

News Release

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East Side Union Inducts 23 New Members in District's Hall of Fame

On Friday, September 26, 2003 the East Side Union High School District will induct 23 alumni into its Hall of Fame. The honorees will join 49 members who were inducted in previous years.

Established in 1972 and named after the District's first superintendent, the Thomas Ryan Hall of Fame has as its dual purpose the reinforcement of respect for excellence and the expression of admiration for former East Side Union High School District students who have achieved notable success in the fields of public service, arts, science, athletics, business and the professions and education. Five induction ceremonies have been held over the past 30 years.

Former inductees include nationally renowned playwright **Luis Valdez**, pro-football player **Jim Plunkett**, college professors and published authors **Dr. Phillip Matsumura** and **Dr. Richard Ruiz**, Hollywood makeup artist **Verne Langdon**, Olympic track stars **Millard Hampton** and **Andre Phillips** and business owner **Clifford Swenson**.

This year's formal ceremony will induct the following alumni:

Mr. Jason Dahl, Andrew Hill; **Dr. John Chung**, Independence; **Major Robert Dotson**, Independence; **Dr. Anthony Smith**, Independence; **Mr. John Tuggle**, Independence; **Mr. Brian Adams**, James Lick; **Mr. Daniel Lloyd**, James Lick; **Mr. Jeff Ota**, James Lick; **Dr. Ray Gaeta**, Mt. Pleasant; **Ms. Silvia Martins**, Mt. Pleasant; **Ms. Denyse McGriff**, Mt. Pleasant; **Ms. Francisca Sanchez**, Mt. Pleasant; **Mr. Kenny Williams**, Mt. Pleasant; **Dr. Kristine Borrison**, Oak Grove; **Dr. Michael LaTour**, Oak Grove; **Captain Kim Campbell**, Piedmont Hills; **Ms. Rhonda McClinton-Brown**, Piedmont Hills; **Mr. Jerry Yang**, Piedmont Hills; **Officer Aaron Gilliland**, Santa Teresa; **Mr. Jose Picazo**, Silver Creek; **Mr. George Shirakawa**, Silver Creek; **Mr. Roy Avila**, W.C. Overfelt; and **Mr. Sandy Sandoval**, W.C. Overfelt.

"I'm pleased that we are honoring our alumni; they are an inspiration to all of us. The inductees are examples of how well our schools prepare students for success in many areas," said Superintendent **Esperanza Zendejas, Ed.D.**

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