

2018 Advisor of the Year Nomination

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This award is to recognize one Friday Night Live Chapter Advisor that has been an outstanding adult partner to the young people of FNL. This person should be a model for youth development principles and practices and should exemplify what it means to be a true partner and advocate for young people.

Tell us why this person deserves the Advisor of the Year Award: *

Eric Fong has been Friday Night Live advisor at Inderkum High School since the school first opened fourteen years ago. Throughout the years, he continues to demonstrate his dedication and support for FNL and his students. Eric always finds a way to balance all his activities and brings his experience, enthusiasm, commitment, and passion to all FNL meetings and events, despite him serving as advisor for a few other clubs on campus, athletic director and having teacher responsibilities. He regularly encourages students to stay involved in community projects and events and provides transportation to ensure they do not miss out on an opportunity. Eric has attended FNL countywide trainings with his students and have shared information with parents during school wide and countywide events.

Former leader Ashley Vinayak said “Mr. Fong taught me to step up to the plate and speak up about issues that matter to me. He has been there for me to support me and have given me a chance to prove myself as a leader. I am lucky to have had him as club advisor”. FNL leader Kristina Alonso also shared, “Mr. Fong pushed me and my fellow club members to take on new opportunities with the club. He has helped me realize the leadership qualities I have within myself”. FNL Co- Advisor Melissa May added “Eric Fong lives with his heart, character and commitment and brings out the best in all of us”.

Eric is intentional about providing meaningful learning opportunities and engaging youth as active leaders and resources in their school and community. He has played a key role in Inderkum’s FNL chapter receiving county honors for five straight years and being recognized as California’s “2017 Chapter of the Year”.

Eric is a true inspiration and great role model for his students. His selflessness and dedication to his students and FNL is commendable and it is why I believe he should be awarded as advisor of the year.