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Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Employees Recognized at County Reception

*Paso Robles, CA (September 26, 2017)* – The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education held its annual SLO County School Employees of the Year Celebration last night recognizing the top certificated and classified employees from school districts in the county. Paso Robles Joint Unified School District (PRJUSD) was represented by its own PRJUSD Teacher of the Year, Monika Robertshaw, and Classified Employee of the Year, Marcos Zamora. The PRJUSD employees were selected earlier this year at a ceremony at Pear Valley Winery.



Mrs. Robertshaw teaches English Language Arts and the PBIS (positive behavioral interventions and support) leadership class at Daniel E. Lewis Middle School. As the PBIS leadership teacher, she guides her students in helping to promote and reward positive behavior throughout the school. Her students run a “SPOTS Shop” where points and tickets can be redeemed for prizes. Principal Erin Haley says that “Monika is a shining star here at Lewis. She shares the vision and belief in student success encompassing their achievement in the classroom as well as social-emotional well-being. Her connection with kids is effortless and her compassion, care, and interest in their lives is sincere.”



Mr. Zamora is a bilingual family advocate for the school district. His responsibilities include providing interpretation services and working with Spanish-speaking families. Mr. Zamora can often be found translating at parent meetings and other events. Those that work with Mr. Zamora say “It is evident that he makes it his priority to ensure that our families feel welcomed and informed, and he encourages them to be involved in their children's education for the success of their students. His positive energy is contagious and he doesn't hesitate to lend a helping hand wherever he is needed.” Mr. Zamora is currently working on completing his teaching credential and aspires to soon be working in PRJUSD as a teacher.

The Mardi Gras-themed reception was held at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo and students from the Grizzly Academy served dinner to the attendees. Videos that featured interviews with students and colleagues of the honorees were the highlight of the evening.

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