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# EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

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# Message to Educators



## Jim A. Yovino

Superintendent  
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

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Tonight, we are celebrating those employees, administrators and teachers who help children find and achieve their dreams. This evening we recognize their selfless pursuit of excellence for their students, contributing to the success of generations to come.

Although that success can be measured academically, their positive influence upon young minds is what creates kind and caring adults who believe they can make a difference in their families, communities, nation and world. They learn from tonight's honorees that they matter!

Thank you to our honorees for your dedication to education. You are truly the generators of hope, which is what makes the world go round. And thank you to our exclusive sponsor, the Educational Employees Credit Union, for your devotion to our educators and to honoring the community's finest.



## Elizabeth J. Dooley

President/Chief Executive Officer  
Educational Employees Credit Union

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

Those who work in education have demonstrated just how resilient and resourceful they can be in the face of adversity, particularly these past few years. The honorees should take great pride in their accomplishments and the amazing work they are doing daily to enrich the school experience for all students.

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 event to shine a spotlight on their achievements, talents and dedication.

# Special Thanks

## 2022 Selection Committee

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

Terry Allen  
Linda Amparano  
Aaron Bryan  
Richard Delgado  
Carmen Garvis

Jeff Hunt  
Sherri Johnson  
Shannon Koontz-Monis  
Kim Leslie  
Alma McKerry

David Navarro  
Joy Uyeki  
Valerie Vuicich  
Ellen Youssef

## Educational Employees Credit Union Staff

Joe Doyland  
Nicole Franzen  
Mark Perez

## ABC30 Action News

Dan Adams, General Manager  
Warren Armstrong  
Margot Kim

## Production

Justin Davis - Fenceline Media  
Dan Aldape - W.O.W. Productions

## Entertainment

The Kingsburg High School Jazz Band  
under the direction of Mike Schofield

The Clovis High School Choir  
under the direction of Tami Spurgeon

## Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Staff

Susan Bailey  
Lisa Benham-Lewis  
Stephen Bock  
Rita Contreras (retired)  
Jennifer Freeman

Paul Gong  
Tou Herr  
Jeff Hunt  
Manraj Dhaliwal  
Maribel Medina

Brian Nunn  
Joe Riccardi  
Steve Skibbie  
Janet Sloan

## Superintendent's Cabinet

Jim A. Yovino, Superintendent

Jeff Becker  
Lisa Birrell  
Christina Borges  
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher  
Ruben Castillo  
Trina Frazier

Laurie Gabriel  
Marisa Gamboa  
Corey Greenlaw, Ed.D.  
Dr. Hank Gutierrez  
Brad Huebert  
Teresa Martinez-Treviño

Kevin Otto  
Tannon Pafford  
Jason C. Parkin  
Helena Silva  
Janet Sloan  
Raj Sra

# Program

Entertainment.....	The Clovis High School Choir under the direction of Tami Spurgeon
Greetings from the Superintendent .....	Jim A.Yovino Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Master of Ceremony .....	Warren Armstrong Margot Kim 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 Alma McKenry 2021 Administrator of the Year
Employee of the Year Award Presentation.....	Jim A.Yovino Elizabeth J. Dooley Ricardo Delgado 2021 Employee of the Year
Barnett Award Presentation .....	Jim A.Yovino
Teacher of the Year Award Presentation .....	Jim A.Yovino Elizabeth J. Dooley Sherri Johnson 2021 Teacher of the Year
Closing Remarks .....	Warren Armstrong Margot Kim ABC30 Action News

# Administrator Finalists



## Cindy Schreiner

Executive Director of Student Services  
Kingsburg Joint Union High School District  
Don Shoemaker

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It is an honor to represent Kingsburg Joint Union High School District. The district and community have welcomed me during my 25 years, and I can proudly say, "Once a Viking, Always a Viking". My colleagues are the reason why I have received this honor as they are the ones that continue to push me to be better and keep the focus on the students. We have worked hard to ensure students are successful and find new ways to challenge our students. Thank you to Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and EECU for recognizing the amazing personnel that strive for one thing, student success. Thank you to my family and friends who help keep me grounded and encourage me to push my limits, especially my husband Brad. He has patiently watched me adjust my life goals and supported me every step of the way. I am grateful for opportunities I have had and looking forward to future opportunities that will come my way.

## Tamara Sebilian

Director of Educational Services & Accountability  
Fowler Unified School District  
Dr. Paul Marietti

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It is a true privilege to represent Fowler Unified, a district built on rich traditions while embracing all the best practices of the present. Serving the communities of Fowler and Malaga as an educational leader is both humbling and inspiring. I am in awe of the outstanding classified, certificated, and administrative staff with whom I am able to work alongside everyday to provide the very best instruction and support for students and families. Thank you to my friends and family for supporting me in my work, as you encourage and lift me up in ways that I am truly grateful for. A special thank you to Greg, Ben, and Taylor for inspiring me to always chase my dreams.



