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EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

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Message to Educators



Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher

Superintendent
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

Welcome to the 2026 Fresno County Educator of the Year celebration!

Tonight is one of my favorite evenings of the year because we have the opportunity to shine a spotlight on the extraordinary people who make a difference in the lives of students every day.

Across Fresno County, teachers, administrators and school employees pour their hearts into their work, often going above and beyond in ways that may never be seen or recognized. Yet their impact is felt in every student who discovers a new passion, overcomes a challenge or begins to believe in what is possible for their future.

I have always believed that education is one of the greatest gifts we can give a child. It opens doors to opportunities they may never have imagined and has the power to change the course of their lives. Our honorees embody that belief through their commitment to the students and families they serve.

To our 2026 honorees, thank you for the passion you bring to your work and the difference you make in our schools. Your dedication is an inspiration, and we are proud to celebrate you tonight.

I also want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our exclusive sponsor, Educational Employees Credit Union, for more than 30 years of partnership in recognizing Fresno County's outstanding educators. Your continued commitment to honoring those who serve our students makes this special evening possible.

Congratulations to all our honorees, and thank you for reminding us why the work of education matters so much.

Message to Educators



Elizabeth J. Dooley

President/Chief Executive Officer
Educational Employees Credit Union

It is an honor for EECU to sponsor the prestigious Fresno County Educator of the Year Awards ceremony celebrating outstanding teachers, administrators and school employees.

We are proud to partner with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to shine a spotlight on these dedicated individuals whose work inside and outside of the classroom helps prepare students for a future full of endless possibilities. The honorees should take great pride in knowing they are making a lasting impact on their students' lives.

We extend our sincere congratulations to this year's nominees, finalists and winners. These extraordinary people represent the best of the education profession and we are proud to be part of this special celebration in their honor.

Special Thanks

2026 Selection Committee

Jennifer Quinn-Yovino, Chairperson
Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

Terry Allen
Lucio Cortez
Carmen Garvis
Emmelin Herrera
Sheri Johnson
Shannon Koontz-Morris
Kim Leslie
Alma McKenry
Tim Quinn
Praxades Torres
Valerie Vuicich
Vladimar Wells

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ABC30 Action News

Martin Ortiz, President and General Manager
Warren Armstrong • Jessica Harrington

Production

Dan Aldape - W.O.W. Productions
Matt Brincefield - FCSS

Lobby Band

We Got the Beat
under the direction of Roman Rivera and Brenda Myers

Event Support

Joel Abels
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Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Superintendent

Anthony Ayerza
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Dr. Diane Lira
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Kevin Otto
Tannon Pafford
Jason C. Parkin
Mike Pronovost
Dr. Annie Sharp
Helena Silva
Dr. Matilda Soria

Program

Entertainment
Justin Garza High School Visionary Theatre
under the direction of Ethel Birrell

Masters of Ceremony
Warren Armstrong and Jessica Harrington
ABC30 Action News

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

Greeting from the Superintendent
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

Administrator of the Year Award Presentation
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher

Elizabeth J. Dooley

Lucio Cortez, Laton Unified
2025 Administrator of the Year

Employee of the Year Award Presentation
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher

Elizabeth J. Dooley

Vladimar Wells, Fresno Unified
2025 Employee of the Year

Special Award Presentations
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

Teacher of the Year Award Presentation
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher

Elizabeth J. Dooley

Maritza Ceballos, Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
2025 Teacher of the Year

Closing Remarks
Warren Armstrong and Jessica Harrington
ABC30 Action News

LEADERSHIP

Leadership

"The great leaders are like the best conductors - they reach beyond the notes to reach the magic in the players."

-Blaine Lee

Administrator Finalist



Tamita Boyd

Fmr. Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations

West Park Elementary

The West Park Elementary School District Wolves became family to me on July 1, 2022. As I reflect on my journey, I cannot express my gratitude without acknowledging the staff, students, and community who have helped shape me into the administrator I am today. Their support, dedication, and commitment to our children have played an important role in my growth as a leader.

Being nominated for Administrator of the Year is an honor I do not take lightly. I am humbled to be recognized alongside so many dedicated educators who pour their hearts into serving students and families throughout the Valley.

