



FCOE HONORS GALA



2025
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DR. MICHELE CANTWELL-COPHER

Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

The Foundation @ FCOE is excited to host the 13th annual FCOE Honors Gala, celebrating the lifetime contributions of four individuals who have left their imprint on education in Fresno County in the areas of Academics, Agriculture, Arts and Athletics.

As this legacy continues, we proudly announce the 2025 recipients – Award for Academics, Lupita Lomeli; Award for Agriculture, Mark Thompson; Award for Arts, Arthur Dyson; and Award for Athletics, Diego Quintana. These honorees will be recognized on the evening of Saturday, September 20, 2025, at one of education's most historic landmarks, the Old Administration Building at Fresno City College.

The Gala features a reception and silent auction followed by a multifaceted tribute program in the auditorium, and dinner under the stars in the beautiful courtyard.

The proceeds from the generous support of the Gala each year are instrumental in advancing exemplary programs, essential services, and special projects for Fresno County students. Through the support of partners who realize the value of education, the Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools continues to enhance the educational experiences of students by helping them develop their talents, interests and skills, preparing them for their bright futures.

We hope you will consider supporting this year's Gala. As a sponsor, you will demonstrate the value you place on public education as a shared community responsibility. An early commitment will offer you the optimum marketing exposure prior to the Gala. With your support, we will further bolster educational opportunities for Fresno County students! We encourage you to join us, along with the Foundation Board of Directors, as we present another inspiring evening designed to pay tribute to the 2025 Honorees and celebrate the community's impact in fostering educational opportunities for Fresno County students.

For more information about the FCOE Honors Gala visit www.fcoefoundation.org or call (559) 497-3770.



MARYELLEN GALVAN

Executive Director, The Foundation @ FCOE

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Foundation @ FCOE is to ensure students reach their full potential by supporting exemplary educational programs and services through a shared community responsibility.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$10,000

- Premium placement of logo on all Gala print materials and televised video.
- Ten complimentary cocktail tickets for the bar.
- Host a table of 10 for you and your guests in a prime location.
- Reserved seating in the auditorium for the tribute performance.
- Wine placed at your dinner table.
- VIP parking at the Gala.
- Welcome sign greeting guests at the venue with your company logo.
- Acknowledgment from the stage at the Gala.
- Recognition on the Foundation's Wall of Gratitude.*
- Logo recognition on table signage.
- Logo recognition on the Gala invitation and program.*
- Highlighted on the Gala web page with a direct link to your business website.
- Logo featured in social media outreach and E-mail announcements.
- Two copies of the 2025 Accolades Book.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE SPONSOR - \$7,000

- Host a table of 10 for you and your guests.
- Reserved seating in the auditorium for the tribute performance.
- Wine placed at your dinner table.
- VIP parking at the Gala.
- Welcome sign greeting guests at the venue with your company logo.
- Acknowledgment from the stage at the Gala.
- Recognition on the Foundation's Wall of Gratitude.
- Name recognition on table signage.
- Featured on the Gala invitation and program.*
- Highlighted on the Gala web page with a direct link to your business website.
- Included in social media outreach and E-mail announcements.
- One copy of the 2025 Accolades Book.
- Recognized in the closing video credits.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE SPONSOR - \$3,000

- Host a table of 10 for you and your guests.
- Reserved seating in the auditorium for the tribute performance.
- Wine placed at your dinner table.
- Name recognition on table signage.
- Featured on the Gala invitation and program.*
- Highlighted on the Gala web page with a direct link to your business website.
- Included in social media outreach and E-mail announcements.
- One copy of the 2025 Accolades Book.
- Recognized in the closing video credits.

CUM LAUDE SPONSOR - \$2,000

- Host a table of 10 for you and your guests.
- Wine placed at your dinner table.
- Name recognition on table signage.
- Featured on the Gala invitation and program.*
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FCOE HONORS GALA

AN EVENING HONORING THOSE WHO ENRICH EDUCATION
THROUGH ACADEMICS, AGRICULTURE, ARTS,
AND ATHLETICS

9.20.2025



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Social Hour with Cocktails | Silent Auction