## Jason Stricker

Director, Pupil Services  
Sanger Unified School District  
Adela Madrigal Jones

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I am truly honored to be a finalist for Administrator of the Year. The past two years have required exceptional leadership from everyone working in public schools in so many ways. To be a finalist at a time when so many leaders have done exceptional things to support students is very humbling. I want to thank all my team members in Sanger Unified for the outstanding care they have provided students during this time and for recognizing me in this way. Representing Sanger Unified as an alumni and an employee is a great privilege. I also want to thank the committee for recognizing a candidate who works specifically to meet the needs of children with disabilities. I want to thank every nurse, psychologist, counselor, speech pathologist, teacher, and principal who have worked so closely with me to ensure services are provided to all students in Sanger Unified. Lastly, I want to thank my wife Michelle, son Zack, and daughter Mattlyn who have supported my efforts and passion for providing inclusive-minded services to students with disabilities.

# LEADERSHIP

*Leadership*

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

-Blaine Lee

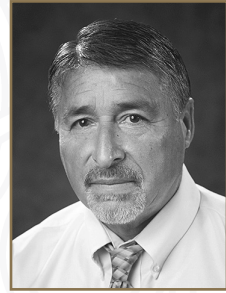
# Administrator Nominees



**Leslie Doris**  
Riverdale Joint Uniried School District  
Jeff Percell



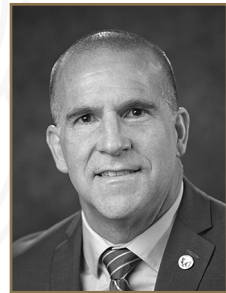
**Leeann Errotabere**  
Clovis Unified School District  
Dr. Eimear O'Brien



**Robert Gonzales**  
Mendota Unified School District  
Dr. Paul Lopez



**Jessica Ness**  
Kerman Unified School District  
Robert Frausto



**Eddie Nolen**  
Kings Canyon Unified School District  
John Campbell



**Kerry Pickrell**  
Kingsburg Elementary  
Charter School District  
Dr. Wesley Sever



**Eugene Reinor**  
Fresno Unified School District  
Dr. Robert Nelson





**Crystal Lanfranco**  
Central Unified School District  
Ketti Davis



**Diane Leonardo**  
Office of the Fresno County  
Superintendent of Schools  
Jim A. Yovino



**Shelley Manser**  
Monroe Elementary School District  
Shelley Manser Griffin



**Erika Ohanis**  
Washington Unified School District  
Randy Morris



**Sophie Phin-Rizo**  
Coalinga-Huron Unified School District  
Lori Villanueva



**Viviana Renteria**  
Parlier Unified School District  
Dr. Altigracia Guerrero



**Raquel Velasco Hammond**  
Selma Unified School District  
Dr. Marilyn Shepherd

# Employee Finalists



## Aldo Chavira

Tutor, Horizon High School  
Riverdale Joint Unified School District  
Jeff Percell

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I am honored to represent Horizon High School and Riverdale Joint Unified School District as a finalist for Employee of the Year. I'd like to think that my time there was well spent giving my students the attention and help they all deserve. I want to thank my colleagues at RJUSD like former principal David Simpson and superintendent Jeff Percell for believing in me enough to nominate me, and Jim Dutra for being a great leader for HHS and for me as well. I would like to thank my mom, my girlfriend, my family, my friends, and my departed father, Carlos, whose last name I carry with pride. Most importantly, thank you to "my kids" for making my life better.

## Gabriel Hughes

Student Relations Liaison  
Clark Intermediate & Weldon Elementary  
Clovis Unified School District  
Dr. Eimear O'Brien

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It is a blessing to be in this position as a finalist, I know that I would not be here without my family, friends, and co-workers. First, I want to thank God for giving me the abilities to help serve others and for this job, that has been life changing. I remember in my interview before I was hired as an SRL thinking if I receive it, it might change my life and my family's life--and sure enough, it has. Thank you, Clovis Unified School District, for all the support and love. This district has provided me with the incredible opportunity to help change the lives of students and their families, something that can never be measured. Thank you, Kelsey my gorgeous wife my rock, I love you. Thank you to my four beautiful children Kira, Ashlee, Isaiah, and Malakai, to whom I give credit for helping me grow into a better person and provide me with the best job ever of being a Father. Thank you to my parents, and siblings. Finally, thank you to my team members, who I no longer consider co-workers but my family. Love you guys.



## Janet Young

Library Media Technician, Wilson Elementary School  
Sanger Unified School District  
Adela Madrigal Jones

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I am humbled and honored to be here tonight, but this recognition truly belongs to everyone at Sanger Unified and especially my colleagues at Wilson Elementary School. I am proud to be a Wilson Bulldog. The teachers and staff at Wilson Elementary are like my second family, and I appreciate the kindness and support they have always shown me. I am thankful to have a career

I love where I can hopefully make a difference in my students' lives. Thank you for acknowledging my work and the contribution of library media techs throughout Fresno County. A special shout out to my husband, John, and my children Matt, Steve, and Jeremy for always being there and encouraging me.

