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EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

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Message to Educators



Jim A. Yovino

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Tonight we honor those incredible employees, administrators and teachers who guide our children to their dreams. The annual Educator of the Year Awards is an evening to recognize and celebrate them for their tireless pursuit of excellence in all they do for students.

Whether they are in the classroom, on campus or in the community, these educators strive every day to be positive role models and mentors for children. Their kindness and caring hearts are a beacon for students not only to achieve in the classroom, but to surpass expectations as they grow into compassionate and engaged adults.

Thank you to our honorees for your dedication to education. You are truly the dream makers. And, thank you to the Educational Employees Credit Union who makes this event possible as our exclusive sponsor.



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 FCSS 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.

Special Thanks

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Entertainment

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Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Staff

Angie Barfield
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Program

Entertainment.....	Ke'Lea Wilkins Fresno County Youth Choir
Greetings from the Superintendent	Jim A.Yovino Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Master of Ceremony	Warren Armstrong ABC30 Action News
Welcome from Educational Employees Credit Union.....	Elizabeth J. Dooley President/Chief Executive Officer
Administrator of the Year Award Presentation.....	Jim A.Yovino Elizabeth J. Dooley Rick Church 2017 Administrator of the Year
Employee of the Year Award Presentation.....	Jim A.Yovino Elizabeth J. Dooley Ray Zavala 2017 Employee of the Year
Barnett Award Presentation.....	Jim A.Yovino
Teacher of the Year Award Presentation	Jim A.Yovino Elizabeth J. Dooley Ellen Youssef 2017 Teacher of the Year
Closing Remarks	Warren Armstrong ABC30 Action News

Administrator Finalists



Joy Nunes

Principal
Susan B. Anthony Elementary, Fresno Unified
Robert Nelson

I am humbled to be a finalist for Administrator of the Year. The work we do for children is a journey of learning, growing and giving. Thank you to those who have been on this journey with me: Les, Brian, Jennifer, my mom and my grandchildren, who remind me that every child is the most important person to their family. Thank you to my Fresno Unified colleagues who work countless hours doing amazing things for kids every day. I am so proud to represent you. Thank you to the Anthony team; I would not be here without you. To my new King family; I am in awe of your heart for children and the community. Thank you FCSS and EECU for recognizing the work of educators.

Michael Olenchak

Director
Sierra Outdoor School, Clovis Unified
Dr. Eimear O'Farrell



I am honored to be selected by Clovis Unified to represent them in the FCSS Administrator of the Year Program. Being selected as a finalist is beyond expectation. Thank you to the numerous colleagues I have worked with, over the last 33 years, who have shared the frustration and joys of making a difference in children's lives. I have been surrounded by educators my entire life, including my parents, wife and daughter. I would like to thank them for their guidance and support. I would like to thank Clovis Unified School District and the risk that they took in 1988 to lease and eventually own and operate Sierra Outdoor School. It is a magical place for students to learn.



Valerie A. Vuicich

Administrator, Career Technical Education/ROP Fresno
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Jim A. Yovino

It is a great honor for me to represent FCSS as one of the finalists for Administrator of the Year. Our success in our career is based on our ability to forge relationships, whether it's with those we work with or those we serve in our programs. Those relationships have paved the way for the success of our office. I am fortunate to work with a team at FCSS and, more specifically, in my CTE/ROP department that prides themselves on their commitment to our program, students, district staff and each other. Their nomination of me for this award is very humbling! Family plays a big role in my success and I thank mine for being so supportive.

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



Carol Bray
Kingsburg Elementary
Dr. Wesley Sever



Monica G. Chapa
Selma Unified
Dr. Tanya Fisher



Sylvia A. Gomez
Parlier Unified
Jaime Robles



Gloria Regier
Fowler Unified
Scott Griffin



Latisha Richmond
Central Unified
Kelly Porterfield



Donna Silveira
Sanger Unified
Adela M. Jones



Matthew Kinnunen
Golden Plains Unified
Martin Macias



Sandra Kirk
Riverdale Joint Unified
Jeff Percell



Jennifer Pinto
Coalinga-Huron Unified
Lori Villanueva



Marla Sansom
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
Russell Freitas



John Sherron
Washington Unified
Randy Morris



Rodney Mitchell Smith
Mendota Unified
Dr. Paul Lopez



Jim Volkoff
Kerman Unified
Robert Frausto

Employee Finalists



Larry Crayne

School Bus Driver
Clovis Unified
Dr. Eimear O'Farrell

It's an honor and privilege to be a finalist for Classified Employee of the Year. I would like to thank Clovis Unified's administration, training team and transportation department for your support and guidance. I'd also like to thank the parents of my students for allowing me to take care of your children for the last 11 years. It's been an honor to be a part of your children's lives and to be entrusted to care for them. Thank you to retired

Superintendent Dr. Janet Young for her encouragement and support. A special thank you to my angel Karen Malcolm. And most importantly, thank you to my wife of thirty years and my son, Michael, for their constant love and inspiration.

Marco E. Franco

Technology Specialist
Kerman-Floyd Elementary, Kerman Unified
Robert Frausto



I am extremely honored and humbled to receive the nomination for Employee of the Year from Kerman Unified School District and to be among the finalists. I share this honor with the dedicated and passionate staff at Kerman-Floyd Elementary where I am surrounded by amazing people who inspire me daily and who continually provide a positive culture of encouragement for all of our students. I want to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mrs. Kathy Goodlad, former Principal of Kerman-Floyd Elementary, for being my biggest supporter and for always challenging me to reach my fullest potential. I also want to share this honor with my loving parents and my two beautiful nieces, Leah, and Alayah. Finally, I would like to thank the selection committee, Mrs. Yovino, FCSS, and EECU for all their hard work in making all of this possible.



