

2007-2008 Confidential Employee of the Year

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Kelly Muñoz Confidential Employee of the Year

Kelly has been in the Paso Robles Public Schools District Office for 4 years. She loves the versatility and diversity of always having something different to look forward to each day. "Monotony would kill me" she says of her job. She has nothing to worry about.

She has two daughters at Paso Robles High School, and likes the fact that she is able to keep in touch with them. She enjoys gardening and is planning a new garden in her backyard this year. She is also a runner.....running in the City to Sea ½ marathon every year in October.

Kelly's co-workers unanimously chose her for Confidential Employee of the Year. A few of the quotes that were told are:

- Kelly is hard working and is always willing to lend a hand. She is professional in her dealings with the public and employees alike. Kelly likes to learn new skills and never met a chocolate that she doesn't LOVE!
- Kelly is full of energy, very professional and always happy! She is very knowledgeable about health food and herbal supplements (I just discovered this). I also think, personally, that Kelly has done a great job raising her 2 girls. She's a GREAT mom!!
- Hard working. Dedicated to employees. Fun. Leo. Tolerant.

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Paul Corso
Management Employee of the Year

Mr. Paul Henry Corso, is the 2008 Paso Robles JUSD Management Team Member of the Year. After he graduated from Kent State with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Mr. Corso began his teaching career in the fall of 1969 at Eastmont Intermediate in Montebello, California. During his dozen years at Eastmont, Paul completed his Master of Science in Special Education at Cal State LA, and transitioned from the regular classroom to a Special Day Class. In the fall of 1981, Paul transferred to the Orange County Juvenile Court School where he worked as a Resource Specialist, until moving on to the University of California at Irvine Child Development Center where he ultimately became a high school assistant principal.

Paul, his wife Ady and their son Aaron moved from Southern California to Paso Robles in 1988. Mr. Corso quickly became a fixture at the new Virginia Peterson Elementary School where he taught RSP and fourth grade. He was chosen by his colleagues as the teacher of the year, before moving to Flamson Middle School in 1992. After teaching at Flamson, Paul moved to Paso Robles High School where he was instrumental in founding the Freedom Academy. Paul served as the de facto administrator, counselor and teacher at Freedom, laying the groundwork for the effective schooling "at risk" students have been receiving at PRHS for the last fourteen years. Again, for his excellent teacher leadership, he was selected as the Paso Robles High School Teacher of the Year, as well as the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year.

Having done almost everything else there was to do in K-12 education, when the district office needed a coordinator of special education, Paul answered the call and moved to the DO in the fall of 1999. In 2001, Paul was appointed as the first principal of Kermit King Elementary School. Paul quickly established a family of teachers, staff, students and parents at Kermit King. Under his leadership, Kermit King was the first school in the Paso Robles JUSD to reach the 800 level on the California State Academic Performance Index, and just recently, Kermit King was awarded with a California Distinguished School Designation.

It is clear from the above, that Mr. Paul Henry Corso has had a very distinguished career as an educator in California. He is the rare person who has been successful teaching at the elementary, middle and high school levels. He has also given important leadership in educational research and initiatives to improve the education for at-risk students. All of these accomplishments, however, do not tell the story of the students' lives that Paul has touched. The students love him. They say he is cool, strict, fun, and awesome. They tell stories of putting dead lizards in his office, and his very appropriate revenge. When Paul was announced as the new principal for Kermit King, he had the pick of Paso Robles' best teachers, they flocked to work with him. His administrative colleagues speak of his dedication, his vision, his ability to walk his talk, and to make a difference in the lives of everyone he works with.

There simply could not be someone more deserving of the 2008 Paso Robles JUSD Management Team Member of the Year, than Mr. Paul Henry Corso. Congratulations!! Well done Paul.