

“PORTRAITS OF SUCCESS” AWARD NOMINATION

Name of Nominee: Christian Patz

Name of Nominator: Marilyn Jamerson

District: Mt. Diablo Unified School District

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School: Diablo Community Day School

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Category (circle one)

Student

Teacher

Administrator

Other

Please include all pertinent information on your nominee in your Portrait. You will be contacted by e-mail if your Portrait is to be included in the final selection portfolio. Entrees may be submitted between Jan., 2004 and Nov., 15, 2004. Early submissions are encouraged to provide a benchmark for Success. Entrees may be viewed on the web at www.cdsnetwork.org.

I am pleased to nominate Christian Patz for the “Portrait of Success” award. Mr. Patz has worked at Diablo Community Day School for two years. The first year he was the middle school teacher. In this capacity he provided an enriching, age appropriate, culturally sensitive curriculum. Many of the students made important connections with school because of his dynamic lessons. During that school year, we were without a special education teacher (the position was not filled) and he provided curricular support to the revolving door of substitutes. As a result of the leadership he provided to the teachers who temporarily filled the position, he became interested in special education and began to pursue special education credentials. This year he has provided the special education program with the same intense, student centered approach to learning that he framed in his middle school class.

In addition to performing his superior classroom duties, Mr. Patz has taken the leadership to coordinate the “Why Try” (Christian Moore introduced his “Why Try” program at last year’s conference) experience at Diablo Day. “Why Try” provides positive socio-emotional development for students. Mr. Patz is a team player and invaluable contributes to the entire team at Diablo Community Day School

We have begun a positive rewards system at Diablo Day where students are recognized for positive behavior and contributions to a positive school climate. Students are rewarded with Diablo Dragon Dollars for positive efforts. Mr. Patz, believing in this reward system, has also assumed leadership for the program. He coordinates it on a daily basis and students love the program as well as Mr. Patz.

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