

Celebrating Excellence in Service and Leadership Script

Welcome...some of today's leadership honorees are already seated in the audience. However, to honor tradition, "Please welcome our 2017 Service Award honorees" Play song "Fitz and the Tantrums"

Momentum Learning Slide, Work Readiness Assistant **Maria Mujica**, and thank you to the Momentum Learning Students for (Italian Soda Station), Sponsor slide, and thank you to our sponsors: San Diego Magazine who provided \$300 in gift cards and.... We want to thank Mission Federal Credit Union for supporting our celebration. Mission Fed is all about providing "Mission Fed Moments" to their members and have done so since their beginning in 1961. Today they are providing 10 "Mission Fed Moments" to us. It's a \$25 gift card and they're under 10 of the seats in the audience, so have a look because you just might be "having a moment". (pause to have people look under their chairs). Congratulations to those of you who just had their "Mission Fed Moment". Representing Mission Fed today is **Declan Courtney**, Business Development Manager. Declan please stand to be recognized. Thank you, Mission Fed, for your continued partnership.

Returning for another year Band Slide the San Pasqual High School Golden Eagle band, known as "8 Ball" under the direction of **Brian Lund**. Hopefully, you were able to celebrate the great work of SDCOE by going through the Exhibit Hall. Pillars Slide More importantly, we are celebrating how we are living our vision: Service and Leadership that maximize success for all students, and the pillars of excellence that support the vision - People, Service, Operations and Innovation.

Now, I'd like to introduce our new superintendent, **Dr. Paul Gothold**. Paul, as he likes to be called, started in his new role last week. He comes to us with years of experience as an educator with a passion for helping vulnerable children.

Paul started his education career as a teacher with the Los Angeles County Office of Education. He has also served as a site administrator, district administrator, and superintendent.

Most recently, he led the Lynwood Unified School District, where he collaborated with board members, teachers, employees, parents, and the community to dramatically increase student achievement.

Please, join me in welcoming **Dr. Paul Gothold**.

- Good afternoon!
- My name is Dr. Paul Gothold and I'm the new San Diego County Superintendent of Schools.
- It's my honor and pleasure to be here today.
- This whole event is about recognizing YOU and all of the hard work you do every day for the students of San Diego County.

- Whether you're a recent award winner, or celebrating a work milestone, your work is important.
- We have a lot of people we want to honor today.
- I would like to start by recognizing Board Member Lupe Gonzalez (confirm board member attendance)
- Thank you for being here, Board Member Gonzalez.
- Now it's time to introduce the members of our Strategic Leadership Team and ask them to come to the front for the Hat Tipping Ceremony: Don Buchheit, Karen Connaghan, Lora Duzyk, Jean Madden-Cazares, Jessica Rapp-McCreary, Chris Reising, and Music Watson. SLT will stand in front of the room and tip their hats (SLT will be in reserved seats in the front rows)
- We want to tip our hats to all of you for a job well done and for exemplifying our vision of service and leadership that maximize the success of all students.
- Thank you for all you do!
- Now it's my pleasure to call Chris Reising up to the podium to walk us through the next part of the ceremony.
- When I call your name, please come to the front to receive your certificate. (Nicole helping w/certificates) Honorees are in reserved seats in the order they will be called out. They will not be speaking.
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Association for School Administrators Honoring our Own

- An SDCOE employee was recently recognized as State Special Education Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators.
 - **Heather DiFede** from East County SELPA got the Special Education award for the entire state. Hand Heather certificate and she sits back down

JCCASAC John Peshkoff Memorial Award

- An SDCOE employee was recently awarded the John Peshkoff Memorial Award by the Juvenile Court, Community, and Alternative School Administrators of California.
 - **Sean Morrill** of Momentum Learning is this year's recipient of this Award, for memorable vision, service, leadership and commitment to JCCASAC students and programs. Hand Sean certificate and he sits back down

San Diego Council of Administrators of Special Education (SANDCASE)

- The San Diego Council of Administrators of Special Education (SANDCASE) Award recognizes outstanding individuals whose accomplishments have improved the field of special education. This year, two SDCOE employees were recognized with this prestigious award:
 - **Diedre Schloyer** with the East County SELPA **Not Present**
 - **Lauren Ingersoll** with the South County SELPA Hand Lauren certificate and she sits back down

