

FRESNO COUNTY
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
AWARDS



OCTOBER 24, 2013

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Tonight's program is dedicated to

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"The Three Rs" bronze sculpture by
Clement Renzi
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MESSAGE TO EDUCATORS



Jim A. Yovino
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

Recognizing excellence in education is perhaps the best part of a superintendent's job. As your new superintendent of schools, I take pride in congratulating this year's nominees and finalists. You are truly life-changers, individuals who perform your daily duties with both passion and commitment. Our students see you as extended family because you are the unsung heroes, dream-makers, magicians and mentors shaping their lives and futures.

We are also deeply appreciative for the support and sponsorship of Educational Employees Credit Union, who, since 1991, have helped us pay tribute to the fine work being done in school districts throughout Fresno County. Their extraordinary partnership makes this evening possible.

And now, as we turn the spotlight onto our guests of honor, prepare to be inspired by Fresno County's finest.

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



Since 1991, EECU has proudly sponsored the Fresno County Educator of the Year Awards Program, which recognizes excellence in education. We salute past and present honorees and acknowledge their many achievements and contributions to education. 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.

PROGRAM

- Entertainment Bullard TALENT
under the direction of Randy Berger
- Masters of Ceremony Warren Armstrong and Graciela Moreno
ABC-30, Action News
- Greetings from the Superintendent Jim A. Yovino
Fresno County Office of Education
- 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
Salvador Cisneros
2012 Employee of the Year
- Administrator of the Year Award Presentation Jim A. Yovino
Elizabeth J. Dooley
Edward Gomes
2012 Administrator of the Year
- Barnett Award Presentation Jim A. Yovino
- Teacher of the Year Award Presentation Jim A. Yovino
Elizabeth J. Dooley
William Magnusson
2012 Teacher of the Year
- Closing Remarks Warren Armstrong and Graciela Moreno
ABC-30, Action News

Employee



Setha J. Nhim

Parent Trainer
Parent Services Center
Fresno County Office of Education • Jim A. Yovino

What an amazing honor to be a finalist for the Educator of the Year award. I would like to thank all of my colleagues in the Parent Services Center and Fresno County Office of Education, for nominating me. I want to thank my wife, Sopheaktra, my children and my parents for bringing me to America to realize my dream. I honestly want to thank my boss, Dr. Tou Herr, for his support and for allowing me to do what I love most - serving families and the community. Finally, thank you to the great people of FCOE and EECU for their incredible recognition. It's an honor just to be here amongst other great educators.

Edward G. Sepulveda

Special Education Bilingual Aide
Laton Unified • Dr. Larry Audet

I am extremely honored for being nominated Employee of the Year at Laton High School Fresno County. First and foremost I would like to thank my family, especially my lovely wife, Esperanza, for being supportive and understanding of the job that I do. I also would like to thank Mr. Reed, Principal of Laton High School, for trusting my ability and judgment to be a positive influence with students, parents, coworkers and others in the community. I am very happy to know that everyone at Laton High School has made every day a joyful and learning experience, through the support, and understanding they have shown me day in and day out. In conclusion I would like to mention a very special thanks and appreciation to Fresno County Office of Education and Educational Employees Credit Union for making this evening an unforgettable experience for all of us here present.

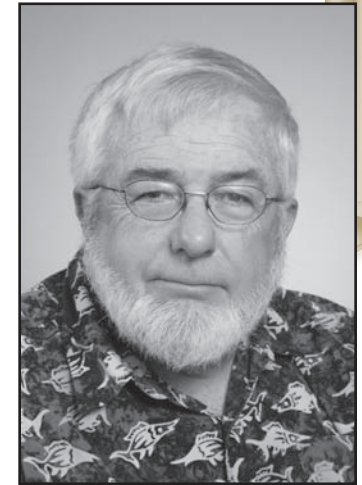


FINALISTS

Richard Wagner

Director of Maintenance
Fowler Unified • Eric Cederquist

It is an honor to be nominated for Fresno County Employee of the Year. It is an even greater honor to be named a finalist for the award. I want to thank my wonderful wife of 46 years, Linda and my two daughters Kris and Kim for sharing me with Fowler Unified all these many years. Thanks to the Fowler Administration for nominating me. Thank you to all the folks at FCOE and EECU for all their hard work in making all of this possible. Finally, thanks to all the classified Employees at Fowler and all over Fresno County who put in so many hours for all of our students at every school site.



