

# CUSD Employees of the Year - Past Recipients

## Fresno County 1981 Employee of the Year

**Teacher**  
Verna Benzlar  
(County Winner)

## Fresno County 1983 Employee of the Year

**Teacher**  
Valerie Welk  
(County Winner)

## Fresno County 1988 Employee of the Year

**Teacher**  
Sherla A. Cox  
(County Winner)

## Fresno County 1990 Employee of the Year

**Teacher**  
Lee Skidmore  
(County Winner)

## Fresno County 1991 Employees of the Year

**Teacher**  
Daniel Masterson  
(County Finalist)

**Classified Employee**  
Gilbert Garachana  
(County Nominee)

## Clovis Unified School District \*1992 Employees of the Year

**Teacher**  
Julia Hollenbeck  
(County Winner)

**Classified Employee**  
Maggie Espinoza

**Volunteer**  
Charlotte Avedikian

**Management**  
Vince Montoya

## Clovis Unified School District 1993 Employees of the Year

**Teacher**  
Barbara Aston

**Classified Employee**  
Frances Watanabe

**Certificated Management**  
Jack Bohan

**Volunteer**  
Christine Vecchio

**Classified Management**  
Ed Patterson

## Clovis Unified School District 1994 Employees of the Year

**Teacher**  
Pauline Sahakian  
(County Winner)

**Classified Employee**  
Jeanette Navarro  
(County Nominee)

**Certificated Management**  
Linda Hauser  
(County Winner)

**Volunteer**  
Dr. Jay Karsevar

**Classified Management**  
William Schneider

## Clovis Unified School District 1995 Employees of the Year

**Teacher**  
Mabel Franks  
(County Finalist)

**Classified Employee**  
Dollie Padjan

**Certificated Management**  
Dr. Sue Van Doren  
(County Finalist)

**Volunteer**  
Marilyn Wilburn

**Classified Management**  
Barbara Heavner  
(County Finalist)

## Clovis Unified School District 1996 Employees of the Year

**Teacher**  
Diana Herrington  
Mary Noga  
Claudia Hooten  
Kristi McNeal  
Harold Woods  
(County Nominee)

**Classified Employee**  
Christine Buckle  
Carol Dogey  
Nilia John  
Roger Krueger  
Brandon Yang

**Classified Management**  
Robert Acosta  
Jeanie Cabezut  
Judy McCurry  
Keith Mohler  
Sharon Molsenbocker

## Clovis Unified School District 1996 Employees of the Year (Continued)

### **Certificated Management**

Dr. Terry Allen  
Dr. James Fugman  
Patty Kruger  
Dr. Jean Stovall  
Ginger Thomas  
(County Finalist)

### **Volunteer**

Tracy Chin  
Sonnie Fox  
Patti Miyake  
Debbie Nicoletti  
Martha Philipp

## Clovis Unified School District 1997 Employees of the Year

### **Teacher: Preschool - Grade 6**

Carolyn Barrett  
Becky Maldonado  
Dan Masterson  
Gayle Peck  
Brenda Smith

### **Teacher: Grade 7-12 Continuation or Adult**

Mary Higbee  
Raylene Paustian  
Mike Reece  
Jeff Suglian  
Nancy Mealer

### **Classified Employee**

Monica Brewer  
Betty Hartfield  
Charles Henson  
Anita Hudson  
Roseann Reyes

### **Classified Management** (Classified Management, Office Manager, or Confidential Employee)

Ed Aoki  
Charles DeMoss  
Joanie Foster  
Linda Ladd  
Irene Romero

### **Certificated Management**

Becky Bartsch  
Dr. Virginia Boris  
Ann Lindsey  
Rich Smith  
Steve Weil

### **Volunteer**

Duane Barker  
Jean Denning  
Michelle Kendall  
Carol Parks  
Nessie Williams

\* 1992 was the first year that the Clovis Unified School District conducted its own employee recognition program in addition to participating in the Fresno County Educator of the Year program.

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**Teacher:**  
**Preschool - Grade 6**  
Joan Barone  
Clyda Dehn  
Patty Lennon  
Jill Peterson  
Karen Ramsey

**Teacher:**  
**Grades 7 - 12, Continuation, or Adult**  
Laurie Hayes  
Ann Howell  
Michael Olenchak  
Charlotte Riesenman  
Daniel Zanutto

**Classified Employees**  
Betty DeRoo  
Ruth Garcia  
Carmen Garza  
Charles Giovannoni  
Joe Mendoza

**Classified Management, Office Supervisor, or Confidential Employee**  
John H. Conley  
Guadalupe (Lupe) Gonzales  
Carolyn Hoffman  
Bettie Ward  
Kimberly Welter

**Certificated Management**  
Dave Bens  
Janice Davis  
C. Wayne Dunworth  
Jeff Eben  
(County Winner)  
Sylvia Gamble  
Chuck Philips

**Volunteer**  
James Countois  
(County Winner)  
Darlene Hanson  
Gertrude Mathewson  
Rick Nitschke  
Richard Scholz

**Guardian of the Year 1998**  
William S. Smittcamp

**Director of the Year 1998**  
John Wallace

## Clovis Unified School District 1999 Employees of the Year

**Teacher:**  
**Preschool - Grade 6**  
Valerie Casado  
Susan Engle  
Suzi Erickson  
Janette Gil  
Barry Jager

**Teacher:**  
**Grades 7 - 12, Continuation, or Adult**  
James Esquivel  
(County Nominee)  
Charlotte Geesey  
Barbara Hansen  
Shawnah VanGronigen  
Vance Walberg

**Classified Employees**  
Kathleen Adolph  
Carol Bargas  
Carol Lewis  
Thoua Thao  
Jennifer Vantassel

**Classified Management, Office Supervisor, or Confidential Employee**  
Mary Belemjian  
Cathy Morse  
Tyrone Portee  
(County Nominee)  
Ruth Reisz  
Sandra Sanchez

**Certificated Management**  
Walter Byrd  
(County Finalist)  
Lola Gasperetti  
Isabel Herrera-Facio  
Carlo Prandini  
Carl Tomlinson

**Volunteer**  
Rhonda Castillo  
Douglas Edwards  
Sue Hirata  
Kristi Jenkins  
CiCi Lee

**Guardian of the Year 1999**  
Ralph & Elaine Lynn

**Director of the Year 1999**  
Pete Wallace

## Clovis Unified School District 2000 Employees of the Year

**Teacher:**  
**Preschool - Grade 6**  
Antonina Cardinalli  
Gary Cohagan  
(County Finalist)  
Sharon Moore  
Cyndi Steele  
Valerie Welk

**Teacher:**  
**Grades 7 - 12, Continuation, or Adult**  
Paul Lake  
Mark Lanford  
Kristen Oliveira  
Randi Steele  
Kathleen Thornburg

**Classified Employees**  
Karin Jackson  
Ana Aguayo Macias  
Jaavier Meza  
Aida Nalbandian  
Alberta Rocha  
(County Nominee)

**Classified Management, Office Supervisor, or Confidential Employee**  
Karen Collins  
Floyd "Bud" Hettenhouser  
Barbara Jeffery  
Robert Sahchez  
Craig Woodard

**Certificated Management**  
John Ballinger  
Rene Errotabere  
Joe Faria  
(County Winner)  
Gary Giannoni  
Rick Gold

**Volunteer**  
Steve McCall  
Deborah Riordan  
Veronica Smith  
Constante "Tante" Tacata  
Paula Watney

**Guardian of the Year 2000**  
Patrick and Vinci Ricchiuti

**Director of the Year 2000**  
Gary Warner