office & Technical: Elizabeth Lopez, Banta Elementary School, Banta Elementary School District
- Paraeducator & Instructional Assistant: Lauren Duncan, Ripon Elementary School, Ripon Unified School District
- Support Services and Security: John Gilgert, A. A. Stagg High School, Stockton Unified School District



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About Teacher of the Year:

In 1972, California began recognizing outstanding teachers for their dedication and commitment. Since that time, three County Teachers of the Year, Paulette Bogetti (1992), Jeff Wright (2001), and Art Coleman (2003) went on to be selected as California Teacher of the Year. Each district, through their superintendent's office, may submit up to three candidates for consideration for the County Teacher of the Year.

About the San Joaquin County Office of Education:

San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJC OE) provides educational leadership, resources, and services to support schools throughout the county. With its highly regarded programs, innovative staff, and community partnerships, SJC OE 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 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.