


Fresno County Educator of the Year



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"The Three Rs" bronze sculpture by
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MESSAGE TO EDUCATORS



Jim A. Yovino
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

Congratulations honorees! Tonight the theatre is filled with decades of dedication and unlimited amounts of talent, compassion and commitment. The office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools is so proud to host this event that acknowledges our most outstanding classified employees, administrators and teachers for the work you do every day. You are shaping the brightest of minds. You are igniting desires for discovery and you are supporting, and making possible, the dreams that will become tomorrow's reality.

Thank you for not taking this mission lightly. Thank you for modeling the best of yourself to bring out the best in each of your students. And thank you for representing everything that is excellent throughout and among your districts and colleagues. And finally, thank you to the Educational Employees Credit Union, whose exclusive sponsorship makes this event possible.

Let the celebration begin!

Elizabeth J. Dooley

President/Chief Executive Officer
Educational Employees Credit Union



EECU has proudly sponsored the Fresno County Educator of the Year Awards Program since 1991. Tonight, we pay tribute to the exceptional work that the employees, teachers, and administrators do to guide their students toward a brighter future.

This awards program would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the many FCOE employees whose passion for this event creates a memorable evening for all. Congratulations to all of the nominees, finalists and winners on this well-deserved recognition of their commitment to their students and their profession.

PROGRAM

- Entertainment Bullard TALENT Showcase
under the direction of Randy Berger and Jane Wagner
- Greetings from the Superintendent. Jim A. Yovino
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
- Master of Ceremony Warren Armstrong and Graciela Moreno
ABC-30, Action News
- Welcome from Educational Employees Credit Union Elizabeth J. Dooley
President/Chief Executive Officer
- Employee of the Year Award Presentation. Jim A. Yovino
Elizabeth J. Dooley
Linda Amparano
2015 Employee of the Year
- Administrator of the Year Award Presentation. Jim A. Yovino
Elizabeth J. Dooley
Rodolfo Garcia
2015 Administrator of the Year
- Barnett Award Presentation Jim A. Yovino
- Teacher of the Year Award Presentation Jim A. Yovino
Elizabeth J. Dooley
Renee Gomez
2015 Teacher of the Year
- Closing Remarks Warren Armstrong and Graciela Moreno
ABC-30, Action News

Employee Finalists

Danny Alberty

Campus Assistant • Edison High School
Fresno Unified • Michael Hanson

What a blessing it is to be honored by FUSD and Edison High School for doing something that I enjoy and love. Also, thanks to FCOE for choosing me to be one of the finalists. I will share this honor with my wife of 24 plus years who has been by my side from day one. I also share this award with my kids Daisy, Danielle, Daniesha, Robert and Levelle, and the many grandkids and great-grandkids. I want to give a big "Thank you" to all of the numerous family members, mentors, coaches and colleagues who have made a positive impact in my life and my career. To all of my many athletes I have come in contact with along the way I say thank you!! Last but not least, thanks to God for giving me the gift to be able to work with our youth of today.



Maisie Young

Intervention Specialist
Student Support Services
Central Unified • Mark Sutton

Wow! I am completely humbled to have been chosen by FCOE as a finalist for Employee of the Year. I am beyond thankful to the Central Unified Board Members, Superintendent Mark Sutton, Assistant Superintendent Jack Kelejian, Director of Student Services Kevin Torosian and all of Central's incredible staff. You allow me to do what I love every day. Thank you to my amazing mother and little sissy...you know all we overcame and why I am so passionate about what I do. A special thank you goes out to my two purrfect cats, Peyton Penelope and William Walker, for their unconditional love and understanding why mommy has to spend time away from home. Finally, to the students and families of Central Unified – thank you for allowing me into your lives. It is truly an honor to walk alongside you. I hope you know there is no place I would rather be!



Monica Brewer

Instructional Aide • Nelson Elementary
Clovis Unified • Dr. Janet Young

I feel honored and blessed to be a finalist for the Fresno County Educator of the Year award. I would like to thank Clovis Unified School District for the nomination and belief that I am a worthy person for this prestigious award. I would like to thank my family for making me the person I am; my father who taught me that it is better to give than receive, my mother who taught me to be a strong, hardworking, and independent woman and my brothers and sister for always having my back. I never experienced support and guidance at school until I arrived at Nelson Elementary as a sixth grader. It is for that reason that I returned and have been giving back to the Nelson community for the past 28 years. I would



also like to thank the Nelson Staff, I feel lucky to work with them. Thank you all for thinking so highly of what I do for kids, but I strongly believe that we ALL can make a difference if we choose.

