

NIEA Elder of the Year

Joan Spade

Grove Indian Education tutor and cultural resource specialist Joan Spade was recently named the National Indian Education Association "Elder of the Year". Joan was selected for her outstanding accomplishments and her work with Native American students. Her expertise is teaching the Cherokee language and culture to students of the school district and also the Cherokee Nation.

The National Indian Education Association is an organization dedicated to promoting Native American education and achievement throughout the nation. Joan was nominated by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education. She currently serves as the OCIE Elder of the Year. Joan was honored at the NIEA national convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico in October.

She is very worthy of this recognition.

CONGRATULATION, JOAN! YOU MAKE US PROUD.