



South Bay Union School District

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South Bay Honors District Champions

Staff, Teams, Parents, and Community Members among Recipients



Imperial Beach, CA – On December 7, 2018, Superintendent Katie McNamara hosted an event at the Imperial Beach Public Library to honor South Bay's District Champions. These awards recognize students, parents/guardians, staff, teams, and community members that demonstrate outstanding work, dedication to the District's mission and goals, commitment to our community, and strong support for the South Bay Union School District. We are proud to celebrate the contributions of the following Champions:

- Diana Cordova, an Instructional Assistant at the Bayside STEAM Academy, was celebrated for her dedication to students.
- Nelida Ramirez Briceno, Emily Flannigan, Maria Garcia, Halley Neufeld, Linette Salome, Suzanne Savoie, Sandra Sawa, and Aimee Verhoeven. The Special Education team from Sunnyslope was recognized for their outstanding work and positive impact on the campus.
- Alvaro Alvarez, Dania Cabrera, Delia Uribe, Gloria Munoz, Irene Perez, Jose Villegas, Juan Escamilla, and Mark Rosillo. The middle school teaching team from Nestor Language Academy was honored for their support for students and their instructional excellence.
- Xochitl Villegas, an Instructional Assistant at the Bayside STEAM Academy, was celebrated for her service to students.
- Mariel Origel, the Community Volunteer Coordinator at the Nestor Language Academy, was honored for her deep commitment to parent engagement and involvement.
- Claudia May, a volunteer at the Bayside STEAM Academy, was recognized for her positive impact on the school community.
- Melinda Rodriguez, a parent and volunteer at Nestor Language Academy, was celebrated for her support of the students, parents, and staff.
- Adrian Castro, Stephanie Estrada, Tina Ford, Kimberlee Hall, Steven Howser, Toni May, Vanessa Velazquez, and Leslie Warren. This team was honored for their work on the sorting and distribution of instructional materials over the summer.

Dr. McNamara is excited about this program. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to honor those that demonstrate such a high level of support and dedication to our District. Congratulations to these recipients and we look forward to continuing to highlight and recognize those that champion our work, our community, and our District." South Bay will continue to collect [nominations](#) for the 2018-2019 school year and will host additional recognition events on March 8 and May 31, 2019.

About the South Bay Union School District:

The award winning South Bay Union School District proudly serves over 7,500 students in Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, and south San Diego. The District is comprised of twelve campuses, including nine K-6 schools, two K-8 charter schools, and one Preschool. South Bay offers several specialized programs including Dual Language, Instrumental Music, Leader in Me, No Excuses University, Visual and Performing Arts, and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Academy.

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