Maggie Chen is California's World Language Teacher of the Year, CLTA TOY 2020.

CLTA is proud and honored to announce that Maggie Chen is the new California Teacher of the Year for 2020. She will be representing California for the position of SWCOLT TOY at the SWCOLT/CLTA Annual Conference at Disneyland Resort February 2-4. The winner of that regional event will go on to represent the SWCOLT region at ACTFL in 2020.

Maggie Chen is a highly accomplished educator and lovely, warm human being. She currently teaches full-time IB Mandarin Chinese at Granada Hills Charter TK8 Program and is a member of the founding faculty there. She continues her work as LAUSD Language Consultant designing curricula for grades 6-9 intermediate Mandarin learners as well as providing support for LAUSD Mandarin teachers. Maggie still serves in her long-time position as Program Leader in the Mandarin Teacher Leadership Institute for all levels at UCLA Confucius Institute-Occidental College World Language Project Mandarin Teacher Leadership Institute. If that is not enough to take up her time, Maggie is Technology Strand Program Leader at the Occidental College World Language Project.

Having won multiple awards and scholarships, our new CLTA TOY has co-authored Chapter 1 in Career Technical Education course for Entrepreneurs, has been an Advisory Board Member for the book Modern Readers: College Series, has worked with and created multiple curricula, has taught Mandarin and ESL for many years, presents at conferences, has been a National Guest Teacher Advisor to the College Board Guest Teacher Summer Institute, contributed to the publication A Guide to Chinese Guest Teachers, and so much more.

Maggie was educated in Taiwan and Long Beach, earning her Single Subject Credential in Chinese, her M.A. in Communications, and her B.A. in Applied Foreign Languages.

Congratulations to our CLTA Teacher of the Year, 2020, Maggie Chen!