



Tamara Smith - Classified Employee of the Year – Office and Technical Support

The cornerstone of Los Alamitos Unified School District's culture of excellence is a team of highly skilled and passionate staff who are relentless about igniting unlimited possibilities for students. Our classified employees are often our unsung heroes, working behind the scenes making seamless improvements to ensure students and teachers are well equipped to achieve excellence in Academics, Athletics, Activities and the Arts. We are proud to recognize our various classified employees of the year for 2015 who exemplify our outstanding staff.

Tamara Smith – School Office Coordinator

Tamara exemplifies the heart and soul of Los Alamitos Elementary School (LAE) and the District. She is usually the first person and the last person any parent or visitor sees when they come to LAE. It amazes everyone that she is able to make each person feel like s/he is the only one in the room. The warmth she exudes and her willingness to help extends beyond the parents and visitors who come to the office. She takes the initiative to see what is needed and takes extra steps to assist teachers, reach out to students, and help the principal even before she is asked. Tamara is viewed as one of the key leaders in the school. She is also an exceptional manager, problem solver, and communicator who goes above and beyond her daily responsibilities to volunteer at school events or come on weekends to take care of school needs. Two of Tamara's greatest attributes are her smile that lights each person's day, and her positive outlook that assures all of us there is no problem too big to be solved.