

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

Nominate an outstanding educator for AMAE's 2018 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 been celebrating El Día del Maestro (Day of the Teacher) every May 15th since 1918. According to Past State AMAE 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. AMAE, throughout the state of California, continues the tradition of celebrating the Día del Maestro.

This year, AMAE will continue the tradition by honoring its winners at the:

AMAE's Día del Maestro Banquet

Date: Friday, May 11th, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Golden Palace (across from the old Hacienda Motel)
2625 W. Vassar Ave.
Fresno, CA 93705
Cost: \$40.00 per person / \$400.00 per table of 10

* Tickets may be purchased by contacting Pat Gutierrez at (559) 696-0558 or
pat-gutierrez@sbcglobal.net

Mail Nominations to the following by March 16th, 2018

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

***Or E-MAIL
Nomination Applications and questions to
Armida Espinoza -
armiespinoza@hotmail.com***

Nominating Deadline March 16th, 2018
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Educator of the Year Criteria

 A School Administrator or Educator completes the attached nomination application.

1. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- 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 various school levels: elementary, middle, and high school, as well as college /university level

Attach a narrative statement supporting your nominee along with your contact information. The narrative should address:

- Criteria in item # 1 above
- Professional organizations/affiliations
- School community related extracurricular activities
- Educational experiences and background

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