



Townsend Junior High School music teacher Anne Rutt is 2017 Secondary Teacher of the Year

Longtime Townsend Junior High music teacher Anne Rutt has been named the 2017 Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Associated Chino Teachers.

Rutt, who was formerly known as Anne Robb, joined the Chino Valley Unified School District in August 2005 as the Chino Hills school's band teacher.

Under her direction, Townsend's band and drumline have won numerous major trophies and medals, and her students have also been named to the San Bernardino County and All-State honor bands. The Townsend Band has also performed in musical festivals during spring break, and Townsend's Choir Chimes ensemble is a fixture during the holidays at Chino Hills City Council and Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Education meetings.

"She is dedicated to her students, she instructs and pushes them to be better," ACT officials said. "She can almost always be found working after hours and even on weekends at practices and performances for one of the many programs she runs."