I believe leadership must always be rooted in love, compassion, and empathy. These values keep me grounded and remind me that leadership is not simply about a title or position, but about serving others, building relationships, and making a lasting difference.

My “why” has never changed. I am passionate about student success and committed to ensuring every student has access to opportunities to learn, grow, and reach their full potential. Every child deserves to be seen, heard, supported, and given the opportunity to succeed.

I extend my sincere appreciation to FCSS and EECU for recognizing me and fellow educators throughout the Valley. I am grateful to be included among those who continue to serve with purpose and heart.

Administrator Finalist



Jimmy Loomis

Coordinator, Visual and Performing Arts
Kings Canyon Joint Unified
John Campbell, Superintendent

I'm honored to stand alongside so many dedicated Fresno County educators. Thank you to FCSS and EECU for celebrating the work happening on behalf of students each day.

I believe that when we lift together across Fresno County - supporting, encouraging, and challenging one another - there is no limit to what our students and communities can achieve. I'm proud to represent a district grounded in service above self and grateful to our board, superintendent, and educators who bring that commitment to life every day.

That commitment is something I strive to bring home as well. To my wife, Jennifer, and our children - Rachael, Andrew, Joshua, and Rebekah - thank you for your love, patience, and unwavering support. To my parents, Richard and Donna, I'm deeply grateful for the model of loving-kindness you've shown me, which guides my work daily.

I'm profoundly inspired by my colleagues in Visual and Performing Arts. You create spaces where students discover who they are, find their voice, and experience lasting joy. The opportunities you provide are transformative, and I'm proud to help expand this work so more students can access the life-changing moments provided by the arts. Thank you for your passion, artistry, and steadfast belief in what's possible when we lift together for every student.

Administrator Finalist



Erin Pasillas

Director, Special Education & Student Services
Kingsburg Elementary Charter
Wesley Sever, Ed.D., Superintendent

I am so deeply humbled and blessed to be recognized as a finalist for Fresno County Administrator of the Year. Thank you to the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and EECU for celebrating the heart and dedication of Valley educators. I am so grateful to serve the Kingsburg community that grew me and to be able to walk out my calling to love people alongside the most incredible colleagues. Our team lives out the conviction that “all means all,” especially for those on the margins who need the greatest support. This honor truly belongs to our extraordinary Kingsburg team: our passionate teachers, specialists, and leaders who lead with heart, extend grace, and roll up their sleeves every day to find a way for every child to learn. Above all, I thank God for His guidance and strength, and my family for their unconditional love and prayers. It is an absolute blessing to pour my life into the children and community that I cherish.

Administrator Finalist



Rick Santos

Fmr. Principal, Phoenix Academy Elementary School

Fresno Unified
Misty Her, Superintendent

It is with profound gratitude and humility that I accept this incredible recognition. My heartfelt appreciation to the FCSS and EECU for this honor and for its continued commitment to celebrating educators who dedicate themselves to serving students and communities.

I am deeply grateful to Superintendent Misty Her and the entire leadership team of the FUSD for their unwavering support. I also share this recognition with the remarkable staff, students, and families of Phoenix Academy, whose resilience, dedication, and partnership inspire me daily.

Throughout my journey as an educator, I have been fortunate to learn from extraordinary mentors, including Mike Darling, Yolanda Jimenez-Ruiz, Rachael Maciel, Scott Lamm, and Billy Chan. Their guidance has shaped both my professional and personal growth.

I would especially like to recognize my dear friend, Vice Principal and First Lieutenant Zach Rocca, Ed.D., whose leadership has been instrumental to the success of our school.

To my parents, Richard Santos Sr., himself a proud product of FUSD, and my mother, Anita Santos, thank you for instilling in me the values of service, perseverance, and compassion.

Finally, thank you to every student I have had the privilege of teaching or serving as your administrator. I have learned from you as well.

I cannot fully express the immense gratitude I feel for the opportunity to work in such a meaningful profession alongside some of the most dedicated, talented, and selfless people I have ever known. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it all.

