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DA MIKE HESTRIN ANNOUNCES 2019 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. We also recognize the outstanding work by those in our community.

The 2019 PRIDE Awards banquet was held the evening of Feb. 28, 2020, at the Hyatt Regency 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 the list of recipients:

Area	Award	Name
Countywide	Prosecutor of the Year	Kimberly Degonia
Countywide	Prosecutor of the Year	Joshua Hill
Countywide	Appellate Prosecutor of the Year	Alan Tate
Countywide	Misdemeanor Prosecutor of the Year	Monica Dobson
Countywide	Misdemeanor Prosecutor of the Year	Chris Paynter
Countywide	Special Prosecution Section Award of the Year	<u>Cannabis Regulation Task Force</u> Rosa Calderon (Riverside County Sheriff’s Department), Jennifer Cole (Riverside County Sheriff’s Department), Brian Danskin (Supervisor, DA’s Bureau of Investigation), Shawn Degruy (Riverside PD), Alex Doherty (Palm Springs PD), Lauren Dossey Deputy DA, (Riverside County DA’s Office), David Hernandez (Murrieta PD), Jennifer Morris (Riverside County Code Enforcement), Angelina Peters (DA’s Office Investigative Technician), Armando Varela (Hemet PD)

Countywide	Paralegal of the Year	Jasmine Marquez
Countywide	Paralegal of the Year	Jessica Ramirez
Countywide	Investigator of the Year	Kelly Nava
Countywide	Technician of the Year	Amanda Lumba
Countywide	Advocate of the Year	Donna Carper
Countywide	Clerical Employee of the Year	Lydia Balland
Countywide	Administration Employee of the Year	Sireen O'Mari
Countywide	Volunteer of the Year	Dan Bernstein
Countywide	Community Hero of the Year	Sergio Avina
Western Region	Group/Unit: Accounting/Training/Travel Units	Denisse Cortez, Jennifer Johnson, Sandi Sosa, Dawn Walker
Eastern Region	Group/Unit: Investigative Technicians	Terri Canales, Lorena Figueroa, Sara Gil, Candy Neyhart, Rick Pacheco, Elysia Regalado, Claudio Tagle
Mid-County Region	Group/Unit: Mid-County Clerical	Mary Alvarez, Lydia Balland, Cary Boone, Tori Mascarenas, Gracie Perez-Reyes, Jennifer Peters, Anna Purinton
Southwest Region	Group/Unit: Domestic Violence Unit Support Staff	Jim McDonald, Kim Rapolla, Yolanda Soto, Cassandra Trevino, Imelda Wauthion

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