Please join me in congratulating *Ritche “Ricky” Abdon* as the recipient of the AP Employee of the Month for September!

![Ritche “Ricky” Abdon](image)

**Fun facts about Ricky:**

- He loves to travel the world BUT doesn’t enjoy being on a 14+ hour flight
- He listens to funky jazz music when stuck in LA traffic
- Skydiving in Dubai is on the top of his bucket list
- He is learning a new gym exercise routine called “animal flow”
- His favorite hobby is playing basketball and he is a big fan of the Golden State Warriors
- He taught himself to play guitar

**A little more about Ricky:**

- He is a Hospital Laboratory Technician II in the Flow Cytometry and Bone Marrow Laboratory
- He joined UCLA in March 2016
- Some of his daily observations have led to new/improved workflows
- He changed the manual method of temperature monitoring to a paperless workflow
- On top of his routine job, he is In-charge of ordering and inventory in the Flow Cytometry and Bone Marrow Lab

**In your own words:**

- “He gives great communication and develops positive relationships amongst co-workers”
- “He is always proactive and prefers to find a solution to a problem rather than find fault”
- “He is always smiling!”
- “His positive attitude lifts the whole team!”
- “He has been a great addition to the team!”
Ricky is always emitting a positive attitude that impacts everyone on the team. He is a leading example of the Cultural North Star initiative as he “embraces failures as opportunities to learn!”

If you see Ricky around campus, please congratulate him on this achievement! This announcement will also be presented on a poster in the A7 corridor of CHS. Come check it out!