CALIFORNIA CONTINUATION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES FOUR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STAFF; EUHSD SUPERINTENDENT NAMED SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Escondido, CA – Staff at Valley High School were awarded Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Counselor of the Year, and Classified Person of the Year by the California Continuation Education Association (CCEA). Principal Cory Gregory, Teacher Catarina Garcia, Counselor Tara Monzet, and Bilingual Parent Liaison Monica Navarro were recognized at the Professional Awards Lunch on Saturday, Sept. 18 during the CCEA conference held in San Diego. Escondido Union High School Superintendent Dr. Anne Staffieri was named Superintendent of the Year and also was recognized during the lunch.

Valley is the continuation high school for the Escondido Union High School District. The school is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and was one of 27 California continuation schools recognized as a California Model Continuation School by the California Department of Education this past spring. There are more than 400 continuation high schools across the state.

Two years ago, Valley implemented restorative practices as part of their culture on campus where students and staff come together to strengthen relationships between individuals as well as social connections within communities. In the first year, the school saw a five percent decrease in suspensions.

“Valley High School is a special place where staff are committed to helping students who are most in need of support,” said Superintendent Dr. Anne Staffieri. “The entire Valley team emulates the school’s motto of ‘learning for all, whatever it takes’ through their ongoing dedication, efforts, and outcomes and are so deserving of the CCEA recognition.”

The educational experience at Valley is rooted in four core beliefs: positive relationships, personalization, an ethic of respect, and skilled professional teachers. Each student completes the school’s Responsibility Training Program (RTP) before enrolling in classes on campus. Students learn pro-social skills, alternatives to aggression, stress management, planning skills, and personal responsibility, and each Valley staff member is trained in using the structure of restorative practice to help create a positive, supportive school environment for all students and staff.
About Escondido Union High School District

The Escondido Union High School District has empowered students to graduate prepared for college, career, and life through excellence in learning for more than 125 years. The district serves more than 7,000 students across five high schools including: Escondido, Orange Glen, and San Pasqual, Del Lago Academy and Valley; as well as the Escondido Adult School. More than 900 staff members are employed by Escondido Union High School District, which offers more than 180 courses, including nationally recognized Advanced Placement courses, College & Career Technical Education, Independent Study, after school enrichment, career exploration, STEM opportunities, and more.