

This video is the kickoff to our Dry Creek Champions series featuring Valerie Tirziu, our Lead Custodian at Silverado Middle School, who has been part of our district family for over 20 years. The video aims to spotlight her tireless work, contributions, and emphasize the importance of our custodial staff in maintaining a positive and clean school atmosphere. Our district wanted to begin highlighting the unsung heroes in our schools and Valerie's story of hard work, passion, and reliability helped showcase just how vital custodial teams are. Her story was shared across our district's social media platforms, including our weekly newsletter and website where all district storytelling videos currently live, and viewed by staff, students and the broader school community. Valerie's feature achieved our goal of showcasing the often-overlooked contributions of custodial staff, making it clear that their efforts are fundamental to the smooth operation of our schools. Additionally, it communicates that every role in our district, no matter how seemingly small, plays a vital part in student success and the overall school experience. It has also cultivated a greater appreciation for all staff, increasing participation in our Dry Creek storytelling videos and fostering a stronger sense of inclusivity among staff and the community. Dry Creek Champions is now an ongoing video series highlighting various staff members.