Administrator Nominees



Andrew Aguilar
Mendota Unified
Paul Lopez, Ed.D., Superintendent



Fabiola Altamirano
Washington Unified
Randy R. Morris, Superintendent



April Baca
Selma Unified
Edward Gomes, Superintendent



Sheila Diaz
Coalinga-Huron Unified
David Moore, Ed.D., Superintendent



Kathi Felder-Guerrero
Parlier Unified
Rafael Iniguez, Ed.D., Superintendent



Lizette Jacobo
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
Troy Cox, Superintendent

Administrator Nominees



Matthew Kinnunen
Golden Plains Unified
Felipe Piedra, Superintendent



Andrew Manouelian
Clovis Unified
Corrine Folmer, Ed.D., Superintendent

Stephanie Marriott
Kingsburg Joint Union High
Ryan Phelan, Ed.D., Superintendent

Pete Muñoz
Sanger Unified
Dennis Wiechmann, Ed.D., Superintendent



Erik Nyberg
Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Michele Cantwell-Copher, Ed.D., Superintendent



Carmen Paredes
Kerman Unified
Gordon Pacheco, Superintendent

Administrator Nominees



Jeanna Ruble-White

Laton Unified

Lupe Nieves, Superintendent



Monica Sigala

Fowler Unified

Lindsay Sanders, Superintendent



Stasha Tiller

Riverdale Joint Unified

Jeff Percell, Superintendent

SERVICE

Service

"Ability is what you're capable of doing.
Motivation determines what you do.
Attitude determines how well you do it."

–Lou Holtz

Employee Finalist



Esthela Acevedo

Migrant Clerk

Mendota Unified

Paul Lopez, Ed.D., Superintendent

First and foremost, I would like to thank God for giving me the strength, wisdom and knowledge to keep moving forward each day.

I am truly grateful to Mendota Unified School District for giving me the opportunity to be part of such a valuable and dedicated team. For the past 12 years, I have had the privilege of serving the Mendota Unified School District, and it has been a rewarding journey. Supporting students and their families, watching their confidence grow, and helping them achieve academic success brings me great joy.

I am especially thankful for the opportunity to work with our migrant students and families, building meaningful relationships, creating a welcoming environment, and ensuring every family feels valued and supported.

I would like to sincerely thank FCSS and EECU for this wonderful recognition. I am also grateful to my colleagues, supervisors, and the families who place their trust in us.

Finally, I want to thank my husband, children, and my mother for their unconditional love, encouragement and constant support. I am truly blessed to have them by my side.

I look forward to continuing to make a positive difference in the lives of our students.

Employee Finalist



Yvonne Foley

Library Technician
Clovis Unified
Corrine Folmer, Ed.D., Superintendent

Being selected as a finalist for Fresno County Educator of the Year is an honor I will carry in my heart forever.

Thank you to Clovis Unified for recognizing the work I love so deeply and for allowing me to be part of something bigger than myself.

To my Fancher Creek family, there truly is no place like the Creek. We are more than a school. We are a family. We celebrate together, face challenges together, and show up for one another when it matters most. To the incredible staff who have become lifelong friends, and to the countless students and families who have trusted me, welcomed me into their lives, and left footprints on my heart, thank you. You have given me far more than I could ever give in return.

To my husband, Sean, and our three daughters, thank you for understanding the long days, the extra hours, and the pieces of my heart I give to my school. Your love and sacrifices have allowed me to be where I feel I am needed most.

People often say that I give so much to Fancher Creek, but the truth is, Fancher Creek has given me so much more. After all these years, I know with absolute certainty that there is no other school I would rather call home.

Employee Finalist



Dede Hatz

Administrative Assistant
Sanger Unified
Dennis Wiechmann, Ed.D., Superintendent

I would sincerely like to thank the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and EECU for the countless hours, dedication, and heart poured into the Educator of the Year program. Behind this honor are people who work tirelessly to make others feel valued. I am humbled beyond words.

To Sanger Unified School District, Steve Carlson and Dr. Dennis Wiechmann, thank you for giving me more than a job in a place where you knew I could make a difference. For 37 years, you have given me a second home, an extended family, and the privilege of being part of children's lives. Here, putting students first isn't just a promise. It's who we are.

This recognition means more than I can express, but my greatest reward will never be an award or applause. It is seeing a former student walk back through our doors, smiling, eager to tell me about their family, their accomplishments, and the person they've become. Sometimes they simply say, “Thank you for being there when I needed you.” They remind me that even the smallest act of kindness can stay with a child for a lifetime. Every early morning, every late night, every difficult day has been worth it if one student felt loved, safe, and believed in.

