

Students  
First

Integrity

Culturally-  
Responsive

Joy

Equity

# Ceremonial Presentation Honoring OUSD's Classified School Employees of the Year

April 7, 2020

Excellence

 [IamOUSD@ousd.org](mailto:IamOUSD@ousd.org)

 [www.OUSD.org](http://www.OUSD.org)

 **iam OUSD** 

Students First | Equity | Excellence | Integrity | Culturally-Responsive | Joy

# Classified School Employees of the Year

Tonight we recognize and pay special tribute to the tireless efforts and outstanding performance of one experienced classified line employee in each of the following six categories:

- Child Nutrition
- Maintenance, Operations and Facilities
- Office and Technical
- Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance
- School Security and Support, and
- Transportation



 [IamOUSD@ousd.org](mailto:IamOUSD@ousd.org)

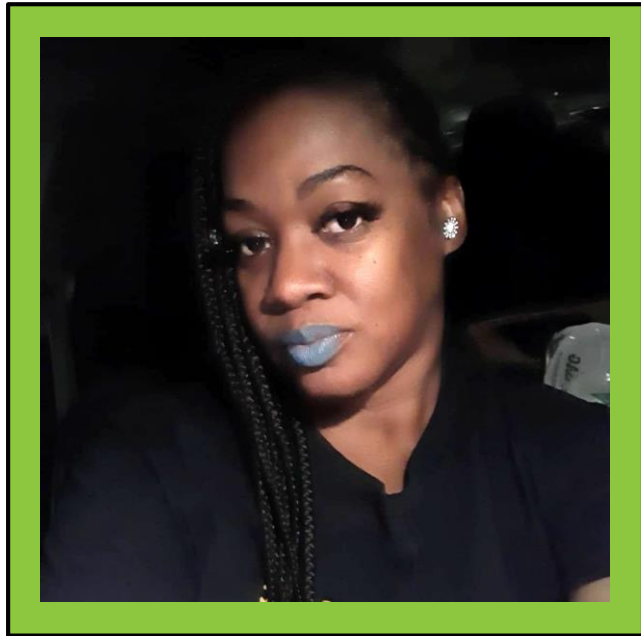
 [www.OUSD.org](http://www.OUSD.org)

**iam**  
**OUSD**

# Lawana Wyatt

## *Child Nutrition*

### Food Service Manager III at Oakland High Central Kitchen



- "Lawana not only cooks for the high school that hosts one of our central kitchens, despite that, she plans and prepares food for fifteen additional schools! She communicates clearly and concisely so everyone knows what they should be doing; she makes sure her kitchen is well organized and a safe and clean place to work. . ."
- "An oven goes out or pipes break, and she has to do a 180° turn around. Whenever there is an emergency, we can count on the fact that Ms. Lawana jumps right in! Her priority is to the kids in the District and her staff. . ."

# Tanya Chatman

## *Maintenance, Operations & Facilities*

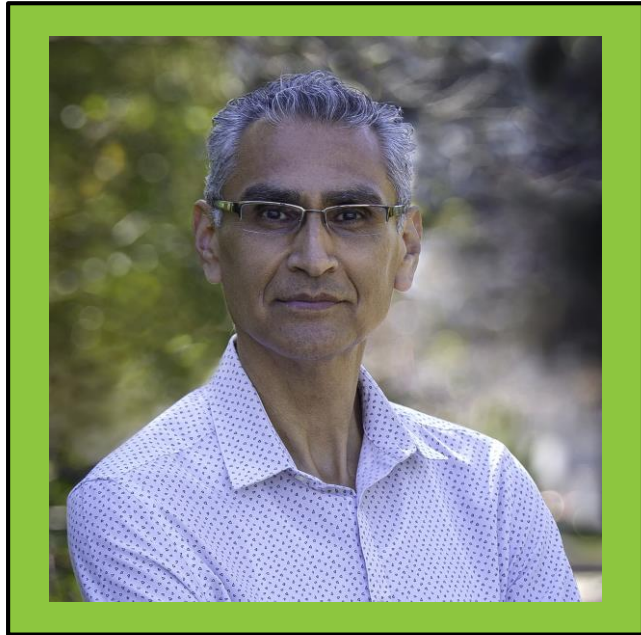
### Custodian at Melrose Leadership Academy



- “Aside from her role as Custodian, Ms. Tanya is always willing to be one of the gentle disciplinarians. She will host students and show them how to maintain the building so they learn additional responsibility. She is so motivated; she always comes to work with infectious enthusiasm and energy. . . .”
- “Ms. Tanya glows on the inside and it spreads out. Her positive energy is not just for her, but it spreads all throughout the school and impacts everyone who walks through the door.”