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



Henry Barela
Parlier Unified
Gerardo Alvarez



Tamita Boyd
Washington Unified
John Pectorich



Suzan Hernandez
Kingsburg Elementary
Dr. Wesley Sever



Brady Jenkins
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
Russell Freitas



Gale Kent
Fresno Unified
Michael E. Hanson



Vicki Lacey
Sanger Unified
Matt Navo



Sheryl Lindquist
Monroe Elementary
Shelley Manser



LeaAnn Mattos
Burrel Union Elementary
Victor Villar



Aida Ramirez
Coalinga-Huron Unified
Roger B. Campbell



Jesus Reyes
Kerman Unified
Robert Frausto



Jose Sanchez
Clovis Unified
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JuDee Stagnoli
Central Unified
Michael A. Berg



Sylvia Urias
Selma Unified
Mark G. Sutton



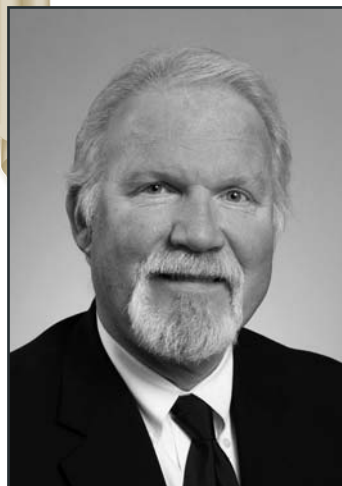
Miguel Vargas
Riverdale Unified
Pete Foragia



Patrice Woolhouse
Caruthers Unified
Orin Hirschkom



Administrator



Terry R. Anderson

Principal, Firebaugh High School
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified • Russell Freitas

It is a special honor to be named as a finalist by FCOE and EECU for the Administrator of the Year recognition. I have enjoyed my career in public education, both as a teacher and as an administrator. My career could not have been possible without the support of my wife, Debby, and our five children. God has placed me where he wants me to be and I have been blessed to be living and working in Firebaugh! I have a wonderful staff at Firebaugh High School, a very supportive district office with Mr. Russell Freitas at the helm, and a Board of Trustees that is outstanding in its quest to achieve our district's vision. A special thanks goes to FCOE and EECU for honoring all of the employees who do so much for the kids of Fresno County.

Marcus P. Johnson

Superintendent (Retired)
Sanger Unified • Matt Navo

It is truly an honor to be among the finalists for the Administrator of the Year 2013. I would like to thank my wife, Penni; my children, my daughter, Alyssa, and her husband, Doug; my son, Mikael, and his wife, Erin; and my daughter, Ashlea; as well as my grandchildren Derek, Ryan, Aubrey, Ashlyn, and "The April?" for making me a life long learner! You have all taught me so much! To "my kids"- those students who shared the learning journey with me during my time in the classroom at American Union-know that you will forever be held in my heart. And to my Sanger Unified family, who shared the most incredible journey of my career with me-remember we are where we are because of who we are! Every Child, Every Day, Whatever It Takes!



FINALISTS

Jefferson C. Moore

Principal, Riverdale High School
Riverdale Unified School District • Pete Faragia

I am honored to represent Riverdale Joint Unified School District and Riverdale High with this nomination. I share this honor with the dedicated and passionate staff at Riverdale High that continually provides a positive culture of encouragement and high expectations for our students. I am indebted to my colleagues in Riverdale Unified and the leadership of Pete Faragia for the collective culture that all children can learn. I want to thank my wife, Debbie, and our two sons for their support and patience in the journey of my educational pursuits. I want to thank the Educational Employees Credit Union and the Fresno County Office of Education for honoring all the outstanding educators of the valley and the phenomenal work they do.



