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33rd Annual Probation Department Staff Recognition Dinner

Opening remarks given by Chief Tanja Heitman on March 9, 2018, kicked off the Santa Barbara County Probation Department's 33rd Annual Staff Recognition Dinner at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriot. The dinner honored probation personnel for their accomplishments in 2017. Award recipients included:

Support Staff of the Year: Santa Maria Administrative Office Professional Nancy Valdez, Santa Barbara Administrative Office Professional Vanessa Diffenderfer, and Lompoc Administrative Office Professional Roseanna Rojo; **Institutions Staff of the Year:** Los Prietos Boys Camp Cook Yoshi Sim and Santa Maria Juvenile Hall Deputy Probation Officer, Senior Sonja Alcantar; **Deputy Probation Officer of the Year:** Santa Maria Deputy Probation Officer, Senior Shannon Harris, Santa Barbara Deputy Probation Officer, Senior Veronica Santana, and Lompoc Deputy Probation Officer Shane Lariba; **Supervisor of the Year:** Santa Maria Juvenile Hall Supervising Probation Officer, Alejandra Ochoa; **Bulldog Award:** All staff sworn and non-sworn assigned to the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall; **Star Award:** Manager of Research & Special Projects Karyn Milligan; **Chief's Award:** Santa Maria Administrative Office Professional, Senior Patti Stadler. In addition, Second District Supervisor, Janet Wolf, was recognized for her years of support and was presented with a wooden tray hand-crafted by the youth at Los Prietos Boys camp.

Members of the Board of Supervisors also presented service pins to those employees with 20, 25 and 30 years of county service.

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