



2016 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominee: Jean Josey

Nominator: Maureen Byrne



In the Nominator's words:

It is an honor to nominate Jean Josey for the 2016 Dublin Citizen of the Year. Jean is a conscientious woman of integrity who has contributed much to the Dublin High School community. In the spring of 2016, Jean, along with 2015 Citizen of the Year recipient, Terri Dyer, organized and executed "Every 15 Minutes." The Every 15 Minutes program is a two-day program focusing on high school juniors and seniors and challenges them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, their community, and many others. Dublin High puts on "Every 15 Minutes" every four years so that all students experience the event during their high school years.

The planning and organizing for the event begins two years before with securing funding through applying for grants and partnering with California Highway Patrol, local law enforcement, local hospitals, emergency medical responders, businesses, and service clubs. Jean and her team recruited 40 high school students to participate in the event and parent volunteers to help with coordination. She and Terri organized retreats for the participants and a school-wide assembly with speakers from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). The event took countless hours over the course of 2016, and was a profound experience for all involved. I believe Dublin citizens are safer and lives will be saved through the efforts.

In addition, Jean is involved in the community. She attends City Council and School Board meetings and takes it upon herself to be educated on what is going on. She also volunteers in our band program through participation in the Music Boosters. She is a "go to gal" whenever things need to happen. Jean has also been critical to the success of Dublin High School's GAEL period supports. Jean is one of our lead tutors, both in constructing the new multi-service programs, and connecting directly with our own students who line up to get her personal help in all subjects. She is diligent and conscientious, and the summer she was hired, she took home our Trig/Pre-calc book so she could "brush up" to be a more effective tutor. She has since done that with a variety of courses. That is who Jean is: always giving her best to ensure that students get just the right support. She is an advocate for our struggling kids and works with them calmly to help them succeed. Jean is smart, thoughtful and honest. These are welcome qualities and her input into the GAEL period has helped us make program improvement. This has led to more students receiving help and being served.

Jean is someone who truly gives back to her community. She is "all in" and hardworking, and the students of Dublin High and their families have benefited greatly from her work. She is an excellent choice for the 2016 Citizen of the Year.