Teacher of the Year Nomination

Academic Senate

Los Medanos College

Mr. Giambattista,

It is my pleasure to nominate Paula Gunder for Contra Costa College Community College District Teacher of the Year. Working with Ms. Gunder for the past 10 years, I have seen first hand how she has provided dedicated support to our students and the mission of our district.

As the lone full-time faculty in the ESL department, Ms. Gunder has built her program from the ground up. She’s continued to adapt to a changing environment in light of AB 705, the pandemic, and now AB 1705. Ms. Gunder is committed to improving her program to help meet students’ needs, constantly looking for ways to expand, adapt, revise, and innovate. Ms. Gunder’s hard work is reflected in ESL’s student club, peer tutors, and full classes. She is collaborative across campus, seeking new partnerships and support for her students. I find her willingness to implement new ideas most inspiring.

By serving some of our most vulnerable students, Ms. Gunder embodies what it means to work for the community. It is my honor to nominate her for Teacher of the Year.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Mitchell

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