

INAUGURAL JUDGES' DINNER
FOR CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
CHAMPIONS IN COLLABORATION 2022

Florence Dick

Florence Dick is a member of the Dunlap Band of Mono Indians, an unacknowledged tribe, located in eastern Fresno County. She has represented her Indian people on local boards including the Fresno American Indian Council, the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, and Central Valley Indian Health Project. She also has served on the California Rural Indian Health Board and Inter-tribal Council of California. Currently, Florence is her tribe's representative for California Indian Manpower Consortium. In 1992, the Bureau of Indian Affairs selected Florence as the representative for the unacknowledged tribes of Central California for the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy. She is on the Dunlap Band of Mono tribal council and has been the ICWA representative since 2012.

Elaine Bethel-Fink

Judy (Elaine) Bethel-Fink is on Tribal Council for the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians and has served on the Council for over 20 years, most of the time as the Tribal Council Chairperson. The North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians is one of the largest tribes in California with over 2,300 people. Elaine has always been part of the Indian community and appreciates and recognizes that her knowledge and experiences came from the people and the influential women in her life. Her Grandma, Elizabeth Goode Bethel spoke both Mono and English and helped many of the people with legal matters as well as whatever else they needed her to talk with the "white man" about.

Ms. Bethel-Fink has served in tribal leadership positions for over a quarter of a century and received numerous awards and recognitions, including the coveted national WEWIN's (Women Empowering Women for Indigenous Nations) Warrior Women's Circle award in 2019 validating her commitment to Indian Country and local community.

Karen Wynn

Karen Wynn is a member of the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians, Tribal Elder, served on Tribal Council and Enrollment Committee. NICWA Certified, completed three advanced training sessions, 13 years ICWA experience. She served as a QEW in California, Idaho, Utah, Oklahoma, and Oregon. While with Tucson Unified School District, Director, Native American Studies Department, she served 2700 K-12 Indian students representing 87 Indian Country Tribes. She completed her PhD at the University of Arizona in Elementary Education and Teaching. She currently serves as the Executive Director of American Indian Education Consultants, Inc.

Karen was appointed by the Madera County Board of Supervisors to be a County Commissioner for the Madera First Five organization. Dr. Wynn has received numerous awards for service from various organizations, the most notable being The Martin Luther King Service Award, from the University of Arizona.

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