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Tulare County
Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

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A Message to the Community

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

The Tulare County Excellence in Education Awards is a celebration of those who have made a difference in our schools and local communities. Congratulations to these fine educators! They are true professionals and role models to the children and young adults they serve. Thank you to Tulare County school districts, College of the Sequoias and Porterville College for participating in this awards program and for nominating these outstanding individuals. We extend our appreciation to Educational Employees Credit Union (EECU), its board of directors and President/CEO Elizabeth Dooley for hosting this elegant morning and for their support of education in Tulare County. EECU is truly our “partner in education.”

Jim Vidak
Tulare County Superintendent of Schools



Educational Employees Credit Union is proud to partner with the Tulare County Office of Education to honor the exemplary work of our many fine school employees, teachers and administrators.

Congratulations to the nominees, finalists and winners of the 2013 Excellence in Education Awards. Your leadership, vision and excellence shine bright – you create a wonderful learning environment for our children. Thank you for making a profound difference in the lives of so many children.

Elizabeth J. Dooley
President/Chief Executive Officer
Educational Employees Credit Union

Program

Welcome	Jim Vidak Tulare County Superintendent of Schools
Breakfast	<i>Breakfast generously hosted by EECU</i>
Entertainment	Redwood High School String Orchestra Rodney Yokota, Conductor
Tribute to Our Country	Carly Caviglia , Golden West High School <i>National Anthem</i>
Entertainment	Tulare County Office of Education Theatre Company Members Brian Roberts, Theatre Company Director
Introductions by the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools	Jim Vidak
Introduction of Awards Host, Jessica Peres	Jim Vidak
Introduction of Past Award Winners	Jessica Peres ABC30 Education Reporter
Recognition of 2014 Selection Committee	Jessica Peres
Presentation of Awards, 2014 Nominees & Finalists	Jessica Peres
Video Introduction of 2014 Award Winners	Jessica Peres
Presentations to 2014 Award Winners	Jessica Peres
Closing Remarks	Jim Vidak

Award Winners



Administrator/Manager of the Year

John Snavely, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Porterville Unified School District



Teacher of the Year

Anne Clifford
Teacher of the Severely Handicapped
Tulare Community Based Instruction
Tulare County Office of Education



School Employee of the Year

Ruben Alvarez
Work Based Coordinator
Porterville Unified School District

Administrator/Manager of the Year Finalists



Tanya Goosev

Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District



Larriann Torrez

Tulare Joint Union High School District

Teacher of the Year Finalists



Joni Jordan

College of the Sequoias



Melody Kelley

Tulare City School District

School Employee of the Year Finalists



Jody Arriaga

Tulare County Office of Education



Roberta "Bobbie" Velasquez

Lindsay Unified School District

Nominees

Administrator/Manager of the Year Nominees

Jennifer Brooks, Exeter Unified School District
Tony Martinez, Dinuba Unified School District
David Shimer, Burton School District
Debra Warner, Lindsay Unified School District
David Whitmore, Visalia Unified School District

Teacher of the Year Nominees

Judy Fitzpatrick, Tulare Joint Union High School District
Patricia Hacker, Dinuba Unified School District
Amalia Lopez, Lindsay Unified School District
Whitney Marroquin, Exeter Unified School District
Hortencia Martinez, Visalia Unified School District
Arlene Simoes, Earlimart School District
Shevonne Swanson, Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District
Kelly Ward, Porterville Unified School District
Shana Watson, Burton School District

School Employee of the Year Nominees

Terri Bosman, Visalia Unified School District
Blas Cisneros, Tulare Joint Union High School District
Shawn Davila, Burton School District
Gerald Handsbur, Jr., Tulare City School District
Jeannie Iriye-Meade, College of the Sequoias
Richard Medina, Dinuba Unified School District
Eunice Quiring, Kings River Union School District

Selection Committee

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Alfredo Vasquez, 21st District Parent Teacher Association

