



HEIDI MOYA

Teacher Community Service Award



Award Biography

In addition to student achievement, CTE prides itself on lifting communities. The Teacher Community Service Award celebrates examples of that aspiration in practice. The 2024 award goes to Heidi Moya of the Deer Valley Unified School District.

Heidi has been instrumental in establishing Mountain Ridge High School as a beacon of excellence, particularly through her unwavering support for CTE and leadership in community service. In 2024, recognizing a shift in community needs, Heidi pivoted to a clothing drive, amassing 893 items for Title One Schools in DVUSD, far surpassing her goal. Beyond these donations, Heidi has innovatively blended community service with educational opportunities. Her commitment not only furthers educational goals but also instills a culture of giving and prepares students for future success. Heidi's efforts profoundly impact the community, embodying the essence of CTE by linking education with actionable community service.

Heidi has innovatively integrated community service into the CTE curriculum, enhancing student learning and community impact. Her initiatives, such as organizing school visits and hands-on experiences at feeder schools, allow students to engage in real-world teaching environments, providing practical learning opportunities that exceed traditional classroom settings. These efforts prepare students for real-world challenges and foster a deep sense of community involvement. Heidi's work exemplifies the core values of CTE.

Heidi actively prepares her students for community involvement and professional readiness. Her educational philosophy emphasizes experiential learning, directly connecting classroom lessons to community service, ensuring students achieve academic success and make meaningful community contributions. Heidi provides her students with invaluable opportunities to apply their skills in real-world settings, enhancing their professional preparedness.

Heidi's mentorship extends beyond her classroom. She plays a pivotal role in expanding the Education Professions program across DVUSD, mentoring new teachers, and thus broadening the program's reach and impact.