Employee Finalist



Lori McClelland

Cafeteria Manager

Sierra Unified

Lori Grace, Ed.D., Superintendent

I want to sincerely thank each of you for nominating me for Employee of the Year. I am honored and humbled by your recognition and support.

Working as a K-6 cafeteria manager is more than just a job to me. It is an opportunity to serve our students, support our staff, and help make our school a welcoming place where a child feels cared for. I take great pride in what we do each day, and I am grateful to be part of such a wonderful team.

Your nomination means so much to me. Knowing that my peers appreciate my hard work, dedication, and commitment makes this recognition especially meaningful.

Thank you for your kindness, encouragement, and for making our school such a special place to work. I am proud to work alongside all of you!

Employee Nominees



Brandon Abril
Kingsburg Joint Union High
Ryan Phelan, Ed.D., Superintendent



Laura Arambula-Morelos
Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Michele Cantwell-Copher, Ed.D., Superintendent

Jose Ayala
Parlier Unified
Rafael Iniguez, Ed.D., Superintendent

Deon Carraway
Washington Unified
Randy R. Morris, Superintendent

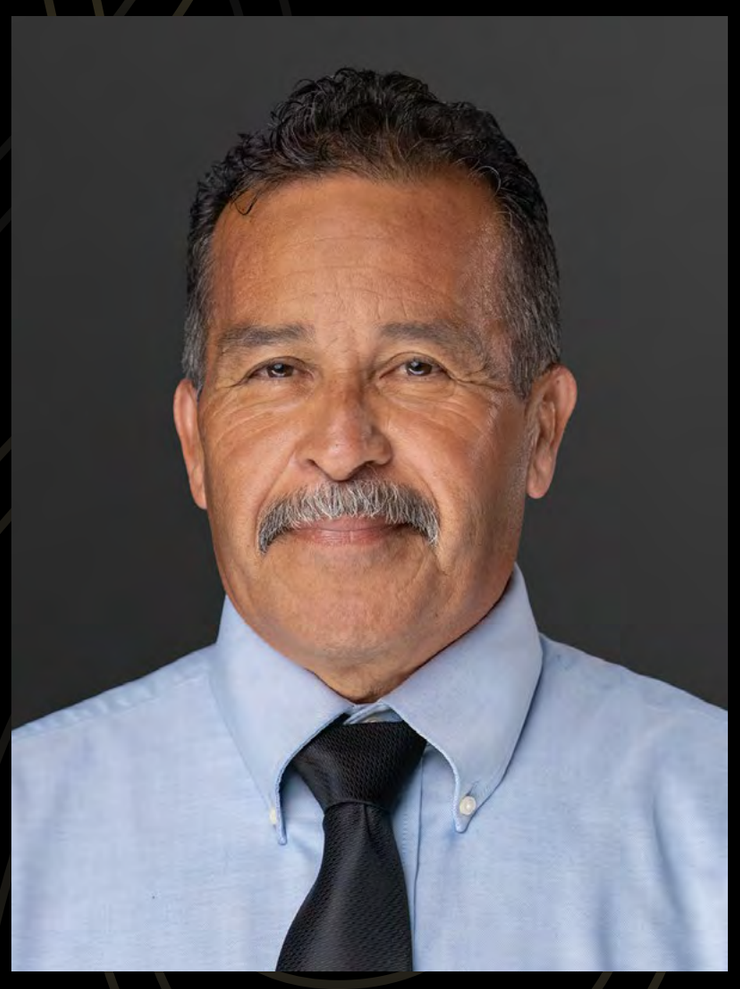
Vangie Carrillo
Fresno Unified
Misty Her, Superintendent

