



Timothy David Chew Class of 2025

After graduating Magna Cum Laude from California State University, Chico, Tim experienced an illustrious 35-year career at Las Plumas High School (LPHS), 1982-2017. He taught US History, world and cultural geography, economics, and government, and in 1993 co-founded, with his colleague, the late Jim Shelby, the LPHS Mock Trial Team.

Some of Tim's many contributions to LPHS:

- Served as Head Coach of the LPHS Mock Trial Team for 24 years, winning numerous Butte County Championships, and competing at the California State Championships 12 times.
- Two of his Mock Trial students were recognized by the Constitutional Rights Foundation with Outstanding Achievement Awards.
- Served as Head Coach of the varsity baseball team for 15 seasons, with his number 42 jersey being retired at the end of his final season.
- Other coaching assignments were Head Coach of freshman football and varsity tennis, assistant coach of varsity football, varsity baseball, junior varsity football, and girls' junior varsity basketball.
- Served as Club Advisor MEChA, a student organization that promotes Chicano/Latino culture and social justice in schools across the nation.
- For three years, served as Activities Director and Associated Students Advisor as well as a Class Advisor, supporting students in a variety of capacities to promote campus culture and class involvement.
- Worked closely with 25 student teachers from Cal State University, Chico, serving as their mentor. Most went on to successful teaching careers.
- For several seasons, served as the "Voice of LPHS basketball", providing public address commentary at home games.

Tim was honored many times throughout his career, among them being named a Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year in 2014 and Adult Advocate of the Year in 2017, a prestigious annual award presented to one coach at the California State Mock Trial Awards Ceremony.

Aside from his extensive involvement at LPHS, Tim found time to give back to his community, coaching multiple seasons as a volunteer youth soccer coach and volunteering his time for many seasons to assist Joe Hottinger, who coached the Oroville American Legion Post 95 baseball team. This team was highly competitive for boys aged 19 and under and traveled to play games throughout the North State.

Outside of sports, Tim participated in Oroville's Perry Mason Days and was a cast member at the Oroville Community State Theater productions of "Miracle of 34th Street," "Oliver," and

“Beauty and the Beast.” In the late 1990s, Tim, his family, and 50-100 educators walked through the Canyon Highlands residential area singing Christmas Carols. The Oroville Mercury Register covered the event several times.

In 2016, Tim and his family established the Aja Alexandria Chew Memorial Scholarship in honor of their daughter, who passed away. She was a 2003 graduate of LPHS. The scholarship has been awarded to deserving female students since her passing.

Keyera Mackabee, former LPHS student and current J.D. candidate at McGeorge School of Law, wrote in her letter of support: *Mr. Chew recognized my skills for public speaking and knew that I would be able to nurture these skills in the Mock Trial Club. This speaks to his insight and investment in his students. Beyond the classroom, Mr. Chew has also been a source of guidance and support. He consistently demonstrated a genuine interest in the success and well-being of all students, and I felt that he truly cared about my growth both academically and personally. He had a profound impact on my life.*

Kathlyne Wallace, Patrol Sergeant for the Oroville Police Department, wrote in her letter of support: *Little did I know then (as an LPHS freshman) , but Mr. Chew would become an integral part of my high school career and beyond. Mr. Chew would become not only my teacher, but my confidant, my mentor, my Mock Trial coach, and ultimately my friend. If I could summarize all the hats he wore, I would say he was like a second father. I have known Mr. Chew for 15 years, but it feels like it has already been a lifetime.*

Darin Williams, longtime colleague at LPHS, wrote, *Mr. Chew’s legacy is defined by his tireless dedication to enriching the lives of students, promoting teamwork and discipline, and shaping young people into confident and capable individuals. His contributions make him a truly deserving candidate for this honor.*

Tim and his family make their home in Oroville.

