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## DA HESTRIN ANNOUNCES 2016 PRIDE AWARD RECIPIENTS

**RIVERSIDE** –Each year, the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office recognizes the outstanding work done by its employees at its annual PRIDE Awards ceremony.

PRIDE, the Program Rewarding Incentive of District attorney Employees, honors attorney and non-attorney staff for demonstrating extraordinary responsibility, professional development, productivity, dedication, initiative, a positive attitude, quality of work, dependability, cooperation, attendance, and public demeanor.

“The people in our office are the absolute best at what they do and truly embody the mission and the high standards expected of the District Attorney’s Office,” DA Mike Hestrin said. “I feel it is important to recognize the extraordinary work of those who have gone above and beyond those already high standards. It is an honor to do so and our community should be proud of these individuals who strive every day to keep them safe.”

The 2016 PRIDE Awards banquet was held the evening of Dec. 9, 2016, at the Miramonte Indian Wells Resort & Spa in Indian Wells.

The cost of the awards and banquet was entirely covered by money raised through fundraisers held within the office.

Here is a list of the recipients:

Area	Award	Name
Countywide	Prosecutor of the Year	Jennifer Garcia Jon Brandon
Countywide	Appellate Prosecutor of the Year	Michael Romney
Countywide	Crime Prevention Prosecutor of the Year	Amir Alavi
Countywide	Filing Prosecutor of the Year	Cheryl Singerton
Countywide	Juvenile Prosecutor of the Year	Sarah Crowley
Countywide	New Career Prosecutor of the Year	Kaitlyn Lasater
Countywide	Paralegal of the Year	Linda Watkins
Countywide	Special Prosecutions Section Award of the Year	Michael Gavin Doug Doyle
Countywide	Investigator of the Year	Ryan Bodmer
Countywide	Technician of the Year	Berenice Mausolf
Countywide	Advocate of the Year	Wendy Bankston
Countywide	Clerical Support of the Year	Anna Mendiola
Countywide	Administration Employee of the Year	Ginika Ezinwa

Countywide	Volunteer of the Year	Kyle Sugimura
Countywide	Community Hero of the Year	Ron McGowan
Countywide	DA Achievement/Leadership Award	Samah Shouka
Western Region	Group/Unit: New Career Prosecution Unit	<p><b><u>DDAs</u></b>  Eileen Agajanian  Jennifer Boyle  Maureen DuMouchel  Justin Feikert  Cormac Kehoe  Alex Khoury  Sandra Kim  Kaitlyn Lasater  Jon Marshall  Kevin Miller  Niki Olson  Gary Polk  Matt Stong  Sam Taloa</p> <p><b><u>Bureau Staff</u></b>  Ivonne Cortez  Enrique Maciel  Ed Ramirez  Margaret Swank</p> <p><b><u>Clerical Staff</u></b>  Michelle Gonzalez  Steffanie McCoy  Jane Gick  Danielle Espinoza  Kelly Lapaj  Sybil Magturo  Erin Olivarria  Rachel Parsons  Christina Perez  Jenny Sandoval  Jose Sandoval  Gaby Torres</p>
Eastern Region	Group/Unit: Coachella Gang Injunction Team	<p><b><u>DDAs</u></b>  Lauren Donovan  Kristi Kirk  Kirsten Seebart</p> <p><b><u>Paralegal</u></b>  Kristal Sandoval  Jessica Bello</p> <p><b><u>Bureau Staff</u></b>  Chuck Cervello  Ryan Monis</p> <p><b><u>Clerical Staff</u></b>  Eula Plaza</p>
Southwest Region	Group/Unit: Banning Clerical Staff	Mary Alvarez Lydia Balland Diana Guerrero Jennifer Peters Anna Purinton Bronwen Vasquez