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Kyrene's Employees of the Year

Tempe Schools Credit Union, a long-time supporter of the Kyrene Foundation, recently sponsored "peer nominated" Employee of the Year awards for Kyrene's three employee groups.

When determining the **Support Staff Person of the Year**, the judges looked for a person who has outstanding customer service and significantly contributes to the Kyrene School District ... improving the quality of the Kyrene experience.

The Support Staff Person of the Year from Kyrene de los Niño's, is *Patti Benster*.

When the judges considered **Administrator of the Year** nominations, they look at those who manage effectively, foster cooperation, encourage partnerships and play an active role in the success of their area of responsibility. The Administrator of the Year is *Dr. Marianne Lescher* from Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary.

For **Educator of the Year**, the judges looked for a teacher who showed concern for students while enhancing educational experiences, one who was involved and used creativity and initiative to improve instruction. This teacher was instrumental in forming a new Science Club, started an Astronomy night and, has gotten actual moon rocks from the Apollo Lunar Space Missions to put on display for the entire the community! The Educator of the Year from Akimel A-al Middle School, is *Tara Dale*.