Jim Vidak, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

2014 Excellence in Education Awards

	Administrator/ Manager of the Year	Teacher of the Year	School Employee of the Year
2013	Luis Castellanoz Tulare City School District	Susan Burley Tulare City School District	Gail Inman Porterville Unified
2012	Brian Hollingshead Tulare City School District	James Kusserow Porterville Unified	Cherí Barnes Tulare County Office of Education
2011	Sue Ann Hillman Tulare City School District	Richard Lambie Porterville Unified	Teresa Sharley Tulare City School District
2010	Brent Calvin College of the Sequoias	Katryn Gonzales Lindsay Unified	Pete Renteria Exeter Public Schools
2009	Dave Tonini Visalia Unified	Michael Young Tulare Joint Union High	Letty Magallan Farmersville Unified
2008	Howard Berger Tulare Joint Union High	Rebecca Bullick Visalia Unified	Jennie Daniels Tulare Joint Union High
2007	Katherine Johnson Porterville Unified	Rick Pence Tulare City School District	Maria Hinojosa Woodlake Union Elementary
2006	Manuel R. Lucero Dinuba Unified	Susan Mathews Visalia Unified	Silvia Thomas College of the Sequoias
2005	Rick Mitchell Tulare County Office of Education	Jeff Cozad Porterville Unified	Glenna Haley Tulare City School District

Celebrating Those Who Make a Difference in Our Schools

	Administrator/ Manager of the Year	Teacher of the Year	School Employee of the Year
2004	Robert "Bob" Perez Porterville Unified	Nancy Machado Tulare City Schools	Belen Gomez Woodlake Union Elementary
2003	Senaida Garcia Tulare County Office of Education	Martha Karjala Exeter Union Elementary	Martha Flores Porterville Unified
2002	Don Mierau Dinuba Unified	Mary Cairns Exeter Union High	Linda Milligan Strathmore Union High
2001	Carlyn Lambert Visalia Unified	Terri Fishbough Oak Valley Union	Janie Elson Lindsay Unified
2000	Dr. Don Goodyear College of the Sequoias	James Kliegl Lindsay Unified	Bill Hall Tulare City School District
1999	James Henderson Tulare City School District	Cheryl Schellenberg Dinuba Unified	Arlene Ramirez Tulare County Office of Education
1998	Roger Trujillo Dinuba Elementary	Kathleen Williams Dinuba Elementary	Shirley Holguin Tulare Joint Union High
1997	John Beck Tulare City School District	Bob Doyle Dinuba Joint Union High	Elaine Webb College of the Sequoias
1996	<i>the late</i> Ken Bryan Tulare Joint Union High	Mary Jo Lichy Strathmore Union High/ Tulare County Office of Education	Vicki Howes Exeter Union High
1995	Renée Whitson Exeter Public Schools	Mark Rupe Dinuba Elementary	Mary Howe Alta Vista School District

About the Artist



Clement Renzi, creator of the sculpture given to the Excellence in Education winners, passed away in 2009. Mr. Renzi was a native Visalian who resided in Fresno. He graduated from Visalia High School and attended College of the Sequoias, the University of California (Berkeley) and art schools in Berkeley, New York, London, and Vienna. Mr. Renzi was commissioned by the Educational Employees Credit Union to create the sculpture, *Graduation Day*, which now stands in front

of the Tulare County Office of Education building. This morning, nominees, finalists and winners receive a limited-edition print of *Graduation Day*. In addition, each award winner is presented with a small, bronze sculpture, *The Graduate*, created by the famous artist.

Describing Clement Renzi's work, Joyce Aiken, Professor Emeritus of Art at California State University, Fresno wrote: "Renzi was a major factor in the renaissance of public art in this area." He will be remembered through his sculptures which can be seen at the Visalia Convention Center, Kaweah Delta Hospital, on Fresno's Fulton Mall, the Fresno County Public Library, Courthouse Park, Selland Arena, Chaffee Zoological Gardens, Fresno City College, CSU-Fresno, St. Agnes Medical Center, St. Anthony of Padua Church, Shrine of St. Therese, and public and corporate buildings around the Central Valley, including a sculpture at the Kings County Office of Education.



Graduation Day
by Clement Renzi

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Floral table arrangements are given to winners, finalists and nominees



Celebrating Those Who *Make a Difference* in Our Schools