



FCOE HONORS GALA



2024
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CELEBRATING 15 YEARS
THE FOUNDATION
@ FCOE



Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

The Foundation @ FCOE is excited to host the 12th 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 2024 recipients - Award for Academics, Steven Voon; Award for Agriculture, Marsha Vucovich; Award for Arts, Cynthia Merrill; and Award for Athletics, Maxie L. Parks. These honorees will be recognized on the evening of Saturday, September 21, 2024, 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 2024 Honorees and celebrate the community's impact in fostering educational opportunities for Fresno County students.

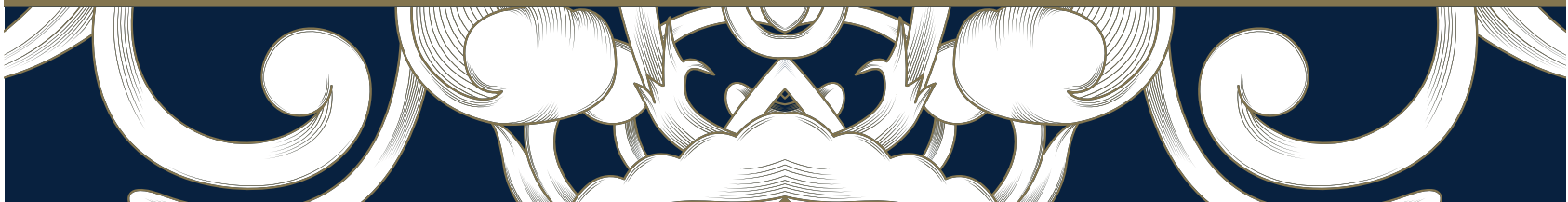
For more information about the FCOE Honors Gala visit www.fcoefoundation.org or call (559) 497-3770.



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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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.*
- Highlighted on the Gala web page with a direct link to your business website.
- Included in social media outreach and E-mail announcements.
- Recognized in the closing video credits.

*with commitment made prior to printing deadline





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ACADEMICS



Steven Voon

Steven Voon is the Executive Vice President of Tzu Chi Medical Foundation and the Executive Director of the organization's Mobile Clinic. Mr. Voon focuses on building a network of providers and volunteers to serve underserved populations through free clinic outreach events focusing on medical, dental, and vision health. He joined Tzu Chi in 2002 as a volunteer, and in 2009, he became a staff member managing a fleet of mobile clinics to reach the homeless and migrant farmworkers in the United States. In 2013, he started "Healthy Fresno," a collaboration with local community partners, health centers, and volunteers to provide healthcare services and further resources. In 2014, he worked with Fresno's community organizations to create See 2 Succeed, a vision program that offers free eye exams and free glasses to children in different school districts throughout the Central Valley. Alongside community partners and volunteers, Tzu Chi Fresno Mobile Clinic serves the community with heart and compassion. He has extended the vision program to New York, New Jersey, and Las Vegas schools.

AGRICULTURE



Marsha Vucovich

Marsha Vucovich is the Owner, President, and CEO of Fresno Equipment Company (FEC), established in 1961 by her father, Mark Vucovich. FEC's longstanding service to growers and producers extends beyond the business into Fresno County school districts. Ms. Vucovich's unwavering support for agriculture education has impacted Coalinga-Huron Unified and Riverdale Unified. Through FEC, Ms. Vucovich provides professional development for teachers that focuses on agriculture education. FEC has made employment opportunities a reality for several students from agriculture programs in Golden Plains Unified and Kerman Unified. FEC has been a strong partner of the annual Career Tech Expo coordinated by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. In 2017, Ms. Vucovich created the Fresno Equipment Company – Mark Vucovich Endowment, which provides scholarships to Fresno State students at the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.

ARTS



Cynthia Merrill

Cynthia Merrill, a distinguished educator and dance artist from Fresno, dedicated 36 years to leading The Cynthia Merrill School of Performing Arts. Ms. Merrill served as an instructor at California State University, Fresno, Extension Division, in creative dance, and at Fresno City College in modern dance and ballroom dance. She was honored and recognized by the Associated Student Government at Fresno City College as a "Teacher of Diligent Service and Dedication to Student Success." Ms. Merrill's work included a Migratory Resource Teacher for Clovis Unified and Demonstration Teacher for Fresno Unified, which showcased her dedication to enhancing arts education. Her work extended into public schools, where she developed dance curricula and arts programs for local schools. Renowned for teaching manners, and social skills and dance through cotillion, her influence has left a lasting impact on her students, enriching both their artistic talents and personal development.

ATHLETICS



Maxie L. Parks

Maxie L. Parks was born in Lee County, Arkansas. At the age of 10 years, he and his family moved to Fresno, where Mr. Parks attended West Fresno Elementary and Jr. High schools. It was at this time that he began to formally embrace his love for track and field and other sports. Mr. Parks is a 1970 graduate from Washington Union High School. While at Washington Union he participated in football, wrestling and track and field. Mr. Parks was All American twice while in high school and league champion in wrestling. His skills as a student-athlete propelled him to pursue higher education at Fresno City College followed by the University of California, Los Angeles. Mr. Parks is Chairman of the Board for the West Fresno Resource Center where in 2017, the community center was renamed in his honor. Today, the community center is a hub for youth through programs and services that have been implemented to improve outcomes for students and families in the community.



FCOE HONORS SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

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<i>Presenting Sponsor</i>	\$10,000
<i>Summa Cum Laude Sponsor</i>	\$7,000
<i>Magna Cum Laude Sponsor</i>	\$3,000
<i>Cum Laude Sponsor</i>	\$2,000

A commitment by July 1st ensures inclusion on printed materials.

INDIVIDUAL TICKET PURCHASE/OTHER CONTRIBUTION

Number of tickets _____ X \$150 \$1,500 table \$ _____

Other contribution \$ _____

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 IN CELEBRATING THE 2024 HONOREES.**

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FCOE HONORS GALA

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

9.21.2024



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Social Hour with Cocktails | Silent Auction
Tribute Performance Garden | Dining and Entertainment | Elegant Cuisine

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

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