

Name of Nominee: **Mr. Bob Davis**

Name of Nominator: Dr. Andrea Nilsen

District: Corning Union High School District

School: Corning Center for Alternative Learning

Mr. Bob Davis has been nominated for the prestigious “PORTRAITS OF SUCCESS” AWARD NOMINATION because of his dedication to student success and his willingness to rise to new challenges.

I first met Mr. Davis three years ago when I accepted the position of Director of Alternative Education/Principal for Corning Union High School District. Shortly after accepting the position, I became the principal of the Corning Center for Alternative Learning or the “C-CAL” community day school program, as it has come to be known. From the very beginning, Mr. Davis acknowledged that change was hard. However, Mr. Davis, a teacher and trained counselor, believed that change could benefit students and set about making beneficial program changes.

Mr. Davis has been willing and able to negotiate all the changes that come with new mandates, new leadership, and new students. He has been instrumental in making changes in his program that benefit students. His positive, can-do attitude, and love for students is a testament to what makes a program work for students that have not been successful in other programs. Mr. Davis is a professional. He works day-in and day-out with students on a one-on-one basis to instill the attitudes, skills, and values that are needed to become productive citizens. It is not unusual to see Mr. Davis cooking breakfast for his students in the morning. He goes above and beyond the call of duty in many respects. For instance, each year he takes a group of students to the Bay Area to see a baseball game. His emphasis is on the personal development of students, as well as forming the relationships that foster student learning and growth.

Mr. Davis has attended Community Day School Network Meetings and pursues his own professional development. He is very willing and able to work with all of the stakeholders and pull in all of the resources available in the community in order to support student growth. He works well with administration, aides, students, parents, Friday Night Live, probation, mental health, and a host of other organizations.

My nomination for the “PORTRAITS OF SUCCESS” AWARD NOMINATION goes to Mr. Davis for his willingness to meet life and changes head-on, take students from where they are to new and better places, while continuing to do whatever it takes to make students successful. Most importantly, Mr. Davis never, ever gives up on a student and fully realizes the many ways his words and actions may impact a student’s life.

Thank you for letting me “play in your sandbox” Mr. Davis!

