

Yuba College Alumni of the Year Award - 2001
RIC TEAGARDEN
Yuba County Superintendent of Schools
Alumnus of the Year

Presentation at the May, 2001 graduation exercise of Yuba College, Marysville. Address given by Dr. Charles Clement, Yuba College Foundation President (Fall, 1999 to Fall, 2001).

Ric Teagarden is one of those rare individuals who has, throughout his already distinguished career, managed to maintain an unquenchable enthusiasm for any and all areas of community, civic, charitable and educational service. Our decision to award Ric with Yuba College's Alumni of the Year award adds merely another to a list of 59 awards and appointments that he has been granted in recognition of his contributions to education, aviation, and community service.

Ric has lived most of his life in the Yuba-Sutter area, having attended grade school at Browns Valley Elementary and having graduated from Marysville High School in 1967. From Marysville High, Ric enrolled directly in Yuba College where, from 1967 to 1969, he majored in pre-med and teacher education. Ric capped his educational experience by earning both his baccalaureate and masters degrees, with honors, from North Texas State University.

Neither, during the years of conflict in Southeast Asia, did Ric shy away from military service. During this era he graduated at the top of his aviation class and served as an active duty officer and pilot. He then continued in a reserve role until receiving his honorable discharge in 1990.

Ric's climb to the position of Superintendent was built upon distinguished teaching, leadership, and service to the community. From 1979 till 1994, Rick served progressively as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and director in the Marysville Joint Unified School District. In 1994, he ran for the position of Superintendent and has maintained his leadership there through several subsequent elections.

I cannot, in the short time allotted, begin to even summarize Ric's contributions of service to the Yuba-Sutter region. Currently he serves on boards for the Chamber of Commerce, United Way, a local Rotary Club and Friday Night Live. He is president of the Yuba-Feather River Sunrise Rotary Club and chair for the North Central Counties School-to-Career Consortium.

Ric is married to Eva, his wife of 32 years, and has two daughters, Heather and Michelle. They live in Browns Valley.

We are proud to introduce to you, Ric Teagarden, Yuba College's Alumni of the Year - 2001.