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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Educators of the Year announced as part of the Chinese Cultural Center's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Confucius' Birthday Celebration

"Education breeds confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace." ~ Confucius

After a threeyear break, the Central California Chinese Cultural Center has partnered with the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) ain tohonor teachers through the Confucius' Birthday/Educators of the Year Awards.

Yesterday afternoon, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Tim Hire and Valaey, a member of the Chinese Cultural CenterBoard of Directors, urprised hree Tulare County teachers with the news that they had been selected as Educators of the Year

Chinese people around the world mark the occasion of Confucius' birthday in late September by recognizing exemplary teachers. Each year, members of the Chinese Cultural Center hold a dinner celebration at their facilities in Visalia to honor one elementary, one middle, and one high school teacher.

On Thursday, September 21, invited educators, family, and friends will celebrate three exemplary teachers at the 72th Annual Confucius' Birthday/Educators of the Year Awards.

"This year's winners are exceptional teachers who have a gift for engaging students in real world learning," said Hire. "The positive difference they make in the liv



The winners of the 202Bducators of the Year Awards are:

Renee Carson Sixth-Grade GATE Teacher Westfield Elementary School, Porterville Unified School District

A veteran educat with 31 years of teaching experience, Renee Carson is a griate GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) teacher at West fitted nentary School in Porterville. She is able to uniquely challenge her students each, or griving together with them to make sense of the content and have robust 1 - robusginan4Tr (e c2 0 Tc 0 Tw 16.41 ()0 Tc .41 c.6 (g)]T4v (r)3 (Be26 0 16 (ex)

