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**#D33Pride Awards
1st Trimester
2024-2025**

The #D33Pride Awards are given to individuals who have significantly impacted the students, staff, and families of the District 33 community.

This year, the Recognition Committee added a new category - the Rookie Award for Certified and Classified Staff. Staff members who have worked in the district for at least one year but under three years can be nominated for this award.

Nominations are accepted and presented at the end of each trimester. The members of the Recognition Committee judge the nominations, and winners are selected in each category. All names are removed from the nominations before being given to the committee members for judging.

A total of 17 nominations were submitted for this award cycle.

And now for the winners:

Alex Arvizu is the winner in the student category and was nominated by Jill Cooper. Alex is a second-grade student at Gary School.

Annabelle Gonzalez, the secretary at Indian Knoll School, is the #D33Pride Award winner in the Classified staff category. Cathy Park, Director of Assessment and Accountability, nominated her.

Lauren Kroscher, a Language Arts teacher at Lemay Middle School, is the winner of the Rookie Award for Certified Staff. She was nominated by Joseph Ruddy, a Language Arts teacher at Lemay Middle School.

Julie Pavon, a social worker at Turner School, is the #D33Pride Award winner in the Certified Staff category. Patrick Jecmen nominated her.

Our final award goes to **Vicki Hartwig, Behavior Specialist & Patrick Jecmen,** Senior Behavior Support Advisor. They are the recipients in the Team category and were nominated by Mark Truckenbrod and Sara Gillmar, the administrative team at Wegner School.