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 Nominees



Irma Carbajal
Fowler Unified
Eric Cederquist



Joshua Flores
Orange Center Elementary
Terry Hirschfield



Melody Frazer
Big Creek Elementary
Toby Wait



Emily Garcia
Mendota Unified
Paul Lopez



Francis Garcia
Kingsburg Elementary
Dr. Wesley Sever



Inez Gonzalez
Sanger Unified
Matthew Navo



Cecilia Hernandez
Selma Unified
Tanya Fisher



Manuel C. Huaracha
Firebaugh - Las Deltas Unified
Russell Freitas



Lydia Huizar
Golden Plains Unified
Martin Macias



Julie Kent
Riverdale Joint Unified
Jeff Percell



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Julia Rodriguez
Kerman Unified
Robert Frausto



Lydia Sanchez
Monroe Unified
Shelley Manser



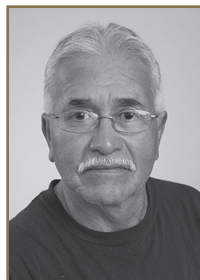
Anthony J. Silva
Laton Unified
Dr. Larry Audet



Marty Solis
Charter Schools
Jeff Sands



Fredrick E. Stanley
Washington Unified
Joey Campbell



Manuel Valle
Parlier Unified
Edward Lucero

Not Pictured:

Roy Diaz
West Park Elementary

Chuck Vivenzi
Washington Colony

Administrator

John Hannigan

Principal • Reagan Elementary
Sanger Unified • Matthew Navo

It is truly an honor and a privilege to be among the finalists for Administrator of the Year. I would first like to thank FCOE and EECU for this recognition and for hosting such a wonderful event. To my Sanger Unified family, I'm honored to be your nominee and grateful for all the support and growth you've provided me. A special thank you to my Reagan family and students; I share this special honor with each and every one of you. Thanks for making Reagan the special place that it is. Thanks to my family and friends for your encouragement and support. To my loving wife, Jessica, and beautiful daughters, Riley and Rowan, thanks for being my inspiration and drive.



Finalists

Laura North

Principal • Rafer Johnson Junior High
Kingsburg Elementary • Dr. Wesley Sever

I am blessed to be a part of the Kingsburg Elementary District family. What an honor to be nominated and represent our district as a finalist. Our district leadership has provided Rafer with support and encouragement. Thank you for my fearless hardworking Learning Director, School Counselors, Academic Coach, Office manager, classified staff, and teachers that work endless hours to make sure that other people's children are loved, pushed, and mentored into the best adults they can be. Thank you to my loving husband and kids for sharing me with the students of Kingsburg. Lastly, thank you to my mom and dad. You raised me and taught me by example to be a servant leader. Your hearts and prayers molded me into who I am. Thank you.



Bob Kampf

Director of Supplemental Services
Clovis Unified • Dr. Janet Young

This evening is an incredible honor and ever-so humbling to represent CUSD. It is truly about "Team" and the opportunity to work with the most talented and dedicated educators possible. Dr. Buchanan always said: "Surround yourself with good folks." Life is partly what we make it, and partly what it is made by the people we surround ourselves with. This recognition is about the many people working together for the benefit of children in CUSD. God has provided many blessings for which I am thankful: my wife, sons, daughter-in-law, family and a circle of friends that complete our life. Best of all; a grandson that will graduate with the CUSD Class of 2030. Here's to making sure every student crosses the stage in 12th grade!