SDCOE Program Teachers of the Year

- We have some outstanding teachers here at SDCOE.
- I have the privilege today to introduce two of them.
- The first teacher was selected to represent her program as teacher of the year.
 - Representing Special Education is: **Michelle McArthur**. Hand Michelle certificate and she sits back down
 - Representing Momentum Learning is: SDCOE's Teacher of the Year, **Stephanie Cruz**. Hand Stephanie certificate and she sits back down

SDCOE Classified Employee of the Year Nominees

- The classified employees I'm going to introduce next represent the best of SDCOE.
- You know that's true, because you're the ones who nominated them.
- Please, join me in congratulating all of the Classified School Employee of the Year nominees. Each employee is called up individually to receive certificate, then sits down
 - **Vanessa Aquino**
 - **Betsy DeLaRosa**
 - **Christina Fekas-Gorman**
 - **Joe Hernandez**
 - **Alicia Moyer**
 - **Oscar Ramirez Not in attendance**
 - **Michele Roman**
 - **Kymm Wolf**
- And last, but certainly not least, is **Christy Chapman** from the East County SELPA. She is SDCOE's Classified School Employee of the Year. Hand Christy certificate and she sits back down
- SDCOE's Classified School Employees Association Chapter 568 named Chris Minnehan from iTV as unsung hero for his outstanding contributions to the executive board as chapter treasurer.
 - **Chris Minnehan**
 - **CSEA Unsung Hero**
- At SDCOE, we have made wellness a priority.
- We want our colleagues to be healthy, both physically and emotionally.
- That's why we have our own Wellness at Work committee and have joined the LiveWell San Diego initiative.
- As part of our focus on wellness, we want to recognize our 2017 Wellness Champion. This is the person who has participated in more wellness events than anybody else this year.
- This year's Wellness Champion is **Theresa Marti** from Commercial Warrants. Hand Theresa certificate and she sits back down

Introduce Division Wellness Champion

- Not only do we have a single winner, we also have a trophy for the division that had the most participation in wellness activities this year.

- This year's Wellness Champion division is **Integrated Technology Services**. Call up **Karen Connaghan to receive trophy**
- That was a lot of people who have gotten well-deserved recognition this year, right?
- Congratulations to all of you.
- We tip our hats to you, and to all of the people we're about to recognize for their years of service to the students of San Diego County.
- Now, I'm going to give the mic back to Chris landolo (ee-on-dahlo) to help us recognize our employees who are celebrating a work milestone this year.

Speaking of honorees.... Let's meet a few of them on screen

Let's get started. To present the service honorees with last names starting with A-D, please welcome **Jessica Rapp-McCreary** to read the names. I'd also like to call up Board Member Lupe Gonzalez to help with the presentation. (Jessica Glover at stage to gives certificates to honorees certificates)

I'd like to call up committee member **Judy Butterfield** (Sits up front) to help with the drawings and I would like to thank our sponsor for San Diego Magazine for donating \$300 in restaurant gift cards. Must be present to win. Opportunity Drawing slide Opportunity drawing - (3) coffee cups, One \$25 Gift Card for Sammy's WoodFired Pizza and One \$25 gift card for Cafe Sevilla.

To present the service honorees with last names starting with E-M, please welcome **Karen Connaghan** to read the names.

Opportunity Drawing Slide Opportunity Drawing for (3) coffee cups, (1) \$25 Gift card for Sammy's WoodFired Pizza (1) \$25 Casa Guadalajara

To present the N-Z honorees please welcome **Don Buchheit (Biu-Height)**.

Final Opportunity Drawing Grand prize \$50 Restaurant gift cards for Casa Guadalajara)

...and now for the Hats Contest!

I would like to call up **Dan Puplava** and our Hat Contest Judges: **Rick Rinear, Sara Nicholson, Sarah Espiritu**. (Dan explains how judges have been secretly judging people who are wearing hats and each judge calls up their top two (6 candidates come up) and Dan Puplava leads the audience in selecting 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners by applause) place. (3rd place) \$25 Gift card Casa Guadalajara, (2nd) \$50 gift card for Sammy's Woodfired Pizza, (Grand Prize) \$75 for Café Sevilla. 6th through 4th place contestants receive coffee cups.

Let's recognize the committee for all their hard work. How about a round of applause. Committee members please stand. I'd also to thank the Media and Communications, and

Maintenance and Operations departments. Thank you all for coming. Looking forward to another successful school year. Play song "Don't Worry about a thing"