# Rodolfo Perez

## *Office & Technical* Outreach Consultant at Greenleaf Elementary



- “All of our families, regardless of race or ethnicity, know that they can reach out to Rodolfo for support, whether they have a school concern or a need at home. Rodolfo is a team player in the truest sense of the word. . .”
- “When our families struggle, he puts them in touch with resources. Whenever he meets with families, he reaches them by talking about values, always with kindness, but he tells it like it is. He asks for commitment, and because of the respect they have for him, they willingly do as he requests. . .”



# Diana So

## *Para-Educator & Instructional Assistance*

### Para-Educator at Chabot Elementary



- “Diana has set a model for the other Para-Educators through an understanding of her students' needs, consistent follow through, and her ability to adapt moment by moment to her students' complex social and behavioral needs!”
- “Regardless of the level of her students' disability, she is able to facilitate their being part of their class community. Helping maintain student confidentiality; more often than not, it is not obvious which students are "hers," as she is engaging everywhere within the classroom. . . .”

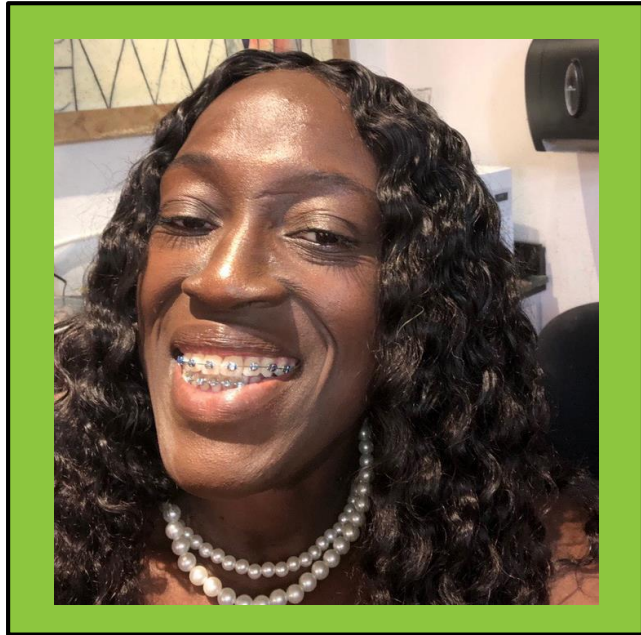




# Jacqueline Simon

## *School Security & Support*

### School Security Officer at Frick Impact Academy



- "If there's an issue, any of us can call on the walkie-talkie and she arrives like magic and stands at the door. She doesn't have to do anything more than that! Most of the time the student will be able to readjust; and then she'll have a talk with them. . ."
- "As much as I like to think I connect with our students there have been many times where I arrive at a point where I am not speaking the students' language and that is when I call Ms. Jackie. She's just an incredible natural counselor. . ."



# William Taylor Jr.

## *Transportation*

### Truck Driver for Warehouse Distributions



- “William has been right there taking his own personal time ensure the students had their Chromebooks and that there were enough desks; he personally delivered sack lunches to all three temporary school sites . . . ”
- “In the absence of a warehouse person, he ran the warehouse ensuring receipt of deliveries, creating spreadsheets to help with organization of warehouse equipment, on-hand stock and inventory of cafeteria supplies. He absolutely thinks outside the box looking for ways to work more efficiently. . . ”



# THANK YOU to Our Classified School Employees of the Year



 [IamOUSD@ousd.org](mailto:IamOUSD@ousd.org)

 [www.OUSD.org](http://www.OUSD.org)

 iam  
OUSD