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## **Excellence in Teaching and Career Achievement Awards Dinner Returns**

**The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools and the County Board of Education host event to honor outstanding educators in Tuolumne county**

April 27, 2022 - SONORA, CALIFORNIA

After two years of virtual celebrations, TCSOS and the County Board of Education hosted the annual Excellence in Teaching and Career Achievement Awards. Held Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at Teleli Golf Club, the event honored teachers from every school district in Tuolumne County. Each awardee has gained the respect and admiration of the education community for their dedication, enthusiasm, and professional standards and who, by their exemplary careers, have served as role models to students.

“We have hosted this event since 1979, and the last two years have been the most challenging in over 100 years of education. Thank you, teachers, for the dedication, compassion, and perseverance you have shown during these extraordinary times. Your students, parents, community, and colleagues are truly grateful.” said Superintendent Cathy Parker during the ceremony.

Along with honoring this year’s award recipients, TCSOS and the County Board of Education recognized winners from 2020 and 2021.

The recipient of the 2022 Career Achievement Award is Julie Chaffee. This award is given annually to a veteran teacher who has made a lifelong commitment to public education, students, and the community.

The 2022 Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients are:

Mahaila Ford - ATCAA-Head Start	Catherine Acly - Sierra Adult School
Chase Bulkin - Belleview Elementary	Kelli O’Brien - Sonora Elementary
Melissa Stegall - Big Oak Flat-Groveland	Will Sarkisian - Sonora High School
Shary Trent - Columbia Elementary	Danielle Riley - Soulsbyville Elementary
Kathy Kenna - Columbia College	Kevin Williams - Summerville Elementary
Tyler Vogel - Curtis Creek	Leah Gissler - Summerville High
Lisa Breaux - Gold Rush Charter	Bonnie Cozad - TCSOS
Loraine Lewis - Jamestown Elementary	Elisa Villa-Root - Twain Harte Elementary

Julie Chaffee - Career Achievement

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