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## DA MIKE HESTRIN ANNOUNCES 2018 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.

"Each day, the employees of the District Attorney's Office work to keep our communities safe and to ensure justice across Riverside County," DA Mike Hestrin said. "Those we are recognizing with PRIDE Awards have truly excelled throughout calendar year 2018."

The 2018 PRIDE Awards banquet was held the evening of March 1, 2019, at the Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa.

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

| Area       | Award                                   | Name             |
|------------|---|------------------|
| Countywide | Prosecutor of the Year                  | Anthony Orlando  |
| Countywide | Crime Prevention Prosecutor of the Year | Sharon Shuster   |
| Countywide | Misdemeanor Prosecutor of the Year      | Jessica Roundy   |
| Countywide | Misdemeanor Prosecutor of the Year      | Sara Beller      |
| Countywide | SPS Prosecutor of the Year              | Lauren Martineau |
| Countywide | Paralegal of the Year                   | Soledad Gomez    |
| Countywide | Paralegal of the Year                   | Sophia Contreras |
| Countywide | Investigator of the Year                | Wade Walsvick    |
| Countywide | Technician of the Year                  | Andriana Pohja   |
| Countywide | Advocate of the Year                    | Hollie Simkins   |
| Countywide | Clerical Employee of the Year           | Eula Plaza       |
| Countywide | Administration Employee of the Year     | Jennifer Johnson |
| Countywide | Community Hero of the Year              | James Campos     |
| Countywide | Community Hero of the Year              | Andre Spencer    |
| Countywide | DA Achievement/Leadership Award         | Sam Kaloustian   |

Here is the list of recipients:

| Western Region   | Group/Unit: Domestic Violence Unit       | Allison Roach<br>Nik Peterson<br>Kaitlyn Lasater<br>Greg Rollins<br>Homan Hosseinioun<br>Jennifer Flores<br>Karrie Brusselback<br>Kelly Sedochenkoff<br>Luigi Monteleone<br>Michael Lough<br>David Kao<br>Steve Merrill<br>Danielle Bitetti<br>Monique LeFlein<br>Vanessa Sloniker<br>Matthew Morelock<br>David Purcell<br>Karla Melendrez<br>Katy Yarbrough<br>Brianna Guzman<br>Tiffiny Hays<br>Denise Diamond<br>Rebecca Lawhead<br>Modesta Cardona<br>Ivonne Cortez<br>Tanya Reyes<br>Danielle Gonzales<br>Patrick Morris |
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| Eastern Region   | Group/Unit: Misdemeanor Prosecution Unit | Amity Armes<br>Sara Beller<br>Barrett Von Esch<br>Monica Dobson<br>Thomas Farnell<br>Melina Londos<br>Hayden Thomas<br>Karen Salas<br>Sanja Stark<br>Karina Cardenas<br>Christopher Paynter<br>Sterling Winchester<br>Toni Guess  |
| Southwest Region | Group/Unit: Southwest FPU/GTA Unit       | Jess Walsh<br>Tim Cross<br>Daniel Fox<br>Alexander Kuznetsov<br>Michael Maloney<br>Scott Mason<br>Matthew Strickroth<br>Arlinda Witko<br>Michael Boyd   |