



Fresno County... Do you know an exceptionally skilled and effective educator?

Nominate an outstanding educator for AMA E's 2026 Educator of the Year – Fresno Chapter!

Mission Statement

The mission of the Association of Mexican American Educators (AMA E), Inc., is to ensure equal access to financial resources for a quality education for Mexican American/Latino students at all levels, validate and affirm cultural and linguistic diversity, advise local/state boards, legislators, administrators, and faculty on educational and financial policy, work in partnership with parents and communities for the benefit of our students, and advocate for ongoing recruitment, retention, support, and development of Mexican American/Latino educators and all others committed to a top-quality education in the 21st Century for our students.

History of El Día del Maestro

Mexico has been celebrating El Día del Maestro (Day of the Teacher) every May 15th since 1918. According to Past State AMA E President Magdalena Mellen, in 1917, a group of students in San Luis Potosi began a tradition of honoring their favorite and oldest teacher, Sr. Isidro, on May 15, his birthday. As time passed, the tradition of recognizing teachers spread throughout Mexico. Here in California, the Day of the Teacher was entered into legislation at the request of the Association of Mexican American Educators.

Ms. Mellen states, "Día del Maestro is a day to honor and support the many individuals who accept the challenge of educating today's youth." In 1985, the California legislature declared May 11th as California's Day of the Teacher. AMA E, throughout the state of California, continues the tradition of celebrating the Día del Maestro.

AMA E will continue the tradition by honoring its winners at the:

AMA E's Día del Maestro Banquet

Date: Friday, May 15th, 2026
Time: 5:30 p.m. (No Host Bar)
Location: Clovis Veterans Memorial District
808 4th Street
Clovis, CA 93612

Cost: \$55.00 per person / \$440.00 per table of 8

* Tickets may be purchased by contacting **Lisa Delapena @ (559) 917-5224**

Mail nominations to the following by February 21st, 2026

**AMA E of Fresno,
Educator of the Year Committee
6708 N. Woodson Ave.
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**or e-mail nominations and or
questions to Armida Espinoza at
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