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Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award

Hooker Oak Elementary School's Teacher Awarded by CA Council for Social Studies



Chico, CA – Hooker Oak Elementary School's fifth-grade teacher Beth Geise was awarded the Elementary School Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award!

Beth Geise was nominated for this prestigious award by Judge Kristen Lucena. On February 25, 2023, Ms. Geise traveled to the California Council for Social Studies Conference in Santa Clara, CA. She joined colleges across the state and was presented with a plaque and recognition.

Ms. Geise was recognized for integrating civic learning activities in the classroom and partnering with the County as one of six pilot counties to create a local Civic Learning Partnership committee to promote civic learning. She also paired students with professional mentors to bring a mock trial simulation into the classroom.

Ms. Geise collaborated with Judge Kristen Lucena in 2018 to pilot the Judges in the Classroom Program. In 2022, Ms. Geise hosted former CA Supreme Court Associate Justice Mariano-Floretino Cuellar and Butte Superior Court Judge Jesus Rodriguez for Judges in the Classroom.

"Beth Geise is an inspirational teacher and active community partner," shared Superintendent Kelly Staley. "Ms. Geise promotes interactive learning in her classrooms and is a role model for demonstrating and teaching ways students can positively engage the community they live. We are so proud to have Ms. Geise as an instructor in our educational community!"

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