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

Nominees



Julissa Alvarado
Parlier Unified
Edward Lucero



Cecilia Ballesteros
Fresno Unified
Michael Hanson



Darla Beeson
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Jim A. Yovino



Paul J. Birrell
Central Unified
Mark Sutton



Anthony Catalan
Firebaugh - Las Deltas Unified
Russell Freitas



Lucio Cortez
Washington Unified
Joey Campbell



Johnny Garza
Coalinga-Huron Unified
Helen Foster



Randy Jarrett
Mendota Unified
Paul Lopez



Shelly Lether
Charter Schools
Jeff Sands



Margaret Nichols
Kerman Unified
Robert Frausto



Jim Reed
Golden Plains Unified
Martin Macias



Rick Romero
Fowler Unified
Eric Cederquist



Satenig "Sato" Sanikian
Selma Unified
Tanya Fisher

Teacher Finalists

Ken Dias

Agriculture Teacher • Clovis East High School
Clovis Unified • Dr. Janet Young

Throughout my 34 years as an educator, I have realized that I am living my dream. My passion for teaching continues to grow as I influence students' lives. It's such an honor to be recognized for this prestigious award. Thank you to FCOE and EECU for this wonderful opportunity. I am grateful to my longtime friends and mentors, Ralph Loya and Dr. Monte Person, for seeing my potential to make an impact on students' lives. I appreciate both CUSD and the community's support of me and our agriculture program. Thank you to my parents, Lucy and John, for their love and faith in me. Thank you especially to my incredible family, my wife, Ricci, and sons, Kenny and Kody, for their support, and understanding the commitment of this profession.



Zachary Smith

Special Day Teacher • Lincoln Elementary
Sanger Unified • Matthew Navo

What an incredible honor! My sincerest thanks to the leadership of Sanger Unified School District for this nomination. Thank you to the staff and students at Lincoln Elementary. What an incredible place to learn and culture to be a part of! Thank you to my beautiful wife Dorothy and my three wonderful girls, Grace, Amy, and Isabella, you are a constant source of joy and respite. Thank you mom and dad for modeling hearts that cherish diversity. Thank you to my siblings, Meghan, Mariam, EJ, Nathan, and Maddy, you all are such an inspiration for me. I love you guys. Lastly, thank you to my God, Jesus Christ. You have loved and rescued me and I am so very grateful.



Jacqueline Ruiz

Chemistry Teacher • Fresno High School
Fresno Unified • Michael Hanson

Our youth are the future, and through my experiences teaching, I am confident that our future is bright. At Fresno High School, I have learned that my job is not to just teach science, but to inspire kids. I have the privilege and responsibility of helping students achieve the life they want so they can go places they never thought they could. Thank you to the science department, teachers and staff, for creating a community of excellence at Fresno High, and to my students, for opening their minds (and mine!) each day. Most importantly, thank you to my family, especially my husband Matt, for being my biggest supporters. Thank you to FCOE and EECU for recognizing educators for the differences they make.



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 Nominees



Patricia Bloodgood
Orange Center Elementary
Terry Hirschfeld



Kris Cadieux
Fowler Unified
Eric Cederquist



Alfred Castellanos
Golden Plains Unified
Martin Macias



Norma Beatriz Cruz
Coolinga - Huron Unified
Helen Foster



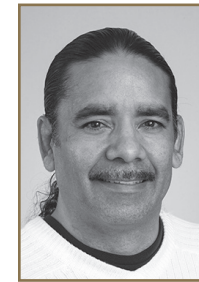
Ryan Dirlam
Firebaugh - Las Deltas Unified
Russell Freitas



Maria Falcon
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Jim A. Yovino



Mark Garcia
Kingsburg Elementary
Dr. Wesley Sever



Jose Gonzalez
West Park Elementary
Ralph Vigil



Lupe Gutierrez-Nieves
Laton Unified
Dr. Larry Audet



Cynthia Hernandez
Selma Unified
Tanya Fisher



Rosa M. Lopez
Riverdale Joint Unified
Jeff Percell



Osa Martinez
Washington Colony Elementary
Jesus Cruz



Lisa Papaleo
Central Unified
Mark Sutton



Katherine Arlene Penner
Charter Schools
Jeff Sands



Michelle Reynoso
Mendota Unified
Paul Lopez



Phil Suson
Kerman Unified
Robert Frausto



Rich Vandennack
Sierra Unified
Melissa Ireland



Gabriela Villalobos
Washington Unified
Joey Campbell



Mary Xiong
Monroe Elementary
Shelley Manser

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Congratulations to all of the nominees, finalists, and winners for their outstanding contributions to the field of education.



