

## News Release

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### East Side Union High School District Announces Teachers of the Year

**Superintendent Esperanza Zendejas** of the East Side Union High School District is pleased to announce that **Vicki Winsted** of Foothill High School and **Steve Barry** of Independence High School have been named as District Teachers of the Year. "We have so many outstanding and dedicated teachers. To select two winners from amongst the many deserving was a difficult decision, but these two teachers have achieved excellence through their dedication and hard work," stated **Superintendent Zendejas**. Also honored were 12 site Teachers of the Year and 12 site Classified Employees of the year.

**Vicki Winsted** is in her 21st year in the District. She founded and developed the CORE program that is designed to serve the toughest students. She also created the STAR program, which was designed to meet the needs of incoming freshmen that are considered to be at risk of dropping out. "**Vicki** is a vital force in the daily workings of Foothill," stated **David Delgado**, Principal of Foothill. After realizing that there was an extreme need for expert teachers to help "at-risk" high school students, **Vicki** chose to move to the continuation high school that encouraged alternative education for the students cast out of the comprehensive settings. She realized the most important part of education was taking care of the basic needs of the students that they don't, or can't, get at home.

**Steve Barry** is in his 33rd year in the District. He has been a teacher of sheltered and Bilingual Science. He successfully piloted a sheltered physics class at Independence High School that has been running for over ten years. "I love teaching, I've spent innumerable hours working with Vietnamese and Mexican community groups to promote their cultures," stated **Barry**. **Steve** has been a Vietnamese Club Advisor, department chair, Science Club Advisor and has been a teacher in residence at San Jose State University for two years. He has also found time to write a novel, *The Dancing Lion*, which he is publishing and will be out in July. It describes his experiences working with Vietnamese speakers.



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