

Vanessa Diaz

Ms. Diaz, of Curves in Central Anaheim, supports community health through bake sales for cancer awareness, food drives for Second Harvest Food Bank, and participation in various walks to support hospitals and autism awareness. She brings these concerns to her clients and makes it easy for them to participate, too. Ms. Diaz is a graduate of Loara High School.

Edith Luna

Ms. Luna is a graduate of Anaheim High School who is great at organizing others and motivating them to join her in her cause. She has recently organized a fundraiser to help homeless women in the community and a clothing and furniture drive to help a fellow graduate who lost his home to a fire. She gives of herself and expects nothing in return.

Kristan and Dean Peterson

Kristan and Dean are active PTA parents at Orangeview Junior High School and are very supportive of band concerts and school dances. They volunteer their time to help supervise events and clean-up the school after events. They provide great models for giving back to your local community.

Marilyn Sasai

Ms. Sasai volunteers at Walker Junior High School with the home economics and Renaissance programs. She writes notes of encouragement, provides snacks, chaperones field trips, and makes costumes for the Renaissance rallies. She has magical skills in getting students with behavior issues involved. Students think of her as a second mom.

Savannah Esquivel and Nate Taylor

Savannah is the ASB Activities Director at Oxford Academy. Nate Taylor is a history teacher at Oxford. Together, they started a Friends of Hope organization for students at Oxford. Savannah organized the students. Mr. Taylor, the faculty advisor, brought his knowledge and expertise in organizing Best Buddies programs at other schools. Together, they organized a Hope Homecoming Basketball game in the Oxford gym and invited the Buddy students from Loara and Savanna High Schools to join them and the Hope students. The evening concluded with the coronation of a king and queen followed by a homecoming dance.

Jon Sana

Jon is a student at Western High School who recently studied for and passed his CPR certification in his Medical Careers class. Jon saw a student lying face-down in the parking lot. The student's lips were blue, and that he had no pulse. Jon began CPR and continued until the student had a pulse and the paramedics arrived. Jon stopped to help a person in need, demonstrated quick-thinking, and applied life-saving skills he learned in his Medical Careers class.

Veronica Alvarez

Ms. Alvarez is a counselor at Sycamore Junior High School. She often donates her own money to buy students bus passes and school supplies. Recently, she learned that a student was at the police station due to a child abuse investigation. She rushed to the police station and stayed with the student until the student was emotionally stable. Veronica is passionate about helping students and maintains a positive attitude in difficult situations.

Kim Bauerle

Ms. Bauerle has a long history of working with pregnant minors and developing parent education classes. Even though the District is no longer able to support the pregnant minors program due to loss of funding, Kim continues to work very hard to connect students with

community resources. She brings in organizations which provide counseling, food, and child-care supplies to our students. She is a dedicated advocate for our students and their parents.

RoseZetta Cummings

Ms. Cummings is a teacher at Sycamore Junior High School. She opens her room in the mornings and lets students in out of the cold. She offers them a sanctuary where they feel safe, accepted, and engaged. Students have shared things with her that they have not felt comfortable sharing with anyone else. She always finds the right way to help: counseling, a time out to relax, or someone to talk to. She is a teacher, mentor, and mother figure to all who know her.

Rob Gaudette

Mr. Gaudette is a history teacher at Dale Junior High School. Each year, Dale history classes collect money for a community service project which feeds needy families at Dale. Rob is the project manager. He counts the collected money, works with the grocery store, meets the families and students in need, and coordinates staff to make sure everything runs smoothly the day of the event. They fed about 50 families this year.

Patti Hatcher

Ms. Hatcher is a health teacher at Kennedy High School. She coordinates the Thanksgiving and Christmas drives to help families in need in the Kennedy community. Kennedy staff donate food, money, and gifts. Ms. Hatcher spearheads the drive to collect what is needed for the families in need and makes sure everything is delivered to the families.

Penny Hatzis

Ms. Hatzis is a counselor at Savanna High School. She has created a system to provide food, clothing, and other essentials to needy families at Savanna throughout the school year. She connects a local church with the families in need and provides the families with gift cards so they may purchase food and clothing. She also connects Savanna students with community service opportunities that help the organizations that provide the donations. She does this all with grace and respect.

Matthew Huisman

Mr. Huisman is a teacher at Hope School. He is devoted and committed to making a difference in the lives of his students and their families. He assists parents in methods and techniques to most help students develop their communication skills and daily living skills. He goes the extra mile in educating, assisting, and motivating the families, as well as the students. He provides optimism, encouragement, and insight into their possibilities, thus reinforcing the learning and success of his students.

Vince Le

Mr. Le is a history teacher at Gilbert. He also runs a non-profit group called Cut Studios. His program strives to connect talent industry professionals with at-risk students to motivate them to bring up their grades and teach them valuable social skills in the process. In his free-time, he makes contact with entertainment industry individuals as well as educational professionals to further enrich his program.

Scott McIver

Mr. McIver is a math teacher at Lexington Junior High School. Throughout the year, he collects canned food items from his students to donate to the Los Alamitos Casas Youth Shelter. Casa Youth shelter is a youth facility which helps kids who are struggling with

school and home. Mr. McIver incorporates the canned food collection into his lessons so that his students know that they are helping out a much needed organization.

Denise Selby

Dr. Selbe is a counselor at Lexington Junior High School. Denise provided tremendous emotional support to a parent struggling through the aftermath of the death of a child. Denise's many phone calls and kind words made a difference to this mother.

Leone Walsh

Ms. Walsh is a Teacher at Katella High School. She is constantly shopping for pens, pencils, notepads, and other supplies. She gives them away to students who need them. She is in her classroom before school, after school, and at lunch. She tutors students and stays with students as long as it takes them to get it. Her love of life is contagious.

Kathleen Erdsieck

Ms. Erdsieck is a special education instructional aide at Kennedy High School. She continually strives to make sure students succeed. She provides extra tutoring and makes sure students have lunch. Each year, she makes sure that a deserving senior receives a yearbook. She also supports the football, band, and choir programs by setting-up and manning the choir snack table which provides food to students during their practices and performances.

Janice Goldsberry

Ms. Goldsberry is the senior administrative assistant at Walker Junior High School. She solicits donations from stores in the community to help students in need. She goes out and asks and comes back with big donations. At Thanksgiving time, she takes people into her home who have no place else to go on that day. She gives to make others happy and asks nothing in return.

Efrain Martinez

Mr. Martinez is an instructional aide at Anaheim High School. He goes out of his way to provide students with the assistance they need to be successful. He recently worked with a student who was struggling with a math concept. He volunteered his lunch time to work with the student and continued working with her, explaining the concept in different ways, until she got it.

Rosa Mulleady

Rosa is a campus safety aide at Loara High School. Rosa is passionate about the students at Loara and assists in making sure the students get the help they need. She provides cookies for athletes on game day, sponsors students financially, and helps with the annual Clothes Closet for Prom. She also chaperones at the annual JROTC camp and is on the board of Cops for Kids. She gives her time generously to support kids and families in Anaheim.