Maribel Torres Coronado
Kerman Unified
Gordon Pacheco, Superintendent

Employee Nominees



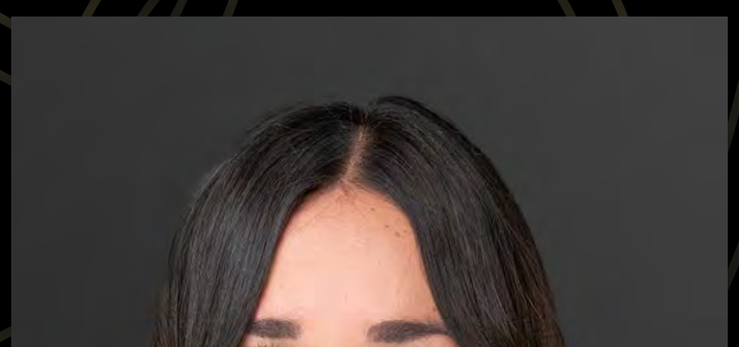
Lelis Gamez
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
Troy Cox, Superintendent



Gilbert Garcia
Washington Colony Elementary
Jesus Cruz, Superintendent

Maria Gomez
Golden Plains Unified
Felipe Piedra, Superintendent

Klaira Gonzalez
Kings Canyon Joint Unified
John Campbell, Superintendent



Angela Juarez
Fowler Unified
Lindsay Sanders, Superintendent



Curtis Lehn
Clay Joint Elementary
Judi Szpor, Superintendent

Employee Nominees



Mary Frances Serna
Coalinga-Huron Unified
David Moore, Ed.D., Superintendent



Michelle Snyder
Pine Ridge Elementary
Steven Rosa, Superintendent



Mac Vaquera
Kingsburg Elementary Charter
Wesley Sever, Ed.D., Superintendent



Maira Vasquez
Riverdale Joint Unified
Jeff Percell, Superintendent



Luis Zamora
Selma Unified
Edward Gomes, Superintendent

Not Pictured

Mayra Sanchez
Orange Center Elementary
Terry Hirschfield, Superintendent

INSPIRATION

Inspiration

"Come to the edge he said.
They said: We are afraid.
Come to the edge he said.
They came.
He pushed them, and they flew. . ."

–Guillaume Apollinaire

Teacher Finalist



Audrey Bonomi

Agriculture Teacher
Sanger Unified
Dennis Wiechmann, Ed.D., Superintendent

It is truly an honor to be named a finalist for the Fresno County Teacher of the Year. I was fortunate to have an agriculture instructor, Mr. Ken Dias, who inspired me to believe in myself and strive for excellence in everything I pursued. One of teaching's greatest rewards is helping students recognize their potential, overcome challenges, celebrate successes, and discover what they can achieve.

