

COUNTY OF VENTURA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Employee Continuous Service Recognition
May 18, 2021



Nancy Ballard

25 Years

Health Care Agency

Senior Program Administrator

Nancy has served the adolescent and family life programs in Public Health since 1994, initially as an intermittent Public Health Social Worker and later providing home visitation support to pregnant and parenting adolescents, and their siblings. Nancy eventually moved into management and currently oversees public health programs for ensuring pregnant and parenting youth receive services to positively impact their life trajectories. Under her leadership, many high-risk youth have graduated from high school and pursued higher education, parent and child relationships have been strengthened, and families restored. Many lives have been touched by Nancy's hard work and commitment to serve.

We are very thankful for your many years of service to the youth and families in our County.



Jeffrey Dunn

25 Years Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's Service Technician II

Jeffrey Dunn began his career with the Sheriff's Office in 1995. His first assignment was at the Honor Farm Branch Jail in Ojai. Jeffrey transferred to the Main Jail in 2001, and since then he has mastered all the various work assignments within the facility - from housing, to property and every level control position.

He and his family reside in his hometown of Ojai. Jeffrey enjoys spending time with his wife of 20 years and two sons, ages 18 and 24, and working on his vintage car collection.

Jeffrey is a huge asset to the Main Jail, and we congratulate him on his 25 years of service.



Scott Emerick 25 Years Human Services Agency

HS Adult Protective Services Supervisor

Scott Emerick is passionate about elders and dependent adults and brings this dedication to his work, currently in training and development of his staff. He has as much enthusiasm for his work now as when he started 25 years ago.

Scott has developed great networks over the years that have served to advance the cause of bringing more awareness of elder and dependent adult abuse to the community. The Adult Protective Services program is fortunate to have someone of Scott's caliber as part of our program.

Congratulations, Scott, on 25 wonderful years of service!



Julio Garibay

25 Years

Human Services Agency

HS Client Benefit Specialist III

Julio Garibay is a great person to work with and is a wonderful human being and professional.

He is enthusiastic, energetic, and a positive person. He is kind with all his customers and peers. He always goes the extra mile to assist the customers to meet their benefit needs.

Thank you to Julio for his dedication and hard work in the County of Ventura for the last 25 years.



Cerri Mansfield

25 Years

Medical Examiner's Office

Administrative Assistant III

Starting as a student worker in the District Attorney's Child Support file room, Ventura County has made a huge impact on Cerri's life. She has worked for Probation, Workforce Investment Board, Job & Career Centers, Behavioral Health, Children's Medical Services, Public Health, Ambulatory Care, and the Medical Examiner's Office. She is honored to serve her community.

Thank you for all you have contributed during your exemplary County career.



Regina Mora

25 Years

Human Services Agency

HS Employment Specialist IV

Regina Mora started working for the Human Services Agency as an eligibility officer for Medi-Cal at the Oxnard Vanguard Office. She then promoted to a Career Services Specialist III for the Santa Paula Office. Regina is currently an Employment Specialist Lead for the CalWORKs program and is a great asset to the community of Santa Paula. She enjoys her customers and states, “I love helping people and find great joy in helping others find their strengths, overcome their barriers, and become success stories.”

Congratulations and thank you for your service to our community.



Yolanda Ruiz

25 Years

General Services Agency

Fiscal Specialist III

Yolanda Ruiz started as a Student Aide in GSA Accounting right after high school in June 1990. She was hired by the Auditor's office into a full-time accounting position in February of 1996. In October 1996, Yolanda promoted to GSA Accounting. She has enjoyed her 25 years of service for the County of Ventura, and working for the General Services Agency, where she has been recognized for her exceptional work over the years by her peers and supervisors, who nominated her for Employee of the Year in 2018 and 2019.

Congratulations on your 25 years of service to the County of Ventura.



Adolfo Valdivia

25 Years

Human Services Agency

Office Systems Coordinator IV

Adolfo Valdivia has had many roles within the Human Services Agency. Adolfo is a hardworking, customer focused, and compassionate person. In each and every interaction, he provides, "loyal and faithful service." Adolfo is a valuable resource to the Agency and the residents of Ventura County.

Congratulations and thank you for your 25 years of service to the County and the clients of the Human Services Agency.



Barry Zimmerman 25 Years Health Care Agency

Director Health Care Agency

Statement regarding Barry Zimmerman's 25 years of service will be read at the Board of Supervisors' Meeting.



