

Work, family, balance: Emily Sanchez

When Emily Sanchez thinks of her happy place, her family comes to mind. Whether it's playing hide-and-seek or playing with sidewalk chalk, these are some of the most enjoyable activities she does.

After going hiking for a while and then going to Devereaux for work, the Moenrose family moved back home to raise her own family. The Moenrose County Fairgrounds and Kwan Caesar director and her husband Eric Sanchez, a middle school teacher at Carmichael Middle School and little league coach, have two children Kyle, 7, and Carson, 4.

Family is most important because they are the people you turn to at the end of the day, Sanchez said. Finding the balance between family and work is something she focuses on and she always keeps her family in the forefront of her mind in everything she does.

The Sanchez family enjoys fishing, playing sports, visiting downtown Moenrose, the farmers market and Nevada. Sanchez said there is always something to do in Moenrose.

The 2018 Women of Distinction share what all the

best to do in Moenrose

Q: Tell Moenrose about your biggest passion.
A: I am passionate about being a good mom, wife, daughter, friend and employee by trying to live a fulfilled life and finding the ever elusive "balance." My kids and husband have always been my life. I prioritize my job career as an obligation to both my country and my community. I love the fairgrounds, I love the memories it holds for me and the opportunities I see in its future. Part of my daily battle is to remind myself that promising life's "things" is challenging, and that you can't accomplish everything in a day. Being able to relish the small daily victories of a successful game of hide-and-seek or soccer running event, is what truly drives me.

Q: What do you love most about the Moenrose community?

A: I love how the agricultural roots that our community was built on always seem to shine through. No matter how the community grows and changes, there is always that sense and appreciation of what the valley was created

to do.

Q: Why is it important to invest in your community?
A: Because we live here. Everything we do for the community and town benefits each other in one way or another. It is fulfilling to be part of the bigger picture, to see plans being in the works come to fruition. To watch different passions grow up in the community and benefit from some of the changes scripted by your generation.

Q: What do you enjoy doing for fun?

A: I love hanging out with my family. As a mom of a 7- and 4-year-old we play a lot of hide-and-seek, find pure joy in summer cookouts or playing with the dog. I enjoy riding horses, going to kid baseball games and soccer matches, and reading great books.

Q: What are your thoughts on being a 2018 Woman of Distinction?

A: It is an honor to be part of this group. When you look across the community, there are so many women that could and should be listed. To have been chosen is a huge accomplishment for me and one I am truly proud of.

Emily Schneider uses her special talents to boost her community, not just to church members.

Schneider, the national accreditation manager for AeroCare, oversees accreditation for more than 250 locations nationwide. She was among dozens appointed to a committee that introduced a gun public safety rules tax, as well as funding for roads. Schneider served or chaired several church election committees, including those for schools, the Moenrose Regional Library, or whose board she serves and is a past president of and the Moenrose Community Recreation Center. Schneider is also treasurer for Habitat for Humanity of the San Joaquin, which

helps lower-income residents with home ownership. Her work in a committee member for the Moenrose Rotary Amphitheater project keeps her busy serving the community, as does her role as president of the Moenrose Rotary Club. Married to pediatrician Tom Ward, Schneider has spent some of her 31 years in the community serving on the Chamber of Commerce, San Juan Healthcare Foundation, Moenrose Library Foundation and the Moenrose Economic Development Corp.'s board of directors.

Schneider and Ward have two adult children: Lindsay Ward (Connect Green) and Eric Ward. The 2018 Women of Distinction

explained how she works to help others grow.

Q: Tell Moenrose about your biggest passion.

A: Professionally: Helping people grow and develop. Moenrose: Helping it become a community with a variety of career and recreational opportunities. Service: Helping nonprofits and service clubs excel at what they do. Personally: spending as much time in the mountains as possible (hiking, fishing, snowboarding, kayaking, etc.).

Q: What do you love most about the Moenrose community?

A: A single individual can make a huge difference in Moenrose. It takes long hours and lots of dedication, but every person has the ability to have a huge impact.

Q: Why is it important to invest in your community?

A: Your community has the biggest

impact on your quality of life. It affects all aspects of your life, including jobs, shopping, recreation, taxes, politics, etc. At times, we can have the biggest impact close to home, with people we get to know personally. If you invest in your community, you can help define its future. I have spent thousands of hours over the years trying to help improve Moenrose and it is fun to see those efforts bear fruit.

Q: What do you enjoy doing for fun?

A: Spending time with my family, hiking, skiing, snowboarding and traveling. Spending time at our cabin on Lake Dillon Road.

Q: What are your thoughts on being a 2018 Woman of Distinction?

A: This is a wonderful honor. I am truly grateful for being selected and am so proud of the women who have been picked. I also see how women contribute to this community in so many different ways — it's a patchwork quilt of unique talents.



Congratulations
EMILY SCHNEIDER!
 We also congratulate all the other very deserving nominees on their Women of Distinction honor.
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