

PAUL BRAZZEL

LCSW, PPS, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Honored with the Outstanding School Social Workers 2021-2022 school year

TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Paul has worked in the field of school social work for more than 18 years. From 2003 to 2018, he served as a school social worker in the Lemon Grove School District. In 2018, he became a field faculty professor and the Pupil Personnel Services Credential Program coordinator at San Diego State University. Paul is also a licensed clinical social worker and provides supervision to school social workers working toward licensure and is currently serving on several social work taskforce committees at the national, state, and local level. He is the current board president of the California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW) as well as a member of the Social Work Consortium for building professionalism among veteran and new social workers. Paul is a member of the Compassionate Learning Communities workgroup in the Lemon Grove School District, and chapter co-writer for the textbook School Social Work: Engaging Social Justice and Racial Equity from Practitioners' Perspectives.



GERALDINE O'SULLIVAN

District Lead Social Worker, District Office, Escondido Union High School District

Named San Diego County School Social Worker of the Year

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD

Geraldine has been a school social worker for seven years and is the school social worker at San Pasqual High School in the Escondido Union High School District. Geraldine is a licensed clinical social worker with a background in clinical social work and therapy practice. She was a former Educationally Related Mental Health Services school-based therapist. She was also a former teacher prior to obtaining her social work degree. Geraldine has also conducted extensive research within the field of social work and has co-authored several publications.



KIM BODIE

District lead social worker, District Office, Escondido Union High School District

Named San Diego County School Social Worker of the Year

ADMINISTRATIVE AWARD

Kim has been a school social worker for 15 years. She works as the lead district school social worker in the Escondido Union High School District. Kim oversees the mental health service delivery and training across the district. She has also partnered with several community agencies to bring services to the students and families within her district. In addition, she pioneered the student wellness centers on each campus, which received national recognition.



LAUREN HENNESSY

Lead Licensed Mental Health Clinician, Clark Middle; San Diego Unified School District

Named San Diego County School Social Worker of the Year

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARD

Lauren has been a school social worker for more than 20 years. She works at Clark Middle School in the San Diego Unified School District in the mental health resource center where she is the lead licensed mental health clinician. She has an extensive background in clinical social work providing therapy services to students in a variety of programs, including day treatment centers. Lauren provides field instruction for graduate school social work students working on their Pupil Personnel Services Credential. She also works in three schools within City Heights to support implementation of social and emotional learning.



JESSICA RAMIREZ

Lead Licensed Mental Health Clinician, Clark Middle; San Diego Unified School District

Named San Diego County School Social Worker of the Year

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARD

Jessica has been a school social worker for three years and is the school social worker at Highlands Elementary School in the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District. Jessica is dedicated to social and emotional learning, restorative practices, and alternatives to student suspension. She provides direct services to TK-6th grade students and support for staff and families. Jessica also has a background in child welfare services and was a foster youth case manager.