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## Del Mar Union School District earns two statewide communications awards



(L-R) Ryan Stanley, DMUSD assistant superintendent, human resources; Nancy Ingersoll, DMUSD communications coordinator; and Marisa Janicek, DMUSD superintendent at the recent CalSPRA's Excellence in Communication Awards event. (Bakers Man Productions)



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The Del Mar Union School District (DMUSD) received two Awards of Excellence from the California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA) on March 13 during the organization's annual statewide conference in San Jose, recognizing the district's work in visual storytelling and strategic communications. The awards highlight DMUSD's commitment to sharing stories of teaching and learning through thoughtful and strategic communications, according to a news release.

DMUSD Communications Coordinator Nancy Ingersoll earned an Award of Excellence in Photography for an image titled Thinking in Action, which captures students collaborating and making their thinking visible inside one of the district's modern Learning Studios.

The photograph highlights students working together using whiteboard walls and whiteboard tables, tools intentionally incorporated into DMUSD classroom design to support visible thinking and collaborative learning. These workspaces encourage students to share ideas, refine their thinking, and engage more deeply with their peers during the learning process, the news release stated.

"Nancy's work helps bring our classrooms to life for the community," said DMUSD Superintendent Marisa Janicek in the news release. "Through thoughtful visual storytelling, she helps families, residents, and visiting educators see how our learning environments support collaboration, deep thinking, and the extraordinary experiences our students have every day."

Ingersoll also received an Award of Excellence in the Tactical Efforts: Special Purpose Publication category for a school map designed to support self-guided tours of a DMUSD campus. The map highlights key design elements intentionally incorporated into DMUSD learning environments, with each tour stop explaining how the district's facilities support student learning, collaboration, and engagement while also aligning with the district's strategic priorities.

The publication specifically highlights design choices that support Lever 3 and Lever 4 of Destination 2028!, DMUSD’s strategic plan. Lever 3, Stewardship of Resources, focuses on aligning facilities and resources to support an extraordinary school experience, while Lever 4, Design Influence, emphasizes the role of purposeful learning environments in shaping student interaction, engagement, and meaningful learning.

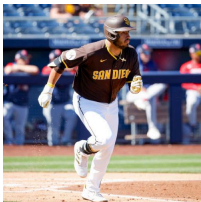
“It’s an honor to help tell the story of what learning looks like in DMUSD,” said Ingersoll in the news release. “Our teachers design engaging learning experiences that spark student curiosity and fill our Learning Studios with students sharing their thinking, which makes it easy to capture authentic moments of learning through photography.”

CalSPRA’s Excellence in Communication Awards program recognizes superior achievement in meeting strategic goals through high-quality communications and public relations programs. Each entry is evaluated by communication professionals on the overall excellence of the entry, the news release stated.

### **About CalSPRA**

The California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA) is a statewide professional organization, nationally recognized leader in school communications with a membership of more than 850. Members represent schools, school districts, and county offices of all sizes, ranging from the largest urban districts to those located in remote areas serving one or two schools, as well as other professionals in the field of education. CalSPRA provides connections, resources, and collaboration to support and inspire school communicators, according to the news release.

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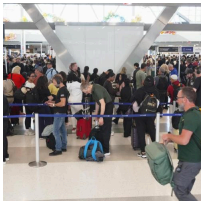
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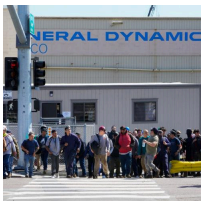
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