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Staff Kudo's—**Superintendent Nuñez** wants to acknowledge the following *East Side Union High School District* staff members for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions.

★ **Jeff Rehrig**, teacher at *Overfelt High School* was instrumental in launching a small learning academy at *Overfelt High School*. He is to be congratulated for his contributions to the success of the academy and the recognition it has brought to the district. Jeff's classroom was visited by *California's First Lady Maria Shriver* on May 16 of this year. "The awareness that was generated as a result of her visit has been enormous," stated Rehrig. Rehrig has officially dedicated the academy in honor of the **First Lady's mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver**.

Jeff was recognized as "Teacher of the Week," by the *San Jose Mercury News* for his accomplishment. Once again, congratulations **Jeff** for your outstanding work and dedication to the students and community of the *East Side Union High School District*.

★ **Marilyn Bliss**, Coordinator of the Medical and Health Professions Program at *Andrew Hill High School*, was one of four individuals honored at an Awards Ceremony in Washington DC in September 2005. The honorees received the prestigious Arthur White Award "Making a Difference," sponsored by *Johnson and Johnson* and **Johnson Arthur White**. **Mr. White** is the cofounder of the esteemed "Jobs for the Future" organization. He believes that it takes commitment and vision to lead society toward a social change and he calls such individuals – "Social Entrepreneurs." **Marilyn Bliss** is one such "Social Entrepreneur."

Congratulations **Marilyn** and keep up the great work you are doing for the students and community of *East Side Union High School District*.

★ **Steve Walch**, Microcomputer Technician (*Independence*) as an on call member of a Search and Rescue Unit for FEMA and Homeland Security was immediately deployed when Hurricane Katrina struck the gulf coast. Steve was stationed for over three weeks as a Communication Specialist while his district IT tech colleagues stepped in to process work orders for *Independence*. Reports from his unit commander indicated that Steve provided quality and poised leadership for his team during the overwhelming calamity of Hurricane Katrina. Thank you for your outstanding service to the victims of this disaster, Steve; welcome home.

★ **Suzanne Guven**, Special Education teacher at *Andrew Hill High School*, received her Doctorate of Education in Education Leadership from *Argosy University* on Sunday, October 2, 2005.

Suzanne has taught at *Andrew Hill* for the last five years after graduating from *San Jose State University* in May 2000 with a degree in Child Development. Although **Suzanne** originally planned on a career as an elementary school teacher, her husband, a teacher at *Andrew Hill* invited her to visit high school classes. So, after visiting a few classes at the high school level, she decided to teach high school special education. In order to continue as a special education teacher she enrolled at *National University* to study *Special Education*. Two years later she earned her *MS in Special Education*.

Shortly after she completed her thesis, she gave birth to her first child. By the time her daughter was four months old, she was accepted into the *Argosy University Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership program*. After three years of research and examining teacher's attitudes toward the integration/mainstreaming of special education students she has been awarded her *Doctorate of Education*. **Suzanne** and her husband, **Jason Guven** are both teachers at *Andrew Hill* and are expecting their second child in January.

Again, congratulations **Suzanne** on your outstanding accomplishment and dedication to the students of the *East Side Union High School District*.



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