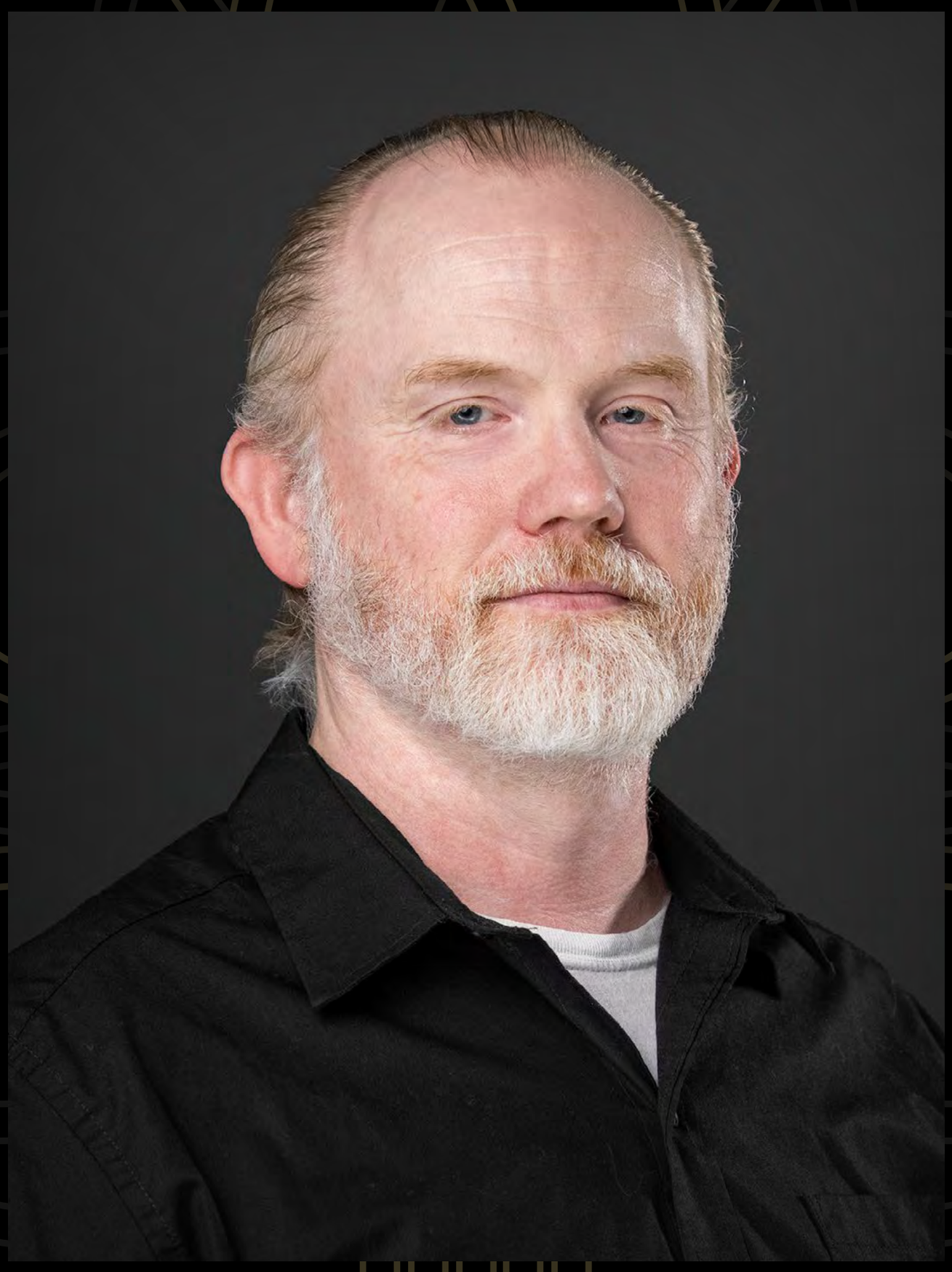
Agricultural education gives students opportunities to learn, grow, and connect through hands-on experiences. My greatest goal as an educator is to inspire students to love learning and embrace opportunities that will shape their futures.

For the past 29 years, I have been blessed to work alongside the students and families of the Sanger community. Their dedication, creativity, resilience, and kindness have made this journey incredibly rewarding. I am equally grateful to my SHS Agriculture Department colleagues, school staff, administration, and the SUSD School Board for their support of our program.

Most importantly, I thank my husband, Brett, and our sons, Nathaniel and Nicholas, for continually inspiring me to grow as a person and educator. To my sister, Amy, the Vivenzi family, and the Bonomi family, thank you for believing in me, cheering me on, and generously supporting our program.

I am deeply grateful to my entire family for being part of this journey. This recognition is even more meaningful because of the people who have supported me along the way. Thank you to FCOE and EECU for making this recognition possible.

Teacher Finalist



Joseph (Mike) Bushong

English/Drama Teacher
Fresno Unified
Misty Her, Superintendent

It is an honor to be recognized for the work I love most. Teaching has been, and will always remain, one of my passions, and this nomination is both a humbling surprise and a distinguished privilege.

I offer my gratitude to my colleagues, who labor alongside me to build environments where our students are challenged to grow and inspired to thrive. My thanks go as well to the administrators and staff of Tioga Middle School, who have given me the freedom to pursue this calling in a way true to who I am. Fresno Unified has given me both the wings and the purpose of doing what I love.

To Kevin Evangelinos and Lydia Gonzalez, my principals: thank you for always standing in my corner, championing my boldest ideas and my unwavering call for reform so that our students might be better prepared for the futures ahead of them. My administrators and staff have consistently inspired me to work harder and envision bigger, so that our students may shine.

To my friends and family, especially my wife and children, thank you for your unwavering patience and support as I pursued the changes, I believed our students deserved. Your faith in me has been the foundation upon which I stand, and the strength that carries me forward.

I look forward to continuing this work, and to helping every student believe they can achieve anything they set their mind to. It is our sacred duty as educators to believe in them first.

