**Emily Garfield Award for 2017**

The San Mateo County School Boards Association is pleased to present the 8th Annual Emily Garfield Award for counseling as part of the 2017 Kent Awards.  This award honors the memory of Emily Garfield who was a San Mateo County legend in the area of prevention and counseling.  Emily mentored many San Mateo County school employees and was a tireless advocate for our most at risk students.

This award is designed to recognize an individual who exemplifies the work, and memory, of Emily Garfield and comes with a $1,000 program grant.

**Who can receive this award?**

This award is meant for an outstanding individual, who has shown a strong commitment to students and has worked at a school site for at least two years;

A person responsible for designing a school prevention or support program that serves students with addiction and/or mental health issues; or

Any staff person responsible for supporting high-risk students and helping them with social/emotional development in order to be successful in school.

The program must have been in operation for a minimum of two years.

**How to apply?**

Please write a two-page description about the person you would like to honor.  The document should be signed by the Superintendent of the school district and the School Board President.  If the person has designed a program, please include a short description of the program.

Please send the document to Carrie Du Bois at 2021 Carmelita Drive, San Carlos, CA, 94070 or to [cdubois@cbnorcal.com](mailto:cdubois@cbnorcal.com) by January 23, 2017.  If you have questions please call Carrie at (650) 766-9069.

Applications will be reviewed by at least three members of the San Mateo County School Boards Association.  The winner will also be interviewed and a site visit will be conducted. The award will be given at the SMCSBA Kent Awards banquet on May 22, 2017.