

JOHN FORENTI

John Forenti has worked as a teacher and educator since 1972. From 1987 to 1996, he was the lead teacher in the Tulare County Office of Education's community court schools for high school youth on probation and in 1989 was named Teacher of the Year. In 1998, the Association of California School Administrators chose him as the Central Office Administrator of the Year.

A 1994 Character Development Seminar graduate, Forenti has worked for CHARACTER COUNTS! in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Texas. From 1996 to 2005, he was the CC! coordinator for the Tulare County Office of Education.

In 1999, he earned a Pursuing Victory With Honor sports certification. The next year he earned one for Ethics in the Workplace. Since 1996, he's conducted seminars for more than 3,000 educators, parents, and community members in Tulare County.

An alumnus of Fresno State University, Forenti also graduated from the Dr. Kenneth Cooper Institute of Aerobics Research in Dallas, Texas, and is a certified fitness specialist. In 1987, he was named distance-running coach for Team California at the International Special Olympics and ran in the Boston Marathon.

He and his wife Barbara live in The Sea Ranch community in Northern California. Their daughter Angela is an assistant dean at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and they have two grandchildren Antonio and Mia.