



Mitchell Banales - Classified Employee of the Year – Maintenance, Operations and Facilities

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.

Mitch Banales – Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker

Highly skilled, dedicated, passionate, energetic, kind, humble and selfless describes Mitch Banales, Building and Grounds Worker for the Los Alamitos Unified School District. Mr. Banales is a problem solver and pays attention to the smallest details. Mitch is a positive role model for others in the District as he consistently goes above the call of duty. He displays initiative, is resourceful in his work and approaches each day with an open mind and positive attitude. His customer service skills are second to none and he works well in a team environment. In addition to being an exceptional employee, Mr. Banales has devoted his life to improving the working relationships and conditions for classified employees throughout Orange County and the State of California. Mitch is currently the CSEA Chapter President; a role he has honorably served for over eight years. Prior to that, he served as CSEA Chapter Vice President for seven years and has been a member of the CSEA Negotiations team for over 18 years. Mitch is an exceptional classified leader and is a great communicator. He always has both employee's and our students' best interest at heart. Mitch deals with employees and the community on a regular basis; and, in each case, he demonstrates kindness, compassion, and understanding while helping them.