

CASCWA 2022 San Joaquin Section Service Award



LaVonne English

CASCWA's San Joaquin Sections Service Award recipient is LaVonne English, a school nurse in the Central Unified School District.

In her 25 years of service as a school nurse, LaVonne English has had a wide array of school assignments.

She has served students at every grade level, from preschool through secondary, and demonstrated a special commitment to students receiving special education services and in alternative programs. In each and every assignment, she has been commended for her commitment to meeting the health and safety needs of students.

She has been instrumental in the following health services projects; providing immunization law updates and trainings, mentoring new hires, and revising health policies and procedures. The word "no" does not seem to be a part of her vocabulary, and she has always made herself available throughout the Central Unified School District whenever a need has arisen. When the district found itself without a Director of Nursing around the beginning of the pandemic, LaVonne stepped up and assumed the duties of the position in addition to her responsibilities as a school nurse at a time when the health crisis required leadership and a commitment like no other.

Her dedication to students and families is inspiring to all. Staff members often comment on her hard work, compassion, and enthusiasm, and thus she has earned her the respect of her peers and colleagues alike.

Writer Carl Frederick Buechner notes that significant meaning is found at the intersection of an individual's deep passion and the world's great need. LaVonne English resides at the heart of this intersection in the Central Unified School District, and the San Joaquin Section of CASCWA is proud to recognize her as the recipient of our "2022 CASCWA San Joaquin Section Outstanding Service Award."