

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Ninth Annual Educators of the Year Awards Ceremony Thursday, September 26, 2002 • Chinese Cultural Center, Visalia

Thursday evening, the Tulare County Office of Education will join the Chinese Cultural Center in honoring three individuals as part of the Ninth Annual Confucius' Birthday/ Educators of the Year Celebration. This year's honorees are Flora Welch, a first grade teacher from Roosevelt School, Tulare City Elementary District; Glen Zimmerman, a math teacher from Washington Middle School, Dinuba Unified District; and Doris Lowe, a business education teacher from Redwood High School of Visalia Unified District.

Flora Welch is a first grade teacher at Roosevelt School in Tulare. She started with Tulare City Schools in 1977 as the Communications Publications Technician at Lincoln School. In 1982, she earned her teaching credential from Fresno Pacific University. Welch taught kindergarten at Lincoln School for two years. Shortly thereafter, she left the school system in order to be a stay-at-home mom. Nine years later, Welch returned to teaching at Roosevelt School. She is currently in her seventh year of teaching first grade.

Glen Zimmerman is a mathematics teacher at Washington Intermediate School in Dinuba. Zimmerman is a graduate of Immanuel High School in Reedley and Fresno Pacific University. His first teaching experience

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was at Washington Union School in Easton where he taught sixth grade. Zimmerman is now in his 28th year of teaching Dinuba-area students. In addition to teaching math, he coached football for five years and has taught Physical Education and Journalism, where he supervised the school newspaper.

Doris Lowe has served Redwood High School for 25 years as a Business teacher. Born in San Francisco, she was educated in Madera and Atwater schools. After graduating from Atwater High School, Lowe enrolled at California State University, Fresno, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and also a Standard Secondary Education Teaching Credential and a Master's of Arts degree in Education. As a long-time advisor for the Redwood High Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) she has attended numerous state and national FBLA conferences. Under her leadership, the Redwood High Chapter has earned six first-place National Championships and several Central Section and California State Championships. In addition, Lowe has been an advisor for the Flag/Letterette/Rifle Team and served as a Mentor Teacher.

“This year’s honorees represent some of our finest elementary, middle and high school teachers. We are especially appreciative of the Chinese Cultural Center’s partnership with us in celebrating on of the world’s great teachers, Confucius, by honoring these modern day educators” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “This award ceremony is symbolic of our long-standing relationship with the Central California Chinese Cultural Center and is one of the most visible ways we recognize teachers from throughout Tulare County for their creativity, dedication and passion for teaching,”

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For more information on the Ninth Annual Educator's of the Year event, contact Public Information Officer Pamela Kunze at 733-6606.

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