Tribute Performance Garden | Dining | Elegant Cuisine

More event details available at www.fcoefoundation.org/gala

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ACADEMICS



Lupita Lomeli

Lupita Lomeli was born in the town of La Tinaja in the Mexican state of Jalisco. Ms. Lomeli immigrated with her family to the United States, settling in Westley, a city in western Stanislaus County. She began her career in broadcasting as an on-air talent for Spanish-language radio stations in the late 1970s at Radio KITA 102 FM in Modesto before moving on to stations in Stockton and ultimately Fresno, at KXEX. In 1993, she started hosting the Univision Fresno morning show *Despierta Valle Central* (Wake up Central Valley), which provides community services and education resources such as the annual FAFSA for students seeking financial aid for college. Ms. Lomeli organizes annual health fairs and helps coordinate La Feria de la Educación (The Education Fair) at California State University, Fresno. La Feria de la Educación empowers thousands of Spanish-speaking parents and students by providing them with the information and resources they need to succeed in California's educational system, pursue post-secondary education, and achieve their professional goals. She is a recipient of the Ohtli Award by the Mexican government, The Latino Spirit Award from the California Latino Legislative Caucus, and the Immigrant Resource Center's Immigrant American Hero Award.

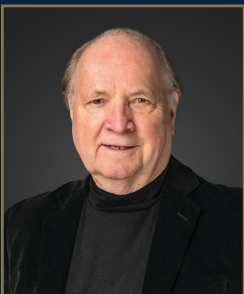
AGRICULTURE



Mark Thompson

Mark Thompson served for 50 years as a chattel appraiser at Fresno Madera Farm Credit Union, specializing in non-real estate assets. In 2016, he was nationally recognized through the *Farm Credit 100 Fresh Perspectives*, a program designed to identify and honor 100 leaders who are helping to shape the future of rural communities and agriculture. Mr. Thompson is dedicated to ensuring that Fresno County youth understand the importance and value of agriculture education by promoting the opportunities available in the agriculture sector. He is actively involved with the Fresno Farm Bureau, the Junior Livestock Auction Committee at the Big Fresno Fair, three committees at Reedley Community College, the Clovis Rodeo Association, the Fresno-Kings Cattlemen's Association, and the Champions Club. In 2015, he established the All-Around Ag Award, known as "The Toolbox Program," at the Big Fresno Fair. The program provides 4-H and FFA students ages 10 to 18 with a toolbox of tools. Additionally, Mr. Thompson initiated a healthy breakfast program for 2,000 students participating in the fair during its two-week run.

ARTS



Arthur Dyson

Arthur Dyson has practiced architecture and environmental design in Fresno since establishing his practice in 1969. Mr. Dyson studied Psychology at the University of Wisconsin, Philosophy at the University of Oklahoma, and Urban and Regional Planning at California State University, Fresno. He received a Master of Architecture degree at the San Francisco Institute of Architecture in Color Psychology. His architectural work has made a significant impact on local schools in Fresno and Clovis unified school districts, with designs for Gettysburg Elementary, Webster Elementary, the Temperance-Kutner Elementary Library, and University High School. Mr. Dyson is a founding member of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Committee, which collaborates with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools annual speech, art, and essay contests. He currently serves on the Advisory Boards of California State University, Fresno College of Arts and Humanities, Fresno City College School of Architecture, is Past-President of the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture Alumni Association, and Past-President of AIA San Joaquin.

ATHLETICS



Diego Quintana

Diego Quintana Sr. is a former freestyle state wrestling champion, a four-time Valley finalist, and a two-time state qualifier during his wrestling career at Selma and Clovis high schools. From 1983 to 1991, he served as the head coach for the Selma Freestyle Wrestling Club while still in high school. He was also the head assistant coach for Selma High School's wrestling team from 1984 to 1992, securing nine Sierra Sequoia Division II Valley Championships. In 1995, Mr. Quintana founded the Selma Youth Wrestling Club (SYWC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to youth development. The SYWC played a crucial role in keeping local youth out of gangs and off the streets, producing talented wrestlers who became part of the nationally recognized, Team Selma. He also coached at Abraham Lincoln Middle School, and in 2005 the team won the Junior High State Wrestling Title. In 2009, Mr. Quintana established the girls' wrestling program at Selma High School. Two years later, the program achieved a historic victory when Biri Mendoza won a gold medal at the first official CIF State Championship for girls. His impact continued with the junior high boys' team, which went on to win second place at the state level.



FCOE HONORS SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

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