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Azusa Unified Honors More Than 180 Employees for Service

Ceremony Recognizes Long-Term Commitment to Excellence

Azusa Unified School District honored more than 180 District employees for their dedication and longevity, including three employees with a 40 year-tenure, during a special awards ceremony Sept. 30 at Gladstone Street Elementary.

AUSD Superintendent Dr. Linda Kaminski presided over the celebration of employees who have achieved career benchmarks of 10 to 40 years of service.

“Today we honor our own – thinking, reflecting, celebrating the people who make this District the wonderful place it is,” said Kaminski. “When your work is making an impact on countless young people, you know that what you have done is special.”

The ceremony, a dessert social catered by the District’s Nutrition Services Department, brought together teachers, administrators and classified employees, many who came to cheer on their colleagues.

Three AUSD employees were celebrated for 40 years of service; four employees for 35 years; 13 employees for 30 years; 43 employees for 25 years; 32 employees for 20 years; 69 employees for 15 years and 20 employees for 10 years.

Carrie Cenicerros, instructional aide at Hodge Elementary, Janet Stoa, instructional aide at Murray Elementary and Suzan Vasquez, AUSD data technician, were recognized for their 40 years of service at Azusa Unified.

Carolyn Echeverria, instructional aide at Mountain View Elementary, Cathy Lea Hendrix, teacher at Murray Elementary, Ruth Madrigal, teacher at Slauson Middle School and JoAnne Trujillo, clerk at Gladstone High, were honored for 35 years of service.

A touching moment came as husband and wife AUSD employees Douglas and Leslie Ford both received honors for 30 years of service each. Douglas is a teacher at Paramount Elementary and Leslie is principal at Valleydale Elementary.

Based on their years of service, recipients received awards, presented by the presidents of their respective unions: Meg Savella of the Azusa Educators Association; Sam Perdomo of the Azusa Management Association; Veronika Delvaux of the Azusa Federation of Adult Educators and Amber Sanchez of the California School Employees Association.

“Azusa Unified is a family and we are blessed to have so many talented members who have made major contributions to our success over the years,” said AUSD Board President Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña. “Thank you for your service and we look forward to many more good years in the future.”

PHOTO CAPTION: Carrie Cenicerros, instructional aide at Hodge Elementary, right, was recognized during an awards ceremony for her 40 years of service to Azusa Unified. She is pictured with, from left, Board of Education Clerk Helen Jaramillo, President Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña and Superintendent Dr. Linda Kaminski.

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