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
Gerardo Alvarez



Sandra Aguilera
Selma Unified
Mark G. Sutton



Roxanne Braswell
Clovis Unified
Dr. Janet Young



Caroline Carlson
Coalinga-Huron Unified
Roger B. Campbell



Matthew Kinnunen
Golden Plains Unified
Jesus Cruz



Kimberly Lewis
Fresno Unified
Michael E. Hanson



Robert Perez
Central Unified
Michael A. Berg



Pamela Sellick
Kerman Unified
Robert Frausto



Sophia Rizzo
Washington Unified
John Pectorich



Renee Welch
Fresno County Office of Education
Jim A. Yovino



Ruth White
Kings Canyon Unified
Juan Garza



Lori Willson
Kingsburg Elementary
Dr. Wesley Sever



Teacher



Debi Foth

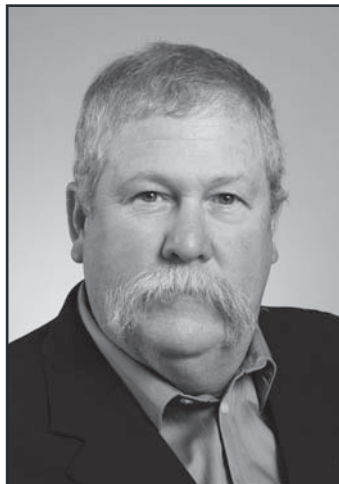
Fourth Grade Teacher, Liberty Elementary
Fresno Unified • Robert Frausto

I am honored to have been nominated by my colleagues at Liberty Elementary School and then chosen by Kerman Unified to represent teachers everywhere. I would like to thank FCOE for offering this opportunity to recognize all of us. Thanks to Kerman Unified, Nancy Newsome, Pam Millspaugh, and Melissa Andresen for their encouragement over the years as we've worked through the many challenges facing education today. My focus has always been on the students and what keeps them motivated to succeed. I constantly ask, "Is this good for kids?" Also, special thanks to my husband, Scott, my own children—Sara, Toshia, and Nadia, and also my foster son, Juan Gonzales, for encouraging me to focus on my students' needs, sometimes in lieu of their own needs. And finally, to all my present and past students—it is because of you that this profession is so rewarding.

Roy Swift

Ag Teacher, Selma High School
Selma Unified • Mark G. Sutton

I am extremely honored for the nomination from Selma Unified School District. I would like to thank and acknowledge Mr. Sutton, the District administration/Board of Education, Mr. Babiarz and the High School administration/teachers for being supporters of the Agriculture program. I would like to thank the Ag staff that has been there to support the Ag students and me for all of these years, especially John Bell for 19 years. I would also like to thank the area of Selma and their students and now the second generation, it has been a pleasure. I would like to thank the FCOE and EECU for this opportunity for us to have this acknowledgement. Finally I would like to give a special thanks to my wife, Teresa and family for putting up with all of the long hours and lost weekends.



FINALISTS

Taryn L. Whitaker

Fourth Grade Teacher, Malaga Elementary
Fowler Unified • Eric Cederquist

Gratitude, honored, humbled, and thrilled only begin to describe my feelings for being chosen Teacher of the Year in Fowler Unified and nominated finalist for Fresno County. Thank you FCOE and EECU for making everything possible and highlighting the majestic things that are happening every day in our classrooms. My school family is the reason I have become the teacher I am. Thank you for the blood, sweat, and tears we have together poured into our loved profession and for always pushing me to grow to be better. A profound amount of gratitude goes to my family for always supporting me no matter what. And to my daughter, you fill my heart with the treasure of your love.



