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County Teacher of the Year competition. Pictured here, last year's celebration dinner, during which two teachers, Shawna Hawes of Valley View Middle School of Pleasant Hill, and Gina Minder-Maldonado of Oakley Elementary School, in Concord were named the county's Teacher of the Year, on Sept. 22, 2016. (Courtesy Contra Costa Office of Education)

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Two winners will be chosen in late September to represent the county in the state Teacher of the Year competition. Held by the Contra Costa County Office of Education, the contest uses a three-part selection process, which includes a committee of 13 judges, that reviews applications of teachers nominated by school districts. From there, the finalists will be observed in the classroom and judged on five-minute speeches about their teaching philosophy.

The two winners then will be announced at the annual Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Dinner Celebration on Sept. 28 at the Hilton Concord, in which all 22 district Teacher of the Year winners will be honored.



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