

A stylized, colorful illustration of a landscape. The background features wavy, horizontal bands of light blue and white, suggesting a sky or water. In the foreground, there are rolling green hills with dark brown soil. On the left, there is a green tree with a brown trunk, a purple flower, and an orange flower. A small red bird is flying in the sky above the tree. The overall style is simple and artistic.

2015 ABOVE & BEYOND AWARDS

*The Community Advisory Committee
for Special Education (CAC)
in collaboration with
San Diego Unified School District*

ABOVE & BEYOND NOMINEES ARE:


...exemplary in their commitment to improve educational outcomes, including social, life & vocational skills of students with disabilities.

Nominees can be:

- *Person employed by the school district in any position*
- *Student*
- *Family member (parent, guardian, grandparent, etc.)*
- *Community member*

HONOR ROLL

(Nominated by)



Rodel Agpaoa (Juliana Hernandez)
Sharon Barefield (Erin Leszynski)
Tara Bustani (Liliana Galindo)
Kimberly Chaney (Lisa Hare)
Debbie Chiles (Karen Freeman)
Jennifer Clark (Carla Walendowsky)
Pooja Dillon (John Gilbert)
Teri Donahue (Jim Ferguson)
Deirdre Fabian (Sarah Reade)
Peter Kay (Lorrie Heising)
Debra Lubke (Julian Christian)
Joseph Marsella (Lisa Sousa-Coladonato)

Tai Oliver (Charles James)
Sonia Paz (Cori Bullard)
Stephanie Rabaug (Scott Spalding)
Gary Richeal (Ronald LaPierre)
Kadie Shedd (Patty Fowler)
Yolanda Smith (Heather Brady)
Alyssa Walton (Heather Mulno)
Kathleen Wood (Eva Brotherton)
Samantha Yu (Kimberly Menke)
Birk Zeunges (Jessica Tena)

Gary has been a volunteer coach for VIP soccer for 10 years just because he wants to. He embraces each player and coaches to their individuality. Players learn to work together, play by the rules, sportsmanship and the best part is that the kids get to play soccer! And he keeps the parents in-line...he tells the helicopter parents to "shut-up, don't coach from the sidelines and let the kids play & succeed (or fail) on their own. Just cheer them on!

Nominated by Kristin Gohlke



Gary
Hartnett
VIP Soccer Coach
La Mesa AYSO

Miller Elementary is unique...over 1/4 of the students have an IEP and a majority of the students have one parent on active duty military service. In addition, Principal Stacy Jones is a leader to her staff and students. She is able to and often fills in for an absent staff member because she knows each job title and the challenges that accompany the job. She motivates her staff through her "thoughtful reactions to behavior problems." and has created a campus that has "compassion with accountability"

Nominated by Fred Hilgers



Stacy Jones
Principal
Miller Elementary
School

Joyce McBryde works with students attending Knox Middle School through the Sister Love Girls Group. She gives her time & talent generously. Through the Sister Love Girls Group she strives to push the girls to reach their full potential and show them a world outside of the one they are accustomed to.