Teacher Finalist



Maria Clark

Third Grade Teacher

Mendota Unified

Paul Lopez, Ed.D., Superintendent

It is indeed an honor to represent Mendota Unified School District as a finalist for Fresno County Educator of the Year. I would like to first and foremost thank God for allowing me the opportunity to do what I love. Each day I pray that I not only reach my students academically, but also make them feel loved and cared for, so they feel confident enough to grow and lead successful lives. I am thankful for Mendota Unified, Superintendent Dr. Paul Lopez, and the McCabe Elementary administration and staff for their constant support and creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. To my third-grade team, you are a blessing to work with. I have learned and continue to learn a great deal from each of you. Thank you to my parents, Rafael and Luz Montalvo, for instilling in me the value of hard work and a love for learning. I would not be where I am today if it were not for you. To my husband, Alan, thank you for always encouraging me and believing in me, even when I sometimes don't believe in myself. To my sons Elijah and Isaiah, my siblings, and their families, I deeply appreciate all your help in my journey as a teacher and in life. Finally, I would like to thank the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and EECU for recognizing the wonderful work of administrators, teachers and classified employees who dedicate their lives to ensuring the success of all students.

Teacher Finalist



Joanna Dunn

First Grade Teacher
Sierra Unified
Lori Grace, Ed.D., Superintendent

It is a great honor to represent Sierra Unified School District and our foothill community as a finalist for the Educator of the Year award.

I feel incredibly privileged to be an educator, and I believe it is our responsibility to inspire students to believe in themselves and understand that anything is possible. That is what we strive to do every day in Sierra Unified.

I feel truly blessed that God has given me the gift of teaching children. Thank you to the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and EECU for recognizing and celebrating the important work we do as educators.

Finally, I want to thank my husband, Steve, and our children. You have supported, encouraged, and stood by me throughout my career. I would not be the teacher I am today without your love and support. Thank you for this incredible honor.

Teacher Nominees



Kelli Bowe
Washington Colony Elementary
Jesus Cruz, Superintendent



Rosa Flores
Selma Unified
Edward Gomes, Superintendent



Cindy Gonzalez
Golden Plains Unified
Felipe Piedra, Superintendent



Melissa Graham
Parlier Unified
Rafael Iniguez, Ed.D., Superintendent



Stacy Hanson
Clay Joint Elementary
Judi Szpor, Superintendent



Anna Jaime
Coalinga-Huron Unified
David Moore, Ed.D., Superintendent

Teacher Nominees



Tammi Lott
Clovis Unified
Corrine Folmer, Ed.D., Superintendent



Janae Martin
Riverdale Joint Unified
Jeff Percell, Superintendent



Troy Nuckles
Kings Canyon Joint Unified
John Campbell, Superintendent



Fabiola Oceguera
Kerman Unified
Gordon Pacheco, Superintendent



Christina Govea Ortega
West Park Elementary
Tamita Boyd, Superintendent



Juliana Rodriguez
Laton Unified
Lupe Nieves, Superintendent

Teacher Nominees



Michelle Stone
Kingsburg Elementary Charter
Wesley Sever, Ed.D., Superintendent



Max Taylor
Pine Ridge Elementary
Steven Rosa, Superintendent

Phyllis Torres
Washington Unified
Randy R. Morris, Superintendent

Claudia Turman
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
Troy Cox, Superintendent



