



Sandy Liu Community Service Leadership Award

THE AWARD

Individuals making major contributions to the quality of education for students within the Cupertino Union School District (CUSD) during the 2019 calendar year are eligible to be nominated for the 7th Annual 2020 Sandy Liu Community Service Leadership Award.

The Sandy Liu Community Service Leadership Award honors a member of our local community who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in service to the children of the Cupertino Union School District (CUSD).

Sandy Liu was a visionary leader within both the Blue Hills Elementary School and CUSD communities. A loving mother of two, Sandy passionately dedicated her life to improving the quality of education for all children. In 2010 she played an instrumental role in leading the collaborative effort of parents, local businesses, local leadership, CUSD, and CEEF to retain 115 K-8 teachers, prevent K-8 teacher reshuffling, and maintain a 20:1 class size ratio in Grades 1 – 3 district-wide by raising \$2.5 million in 2.5 months. She battled cancer in a similar way – with courage and persistence, grace and beauty.

The winner of the 7th Annual Sandy Liu Community Service Leadership Award will be formally acknowledged at the CUSD Board of Education meeting on April 23, 2020, and a \$1,000 grant will be allocated to an educational program within CUSD of her/his choice.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Any person, agency, or organization is encouraged to submit nominations of individuals for consideration for this award. All submissions (paper or electronic) must be **received by CEEF by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 17** in order to be considered. Winner will be notified on Tuesday, February 18.

For additional information, please contact CEEF Board of Directors President Karen Rizkalla at krizkalla@gmail.com or visit www.ceefcares.org/

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GUIDELINES

- Individuals may not nominate themselves.
- When considering the nomination of a paid staff person, please consider whether this person is meeting their job requirements or if she/he is performing “above and beyond” the specifications of the paid position.
- Nominees need not reside in the city of Cupertino; however, the efforts for which they are being nominated should strongly impact the students of CUSD.

NOMINATION FORM

1. Name of Nominee:
2. Nominee Address:
3. Telephone:
4. Email Address:

5. Name of Nominator:
6. Nominator Address:
7. Telephone:
8. Email Address:

In 500 words or less, how do you feel your nominee best honors the legacy of Sandy Liu?

Please include in your answer the following:

- Demonstrated leadership positions held
- Demonstrated ability to motivate and collaborate with others creatively and respectfully in support of education
- Demonstrated commitment to the welfare of all children within CUSD

Please return your completed application (paper or electronic) to CEEF no later than **5 PM on Friday, January 17** in order to be considered. Completed applications may be either mailed to CEEF at the following address: 10301 Vista Dr, Cupertino, CA 95014, or emailed to director@ceefcares.org.

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