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Ray Farnsworth
Certificated Employee of the Year
Adult and Community Education

Ray Farnsworth was named the Adult and Community Education Certificated Employee of the Year by the Fremont Union High School District Board of Trustees at its meeting on May 2, 2017. Ray first began teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) at Adult and Community Education in 2001, and has now taught every level from Low Beginning to High Advanced.

Ray loves the feeling that, while a carefully crafted lesson plan is in place, a classroom truly is a “live show,” where any number of fascinating things can develop and transpire spontaneously. “I love that I get a chance to see my students’ confidence and abilities grow, and that I am entrusted to provide an environment where students can feel comfortable, make new friends and have fun every night in class,” said Ray. Ray feels very fortunate that he has the opportunity to teach people who share their appreciation nightly. He praises the administrative team at Adult Education for their unwavering support, enthusiasm, vision and positive energy, all of which inspire the teaching staff to strive to be better every day.

Ray was born in San Francisco, growing up nearby in the town of Broadmoor Village. He attended Westmoor High School in Daly City and went on to attend San Francisco State University, where he received his bachelor’s degree in English (Creative Writing). Ray went on to earn his Adult Teaching Credential from San Jose State University. Ray and his wife Cheryl have been married for fifteen years, calling Sunnyvale home since 1999. His hobbies include singing, ballroom dancing, writing, listening to music, socializing with friends, reading (particularly fiction and baseball history) and rooting for the San Francisco Giants.