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PAST WINNERS

Employees

2015	Linda Amparano Clovis Unified	1999	Christine M. Lopez Sanger Unified
2014	Selena Rico Fresno Unified	1998	Barbara McColm Fowler Unified
2013	Setha J. Nhim Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	1997	Cheryl Craddock Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
2012	Salvador Cisneros Jr. Burrel Union Elementary	1996	Gerald Chames Kerman Unified
2011	Albert Mendoza Sanger Unified	1995	Charles Roberts West Fresno Elementary
2010	Suzanne Dias Washington Union High School	1994	Savonia Sharp Sierra Unified
2009	Amanda James Central Unified	1993	Bill Jackson Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
2008	Steve Fusi Washington Union High School	1992	George Cisneros Burrel Elementary
2007	Arturo Huizar Washington Union High School	1991	Linda Terry Pine Ridge Elementary
2006	Victor Lemus Kerman Unified		
2005	Tim Crow Clovis Unified		
2004	Valentino Vital Central Unified		
2003	Robin Lund Kingsburg Joint Union High		
2002	Gabriel Gutierrez Fowler Unified		
2001	Linda Dominguez Orange Center Elementary		
2000	Lydia Martinez Parlier Unified		

Administrators

2015	Rodolfo Garcia Edison Bethune Charter Academy
2014	Hank Gutierrez Fowler Unified
2013	Marcus P. Johnson Sanger Unified
2012	Edward Gomes Fresno Unified
2011	Norm Anderson Clovis Unified

PAST WINNERS

Administrators

(Continued)

- 2010 Tim Lopez
Sanger Unified
- 2009 Rosario Sanchez
Fresno Unified
- 2008 Victoria Armstrong
Selma Unified
- 2007 Samuel M. Hines
Fresno Unified
- 2006 Peter Tozlian
Central Unified
- 2005 Carlo Prandini
Clovis Unified
- 2004 Chris Williams
Central Unified
- 2003 Elaine Beyer
Fresno Unified
- 2002 Daniel Safreno
Raisin City Elementary
- 2001 Phil Stovall
Kingsburg Elementary
- 2000 Joe Faria
Clovis Unified
- 1999 Teresa Wood
Selma Unified
- 1998 Jeff Eben
Clovis Unified
- 1997 Alfred Sanchez
Mendota Unified
- 1996 John Marinovich
Fresno Unified

- 1995 Terry Simerly
Fresno Unified
- 1994 Linda Hauser
Clovis Unified
- 1993 Diane Parrish
Fresno Unified
- 1992 Gary Kinsey
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified

Teachers

- 2015 Renee Gomez
Washington Unified
- 2014 Magdalene Bowman
Washington Unified
- 2013 Roy Swift
Selma Unified
- 2012 William Magnusson
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
- 2011 Jill Delano
Sanger Unified
- 2010 Peggy Foletta
Kingsburg Jt. Union High School
- 2009 Kent Hammons
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
- 2008 Neriada Barba
Kerman Unified
- 2007 Donna Vincenti
Sanger Unified
- 2006 Angela Ballew
Sanger Unified
- 2005 Bill Feaver
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

PAST WINNERS

Teachers

(Continued)

- 2004 Carol Stone
Kingsburg Elementary
- 2003 Karen vonFelten
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
- 2002 Karin Larka
Fresno Unified
- 2001 Gary Nelson
Central Unified
- 2000 Diana Decker
Central Unified
- 1999 Gina Gravatt
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
- 1998 Linda Coleman
Fresno Unified
- 1997 Anthony Ayerza
Kerman Unified
- 1996 Stephen Bock
Selma Unified
- 1995 Laura Allen
Washington Union High
- 1994 Pauline Sahakian
Clovis Unified
- 1993 Glenn McFall
Selma Unified
- 1992 Julia Hollenbeck
Clovis Unified
- 1991 Robert Bullwinkel
Fresno Unified
- 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 Unified
- 1984 Finian John McGinn
Fresno Unified
- 1983 Kathy Soligian Mesple
Central Unified
- 1982 Valerie Welk
Clovis Unified
- 1981 Carl Gong
Sanger Unified
Helen Hoyt
Parlier Unified
- 1980 Verna Benzler
Clovis Unified



SPECIAL THANKS

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under the direction of David Lesser

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