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



Nancy Aceves
Mendota Unified
Mike Crass



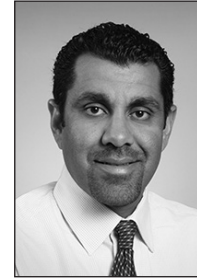
Jeanette Coburn
Clovis Unified
Dr. Janet Young



Rick Cooper
Monroe Elementary
Shelley Manser



Heidi East
Kingsburg Elementary
Dr. Wesley Sever



Baljit Gill
Caruthers Unified
Orin Hirschhorn



Daniel Gomez
Fresno Unified
Michael E. Hansen



John Hetherington
Washington Unified
John Pestorich



Leland Hull
Kings Canyon Unified
Juan Garza



Valerie Huntington
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
Russell Freitas



Gaylen Langel
Clay Joint Elementary
Brenda Sylvia



Aimee Nelson
Burrel Union Elementary
Victor Villar



Peggy Nemeth
Riverdale Unified
Pete Faraglia



Sophie Phin-Rizo
Coalinga-Huron Unified
Roger B. Campbell



Delia Ramirez
Sanger Unified
Matt Navo



Leonard Ramirez
Fresno County Office of Education
Jim A. Yovino



Rene Rodriguez
Parlier Unified
Gerardo Alvarez



Elizabeth VanderVelde
Kingsburg Joint Union High
Randy Morris



Janet Wile
Central Unified
Michael A. Berg



Teacher

NOMINEES

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for their outstanding contributions to the field of education.*



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PAST WINNERS

Teachers

2012	William Magnusson Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified	1995	Laura Allen Washington Union High
2011	Jill Delano Sanger Unified	1994	Pauline Sahakian Clovis Unified
2010	Peggy Foletta Kingsburg Jt. Union High School	1993	Glenn McFall Selma Unified
2009	Kent Hammons Fresno County Office of Education	1992	Julia Hollenbeck Clovis Unified
2008	Neriada Barba Kerman Unified	1991	Robert Bullwinkel Fresno Unified
2007	Donna Vincenti Sanger Unified	1990	Mario Guerrero Selma Unified
2006	Angela Ballew Sanger Unified	1989	Lee Skidmore Clovis Unified
2005	Bill Feaver Fresno County Office of Education	1988	Elizabeth Sullivan Pine Ridge Elementary
2004	Carol Stone Kingsburg Elementary	1987	Sherla A. Cox Clovis Unified
2003	Karen vonFelten Fresno County Office of Education	1986	Lyn Swanson-Natsues Kerman Unified
2002	Karin Larka Fresno Unified	1985	John Panzak Kings Canyon Unified
2001	Gary Nelson Central Unified	1984	Finian John McGinn Fresno Unified
2000	Diana Decker Central Unified	1983	Kathy Soligian Mesple Central Unified
1999	Gina Gravatt Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified	1982	Valerie Welk Clovis Unified
1998	Linda Coleman Fresno Unified	1981	Carl Gong Sanger Unified Helen Hoyt Parlier Unified
1997	Anthony Ayerza Kerman Unified	1980	Verna Benzler Clovis Unified
1996	Stephen Bock Selma Unified		



PAST WINNERS

Administrators

2012	Edward Gomes Fresno Unified	1997	Alfred Sanchez Mendota Unified
2011	Norm Anderson Clovis Unified	1996	John Marinovich Fresno Unified
2010	Tim Lopez Sanger Unified	1995	Terry Simerly Fresno Unified
2009	Rosario Sanchez Fresno Unified	1994	Linda Hauser Clovis Unified
2008	Victoria Armstrong Selma Unified	1993	Diane Parrish Fresno Unified
2007	Samuel M. Hines Fresno Unified	1992	Gary Kinsey Firebaugh-Las Deltas 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		



PAST WINNERS

Employees

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 Office of Education
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		
1999	Christine M. Lopez Sanger Unified		
1998	Barbara McColm Fowler Unified		
1997	Cheryl Craddock Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified		



SPECIAL THANKS

2013 Selection Committee

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Salvador Cisneros Jr.	William Magnusson	Carol Stone
Edward Gomes	Shannon Monis-Koontz	Donna Vincenti

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Entertainment

Bullard TALENT

under the direction of Randy Berger

Fowler High School Jazz Band
under the direction of Darryl Harmon

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