Myra Ramirez

Home School Liaison
Del Mar Elementary, Fresno Unified
Robert Nelson

To the teachers, administrators and staff at Del Mar Elementary, "Thank you." Together we have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of our students. Making small incremental change every day to create a culture of love, understanding and compassion. Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

That comes easy here at Del Mar. To our Del Mar families, thank you for giving me the opportunity to assist you in securing resources, serving as an advocate and at times as a friend. To our students and past students, your joy, love and hugs are what motivate me to do what I do. Thank you to Fresno Unified School District for making me part of this wonderful family and for all your support. To my husband Max, thank you for embarking in this journey together. Thank you for your patience, support and making me believe that anything is possible.

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



Hector J. Aguilar
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
Russell Freitas



Angelica Ayala
Burrel Union Elementary
Elizabeth Runyon



Donna Davis
Riverdale Joint Unified
Jeff Percell



Berenice Mejia
Golden Plains Unified
Martin Macias



Jovita Michel De Flores
Washington Colony
Jesus Cruz



Gwendolyn Ogata
Fowler Unified
Scott Griffin



Mary Romero
Central Unified
Kelly Porterfield



Consuelo Saenz
Washington Unified
Randy Morris



Mary Silva
Kingsburg Elementary
Dr. Wesley Sever



Sylvia Gonzalez
Raisin City Elementary
Juan Sandoval



Rocio A. Gurrola
Sanger Unified
Adela M. Jones



Debbie Lee
Laton Unified
Victor Villar



Albert Oliva
Coolinga-Huron Unified
Lori Villanueva



Esther Ortiz
Orange Center Elementary
Terry Hirschfield



Catherine Peck
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Jim A. Yovino



Yesenia Topete (Valencia)
Mendota Unified
Dr. Paul Lopez



Thuy Tran
West Park Elementary
Ralph Vigil



Ruben Vasquez
Selma Unified
Dr. Tanya Fisher

Teacher Finalists



Carmen Garvis

Engineering Teacher
Sanger High School, Sanger Unified
Adela M. Jones

Personal success is achieved by the love, influence, and collaboration from great people. Thank you to my Sanger Apache family. It is a privilege to work with amazing administrators, teachers and staff who support my creativity and growth. You have all inspired me through the years. My students amaze me with their creativity and passion for learning. Thank you to my students for instilling trust in me, for demonstrating year after year that their capability and achievements are limitless. A special thank you to my husband and children for their support and encouragement. Thank you to SUSD and FCSS, I feel honored to represent my school district, and humbled for being chosen as one of the finalists among excellent educators.

Minith Real

Physical Education Teacher
Rutherford B. Gaston Middle School, Fresno Unified
Robert Nelson



As a product of Fresno Unified, I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for all the amazing teachers I've had growing up, and I cannot begin to thank them enough. Thank you FCSS and EECU, to be recognized as a finalist for this prestigious award is a great honor. Thank you to my parents who sacrificed so much to bring our family to this country. To my Gaston family, thank you for believing in me and believing in our PE program. Thank you to my beautiful fiancé, Salina, for her continuing support through the ups and downs of being an educator. Lastly, to all my students, I'm truly blessed to have each of you in my class. Remember, you are our future, continue striving to be the best that you can be.



Audra Murrieta

Sixth Grade Teacher
Burrel Union Elementary
Elizabeth Runyon

Being given this incredible honor has reminded me of the message I try to display every day to my students. The message of “dreaming big” is one that can be realized. I would like to thank my Lord Jesus and my parents for instilling in me the value of encouraging and desiring the best for myself. I would like to thank the staff and parents at Burrel Union Elementary for working side by side on various projects that have passed through our wonderful campus. I would also like to extend a thank you to my fellow Burrel Bear educators who have either extended a helping hand or advice in the classroom. This one’s for my kids! Go Bears!

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



Toni Abughazaleh
Raisin City Elementary
Juan Sandoval



Damon Bagley
Washington Unified
Randy Morris



Kimberly Calderon
Fowler Unified
Scott Griffin



Denise Ghimenti
Golden Plains Unified
Martin Macias



John Grijalva
Parlier Unified
Jaime Robles



Dotty Ingham
Coalinga-Huron Unified
Lori Villanueva



Andrew Manouelian
Central Unified
Kelly Porterfield



Sonya Mejia
Mendota Unified
Dr. Paul Lopez



Stan Schaffer
Washington Colony
Jesus Cruz



Rhonda Swearingen
Riverdale Joint Unified
Jeff Percell



Betty Carmona
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
Russell Freitas



Christopher Davenport
Morris E. Dailey Elementary Charter
Jeanne Pentorali



Denise DenHartog
Clovis Unified
Dr. Eimear O'Farrell



Satinderpal Klair
Kingsburg Joint Union High
Don Shoemaker



Albert Lomeli
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Jim A. Yovino



Onesimo Lopez
Selma Unified
Dr. Tanya Fisher



Ambar Rodriguez
Laton Unified
Victor Villar



Beverly Rosas
Kingsburg Elementary
Dr. Wesley Sever



Patricia Torres
Kerman Unified
Robert Frausto

Not Pictured
Dawn DeShields
West Park Elementary, Ralph Vigil

Past Winners

	TEACHERS	ADMINISTRATORS	EMPLOYEES
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 Amaranro 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 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 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 Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Carlo Prandini Clovis Unified	Tim Crow Clovis Unified
2004	Carol Stone Kingsburg Elementary	Chris Williams Central Unified	Valentino Vital Central Unified
2003	Karen vonFelten 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 McCole Fowler Unified

Past Winners

	TEACHERS	ADMINISTRATORS	EMPLOYEES
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 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 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		



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