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

Nominate an outstanding educator for

AMAE's 2027 Educator of the Year – Fresno Chapter!

Mission Statement

The mission of the Association of Mexican American Educators (AMAE), 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 celebrated El Día del Maestro (Day of the Teacher) on May 15th since 1918. According to Past State AMAE President Magdalena Mellen, in 1917, a group of students in San Luis Potosí began a tradition of honoring their favorite and oldest teacher, Sr. Isidro, on May 15, his birthday. Over time, the tradition of recognizing teachers spread throughout Mexico. In California, the Association of Mexican American Educators introduced legislation to establish the Day of the Teacher.

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. AMAE continues the tradition of celebrating Día del Maestro throughout California.

AMAE will continue the tradition by honoring its winners at the:

AMAE's Día Del Maestro Banquet

Date: Friday, May 14th, 2027
Time: 5:30 p.m.
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 19th, 2027

AMAE of Fresno,
Educator of the Year Committee
6708 N. Woodson Ave.
Fresno, CA 93711

Or e-mail nominations and or questions to Armida Espinoza at
armiespinoza@hotmail.com
(559) 287-7238

Nominating Deadline: **February 19th, 2027**

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- A School Administrator or Educator completes the attached nomination application.

1. Nominees must meet the following criteria and work within the Fresno County area only:

    - Be a person who distinguishes themselves amongst the group and is an exceptional and effective educator or educational advocate
    - Must have promoted services to Hispanic/Latino students above and beyond the call of duty
    - Must have 3 years of experience in the field
    - Must be from one of the following fields:
        - Certificated teaching staff
        - Non-teaching certificated staff including administrators, nurses, counselors, and school psychologists, etc
        - Classified employed staff including liaison, paraprofessional (aide), library technician, nurse's aide, cafeteria staff, or custodial staff
        - Community Leader

Educators will be recognized from the following school levels: elementary, middle, and high school, as well as college/university level.

Include a complete application and a narrative statement supporting your nominee and include the four points below. A resume does not take the place of a narrative or biography.

- Criteria in item # 1 above
- Professional organizations/affiliations
- School/community-related extracurricular activities
- An autobiography including educational experiences

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