Nominated by Hope Mitchell



*Joyce
McBryde*

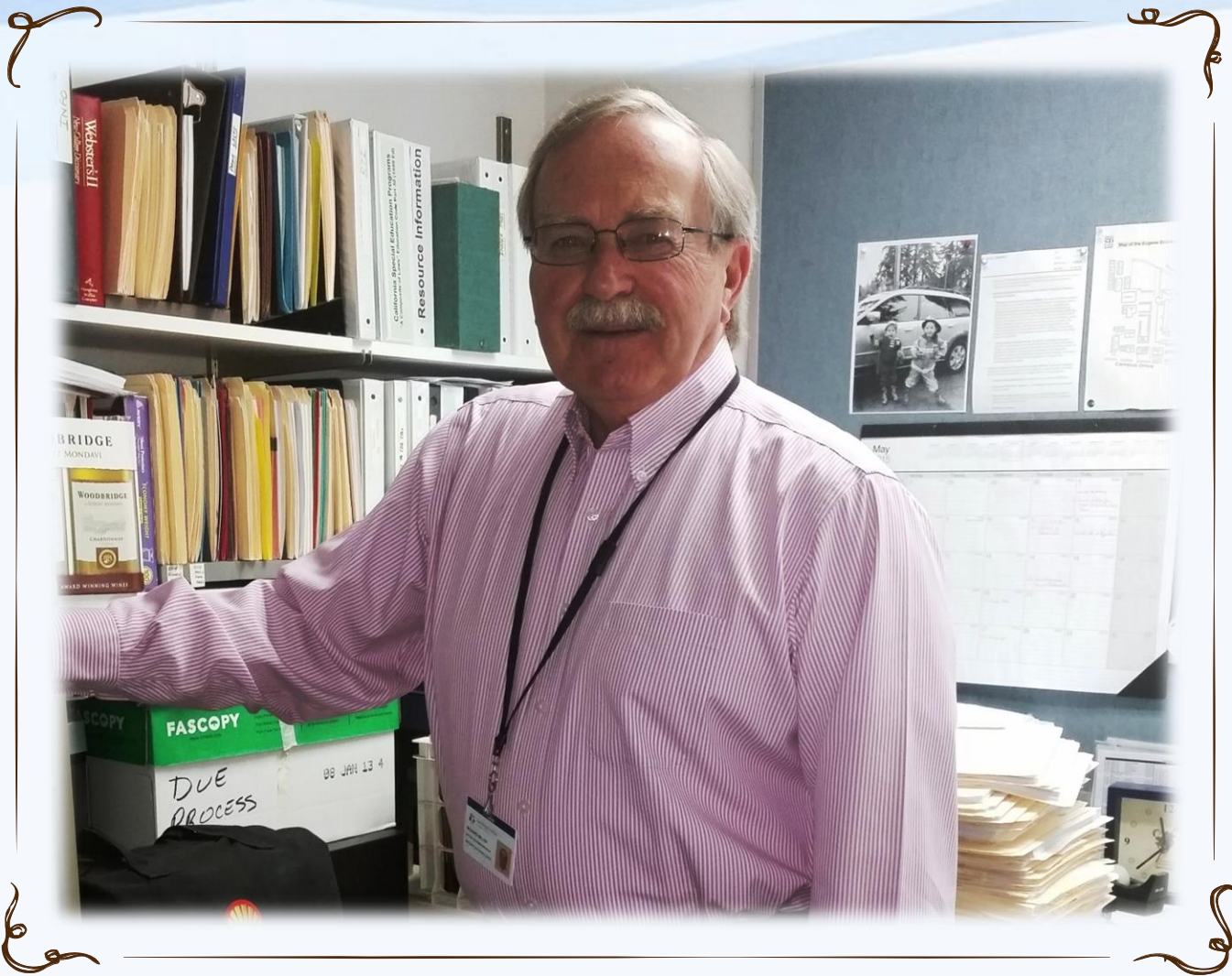
*Order of the
Eastern Star*

Kristy McNamee was nominated by the entire STARS IEP team at Clairemont High School. Even though she works at Marston Middle, she will take her personal time to travel to Clairemont High School to help a student in need. Kristy has gone Above and Beyond with her selfless acts to ensure that a student had the support necessary to learn.

Nominated by Cherie Wehage



*Kristy
McNamee
Education
Specialist
Marston Middle
School*



Richard Miller is a Special Education Ombudsman for SDUSD. Richard is a retired Navy Commander. He provides an essential resource to parents needing help with the IEP process. He states that he is a Process person. Each case is important to him—remembering names, details and important issues. He is approachable, reliable, compassionate, patient & honest. He gives us a reason to believe that the Process can support students.

Richard Miller
Special Education Ombudsperson

Nominated by Vickie Banks,
Leslie Gollub, and Nancy Kirkman

LaTara is a Special Education Technician who gives far above and beyond her assigned duties. Her contributions help make Lindbergh-Schweitzer Elementary School campus a vibrant, memorable, equitable educational experience for the students. Her beautiful spirit shows in her bright, colorful wardrobe and the flowers in her hair.

Nominated by Hope Mitchell



*LaTara
Propes-Beller
Special Education
Technician
Lindbergh-
Schweitzer
Elementary School*



Linda Smith goes above and beyond her job description as Special Education Behavioral Technician. In addition to supporting students in the area of biology and Earth Sciences, she also tutors students after school and helps with homework. She forms study groups for the kids before tests and uses her own time to prepare materials, which is often time consuming. She personally invites students to study and will stay as long as it takes to make sure a student is prepared for the test.

Nominated by Joan Wolfson

Linda Smith
Special
Education
Behavioral
Technician
Patrick Henry
High School

Sara supports children as a Special Education Behavioral Technician. But what she does in her free time for her students is where she goes above and beyond. She arranged a replacement of a stolen communication device for a student in need, volunteers for Cecily's Closet and has been a Big Sister to a child for 5 years.

Nominated by Emily Dolton



**Sara
Williams**
Special Education
Behavioral
Technician
Lindbergh-
Schweitzer
Elementary School

Thank You to...

Nominators

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“THANK YOU” to the
nominees.*