Arturo Velarde
Kingsburg Joint Union High
Ryan Phelan, Ed.D., Superintendent



Nathan West
Fowler Unified
Lindsay Sanders, Superintendent

Teacher Nominees



William Wilkerson

Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

Michele Cantwell-Copher, Ed.D., Superintendent



Christy Xiong

Orange Center Elementary

Terry Hirschfield, Superintendent

Past Winners

	TEACHERS	ADMINISTRATORS	EMPLOYEES
2025	Maritza Ceballos Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Lucio Cortez Laton Unified	Vladimar Wells Fresno Unified
2024	Benjamin Canzano Clovis Unified	Dr. Tachua Vue Clovis Unified	Nicole Potter Fresno Unified
2023	Emmelin Herrera Fresno Unified	Dr. Matilda Soria Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Robert "Bobby" Zavala Kerman Unified
2022	Dr. Kelly Eichmann Clovis Unified	Jason Stricker Sanger Unified	Gabriel Hughes Clovis Unified
2021	Sherri Johnson Clovis Unified	Alma McKenry Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Richard Delgado Clovis Unified
2020	Catherine Cooper Sanger Unified	Aaron Bryan Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Annette Montague Fresno Unified
2019	Greg Barragan Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Dennis Wiechmann Sanger Unified	Praxades Torres III Parlier Unified
2018	Carmen Garvis Sanger Unified	Valerie Vuicich Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Marco Franco Kerman Unified
2017	Ellen Youssef Clovis Unified	Rick Church Sanger Unified	Ray Zavala Clovis Unified
2016	Jacqueline Ruiz Fresno Unified	Bob Kampf Clovis Unified	Danny Alberty Fresno Unified
2015	Renee Gomez Washington Unified	Rodolfo Garcia Edison Bethune Charter Academy	Linda Amparano Clovis Unified
2014	Magdalene Bowman Washington Unified	Hank Gutierrez Fowler Unified	Selena Rico Fresno Unified
2013	Roy Swift Selma Unified	Marcus P. Johnson Sanger Unified	Setha J. Nhim Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
2012	William Magnusson Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified	Edward Gomes Fresno Unified	Salvador Cisneros Jr. Burrel Union Elementary
2011	Jill Delano Sanger Unified	Norm Anderson Clovis Unified	Albert Mendoza Sanger Unified
2010	Peggy Foletta Kingsburg Jt. Union High School	Tim Lopez Sanger Unified	Suzanne Dias Washington Union High School
2009	Kent Hammons Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Rosario Sanchez Fresno Unified	Amanda James Central Unified
2008	Neriada Barba Kerman Unified	Victoria Armstrong Selma Unified	Steve Fusi Washington Union High School
2007	Donna Vincenti Sanger Unified	Samuel M. Hines Fresno Unified	Arturo Huizar Washington Union High School
2006	Angela Ballew Sanger Unified	Peter Tozlian Central Unified	Victor Lemus Kerman Unified
2005	Bill Feaver Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Carlo Prandini Clovis Unified	Tim Crow Clovis Unified

Past Winners

	TEACHERS	ADMINISTRATORS	EMPLOYEES
2004	Carol Stone Kingsburg Elementary	Chris Williams Central Unified	Valentino Vital Central Unified
2003	Karen vonFelten Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Elaine Beyer Fresno Unified	Robin Lund Kingsburg Joint Union High
2002	Karin Larka Fresno Unified	Daniel Safreno Raisin City Elementary	Gabriel Gutierrez Fowler Unified
2001	Gary Nelson Central Unified	Phil Stovall Kingsburg Elementary	Linda Dominguez Orange Center Elementary
2000	Diana Decker Central Unified	Joe Faria Clovis Unified	Lydia Martinez Parlier Unified
1999	Gina Gravatt Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified	Teresa Wood Selma Unified	Christine M. Lopez Sanger Unified
1998	Linda Coleman Fresno Unified	Jeff Eben Clovis Unified	Barbara McColm Fowler Unified
1997	Anthony Ayerza Kerman Unified	Alfred Sanchez Mendota Unified	Cheryl Craddock Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
1996	Stephen Bock Selma Unified	John Marinovich Fresno Unified	Gerald Chames Kerman Unified
1995	Laura Allen Washington Union High	Terry Simerly Fresno Unified	Charles Roberts West Fresno Elementary
1994	Pauline Sahakian Clovis Unified	Linda Hauser Clovis Unified	Savonia Sharp Sierra Unified
1993	Glenn McFall Selma Unified	Diane Parrish Fresno Unified	Bill Jackson Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
1992	Julia Hollenbeck Clovis Unified	Gary Kinsey Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified	George Cisneros Burrel Elementary
1991	Robert Bullwinkel Fresno Unified		Linda Terry Pine Ridge Elementary
1990	Mario Guerrero Selma Unified		
1989	Lee Skidmore Clovis Unified		
1988	Elizabeth Sullivan Pine Ridge Elementary		
1987	Sherla A. Cox Clovis Unified		
1986	Lyn Swanson-Natsues Kerman Unified		
1985	John Panzak Kings Canyon Joint Unified		
1984	Finian John McGinn Fresno Unified		
1983	Kathy Soligian Mesple Central Unified		
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