# 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



**Melinda Ballard**  
Kingsburg Elementary  
Charter School District  
Dr. Wesley Sever



**Zulema Cisneros**  
Parlier Unified School District  
Dr. Altgracia Guerrero



**Misty Cruz**  
Office of the Fresno County  
Superintendent of Schools  
Jim A. Yovino



**Kao Lee**  
Orange Center Elementary School District  
Terry Hirschfeld



**Esther Lugo Cuevas**  
Mendota Unified School District  
Dr. Paul Lopez



**Liria Rivera**  
Kerman Unified School District  
Robert Frausto



**Jacqueline Santos**  
Fowler Unified School District  
Dr. Paul Marietti



**Kelley Cuevas**  
Selma Unified School District  
Dr. Marilyn Shepherd



**Dawn Gardner**  
Fresno Unified School District  
Dr. Robert Nelson



**Aurel-John (AJ) Lacuesta**  
Washington Unified School District  
Randy Morris



**Michelle Nicoletti**  
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District  
Dr. Roy Mendiola



**Charlene Richardson**  
Coalinga-Huron Unified School District  
Lori Villanueva



**Crysta Williams**  
Washington Colony Elementary  
School District  
Jesus Cruz

**Not Pictured**  
Mayra Sanchez  
Burrel Union Elementary

# Teacher Finalists



## Dr. Kelly Eichmann

Career Technical Education Teacher  
Clovis East High School, Clovis Unified School District  
Dr. Eimear O'Brien

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Thank you to my family, Jay, Corbin, and Alene Eichmann, for their continuous and relentless support. Nine years ago, they convinced me, "This job is perfect for you"; they were right! Some describe me as "pleasantly persistent" and that I never give up doing what is best for my students. Thank you to those who never gave up on me: Tony Sanchez, Pamela Hoffhous, and Carisa

Cordova. Thank you for partnering with me to build students' futures. Thank you to Janet Sloan and the entire ROP/CTE team for continued inspiration and guidance. Thank you to all my fellow CUSD teachers and administrators who never give up on doing what is best for students. We are growing the next generation of healthcare providers, which means we must do more, set the bar higher, expect more, and never stop doing what is right for students.

## Christine Kubeck

6th Grade Teacher, Sun Empire Elementary  
Kerman Unified School District  
Robert Frausto

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What an honor it has been to be recognized as a finalist for Teacher of the Year! Thank you so very much to FCSS and EECU for this recognition. Kerman Unified is an amazing district and I want to thank our district and school leadership for allowing me to be the professional I am so that I can properly serve and meet the needs of my students. I am so appreciative of my Sun Empire Elementary family who have challenged and supported me in my growth so much over the years. Thank you to my husband Ryan for encouraging me in my passion for my students' growth and learning. My students are my inspiration and joy. I am so grateful!





## Joshua Woods

Teacher, Kingsburg High School  
Kingsburg Joint Union High School District  
Don Shoemaker

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It's an honor to be recognized as a finalist for Teacher of the Year. Thank you to FCSS and EECU for recognizing educators doing great work around the valley. Thank you to my administrators, who empowered me to start and build my Computer Science program at Kingsburg High School. I'm thankful for the support given to me by my fellow teachers and staff, who continually inspire me with the great work they're doing for our school. Thank you to my students for your enthusiasm and creativity, which makes my job so enjoyable. And to my wife, Erin, and sons Armen and Elias, I am grateful for the pride you have in my work. That means the most to me.

# 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



**Michael Afu**  
Parlier Unified School District  
Dr. Altgracia Guerrero



**Regina Arieas**  
Riverdale Joint Unified School District  
Jeff Percell



**Jessica Galvan**  
Selma Unified School District  
Dr. Marilyn Shepherd



**Isabel Mayoral**  
Fresno Unified School District  
Dr. Robert Nelson



**Justin Mesloh**  
Sanger Unified School District  
Adela Madrigal Jones



**Teresa Ochoa**  
Mendota Unified School District  
Dr. Paul Lopez



**Jill Owens**  
Kingsburg Elementary  
Charter School District  
Dr. Wesley Sever





**Silvia Gutierrez**  
Fowler Unified School District  
Dr. Paul Marietti



**Karen Heinrichs**  
Office of the Fresno County  
Superintendent of Schools  
Jim A. Yovino



**Sadie Lee**  
Washington Unified School District  
Randy Morris



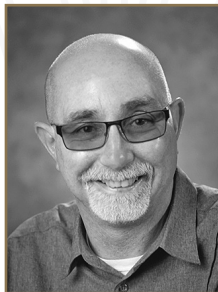
**Joyce Morales**  
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District  
Dr. Roy Mendiola



**Iman Obeid**  
Washington Colony Elementary  
School District  
Jesus Cruz



**Edith Solorio**  
Coalinga-Huron Unified School District  
Lori Villanueva



**Robert Workentine**  
Orange Center Elementary School District  
Terry Hirschfield

**Not Pictured**  
Carla Acosta (Gonzalez)  
Burrel Union Elementary

James Lyons  
Kings Canyon Unified

# Past Winners

	<b>TEACHERS</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATORS</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>
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 Amaranano 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 Magnuson 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
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

# Past Winners

	TEACHERS	ADMINISTRATORS	EMPLOYEES
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 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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