Katherine Arellano

30 Years

Human Services Agency

HS Employment Specialist III

Kathy Arellano is a lifelong resident of Ventura County. She began her career with the Human Services Agency in 1991 as an eligibility worker. In her current capacity, Kathy serves as a dedicated Employment Specialist with the Welfare-to-Work Program providing case management services to families.

Kathy appreciates the County of Ventura for all that it has afforded her, including the opportunity to provide for her daughter and to meet people who have left lasting impressions.

Thank you, Kathy, for 30 years of hard work and commitment to your clients!



Sylvia Campos

30 Years

District Attorney's Office

Program Assistant

Sylvia has been the go-to person in the District Attorney's Office, and the local Courts before that, for all things related to benefits, leaves, payroll, and any other human resources questions when no one else knew the answer! She has made an impact on each member of our staff and beyond.

Congratulations and thank you for your 30-plus years of service to our community.



Maricela Cortez

30 Years Health Care Agency

Clinical Assistant II

Maricela Cortez is a phenomenal, positive, and caring Clinical Assistant. She is the heart of our suite at AFMC.

She is a vibrant person who radiates compassion, a wonderful teacher, always positive and willing to help. She is a perfect teammate, friend, and partner. We can't work without her.

Congratulations on your long career in service to the community.



Carol Fickes

30 Years Sheriff's Office

Office Assistant II

Carol Fickes started at the Assessor's Office, but soon moved to the Sheriff's Office where she worked in Court Services, the Civil Unit, and the Crime Lab where she has been dedicated to serving the citizens and law enforcement agencies of Ventura County. Carol is an accomplished administrative professional who always maintains a positive attitude and is willing to lend a helping hand. She is often the first contact customers will make with the Forensic Services Bureau. You can always count on her to have a smile and a friendly word to share. Carol feels fortunate to work with people who always support one another.

Congratulations on your long and distinguished career.



Leonardo Salinas

30 Years Probation Agency

Senior Deputy Probation Officer

During his career with the Ventura County Probation Agency, Leonard Salinas has held assignments in adult field supervision, juvenile institutions, juvenile field supervision, the Juvenile Placement Unit, Healthy Returns, and the Professional Standards Unit. Mr. Salinas has a strong work ethic, an ever-positive attitude, and a willingness to assist and mentor. He has worked directly with probation-involved youth and their families in every area of our county. His steadfast commitment and dedication to this population is to be commended. He has always served with compassion and a sincere desire to see these youth positively redirect their lives.

Mr. Salinas is to be congratulated and is deeply appreciated for his unwavering service to the Probation Agency and citizens of Ventura County.



Heidi Stauffacher

30 Years

Human Services Agency

HS Case Aide II

Congratulations to Heidi Stauffacher for 30 years of service! She has been a great asset to the Human Services Agency. Year after year, Heidi has always provided great customer service for our community and she really thrives in making sure our clients come first. She always goes over and beyond in every task she handles. We appreciate her hard work and dedication.

Thank you for the years of continued success and your dedication to serving our community!



Eduardo Reyes

35 Years

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's Sergeant

Sgt. Eddie Reyes has dedicated his career to serving all communities and citizens of Ventura County. Sgt. Reyes has held key positions within the Sheriff's Office including as a narcotics detective, SWAT operator, major crimes investigator, and as a patrol supervisor in the city of Camarillo. Sgt. Reyes strives to provide a service to the community that is compassionate, fair, and just. Sgt. Reyes takes pride in mentoring his subordinates to serve in the same manner. Sgt. Reyes feels fortunate to work with people who always support one another. Sgt. Reyes has truly enjoyed working with everyone he has met throughout the course of his career.

Congratulations and thank you for your distinguished service.



William “Pat” Solomon

40 Years

Department of Child Support Services

Supervising Child Support Distribution Specialist

Pat started as a Typist Clerk with the D.A., Since then, he has promoted to Legal Secretary, Family Support Officer, Child Support Services Specialist, and is now Supervising Child Support Distribution Specialist. He has dedicated his career to Child Support and helping families. As Supervisor of the Financial team, he leads and mentors a team responsible for collection and distribution of child support payments. Pat has received numerous commendations for providing excellent customer service and outstanding training on system conversions and implementations. Pat displays exemplary work ethic, integrity, and passion for his work. His sense of humor, cheerfulness, and positive personality bring joy to the office. In his spare time, Pat enjoys time with family and friends, watching movies, reading, and crafting personalized greeting cards.

We thank Pat for his OUTSTANDING 40 years of service to the children and families of Ventura County.



To date, the careers of these dedicated individuals represent 480 years of County service.

