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SUBJECT: SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Announces the 2017 Teacher of the Year & Classified Employee of the Year

ENCINITAS – The San Dieguito Union High School District (SDUHSD) has named Susan Bouchard as its 2017 Teacher of the Year.



Ms. Susan Bouchard has been teaching since 2012 at Torrey Pines High School. Ms. Bouchard teaches 9th through 12th grade Special Education.

Ms. Bouchard is inspired daily by her students. She is a beloved teacher whose gratitude for the opportunity to work with students manifests itself in her daily interaction with students and coworkers. Ms. Bouchard's students describe her as a "hardworking, supportive, awesome, nice and last but not least, funny" teacher. She is passionate and enjoys interacting with her students and staff, developing meaningful and engaging lessons, and problem solving with students, staff and parents. Principal Rob Coppo stated, "Ms. Bouchard is one of the most dedicated, student-centered and talented educators I have ever worked with. She has helped transform our school culture through her innovative teaching strategies, and her infectious enthusiasm."

As the district winner, Bouchard will now advance to the San Diego County Employee of the Year Program administered by the San Diego County Office of Education and compete with other school district winners for the title of San Diego County Teacher of the Year.

The San Dieguito Union High School District has named Bridget Sabin as its 2017 Classified Employee of the Year.



Ms. Bridget Sabin, Registrar at San Dieguito Academy, has been with the district since 1995. She is a standout employee for a number of reasons. "I can't imagine anyone working harder at their job than Bridget. She is one of the most professional, thorough, and organized people I have ever worked with", shares Administrative Assistant, Lois Delanty. When discussing the extra effort Sabin regularly takes to make sure all students feel a personal connection to the school, Assistant Principal Jeanne Jones, explains, "Each winter Ms. Sabin leads a gift program called the Angel Tree, for students who have had a difficult year...Students are touched that their school cares about them."

As Registrar, Ms. Sabin prepares, maintains and monitors the permanent school records of high school students; reviews, evaluates and records course credits and grades earned; and works as part of a team to ensure graduation requirements are met.

In addition to being named the SDUHSD Classified Employee of the Year, Ms. Sabin was selected as the San Diego County Classified Employee of the Year. This prestigious award allows Ms. Sabin to advance to the California Department of Education Classified Employee of the Year program.

Congratulations Ms. Susan Bouchard and Ms. Bridget Sabin and thank you for your dedicated service to our students!

The San Dieguito Union High School District serves 7th through 12th grade students in the communities of Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, Cardiff, Rancho Santa Fe and surrounding areas. Covering 85 square miles, the district includes four high schools, five middle schools, and a continuation high school. Website: www.sduhsd.net.