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## **Two Exemplary Educators Honored with Administrator of the Year Awards**

**Solano County, CA** – Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) proudly announces two employees have been named as recipients of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 4, Administrator of the Year awards. ACSA's Region 4 includes Mendocino, Lake, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and Solano Counties. SCOE administrators Dr. Valerie Garrett and Lisa Eckhoff have each been honored with ACSA Administrator of the Year awards. These awards recognize outstanding educational leaders who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, innovation, and commitment to serving students and communities.

Lisa Eckhoff has been honored with the ACSA Region 4 award in the Central Office category. Lisa's extensive experience and dedication have positioned her as a leader in educational services and administrative operations. As the Director of Early Learning for SCOE, Lisa has spearheaded countywide initiatives, including professional development workshops, collaborative networks, and data analysis efforts, aimed at enhancing the quality of early learning programs. Her tireless advocacy for student success and ethical leadership make her a true asset to the educational community.

"Lisa is an exemplary candidate for this award. She is very innovative and creative; always with a focus on improving student outcomes. In all my experiences with her, I have found her to be a true advocate for students and their needs," remarked Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Dr. Valerie Garrett has been recognized in the Continuation/Educational Options category for her exceptional leadership as the Director of Educational Options for SCOE. Serving students in juvenile court and community schools, Valerie has transformed the lives of countless individuals through her unwavering commitment to fostering inclusive environments and supporting students in realizing their full potential. Her advocacy for mental health supports, life skills development, and innovative educational programs, such as construction trades and STEAM labs, reflects her dedication to providing diverse pathways to success for all students.

"Valerie believes in the potential and promise of every student. Her tenacity and perseverance have led to the development of numerous programs that empower students and prepare them for future success," expressed Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Solano County Office of Education congratulates Lisa Eckhoff and Dr. Valerie Garrett on their well-deserved recognition as Administrator of the Year awardees. Their exemplary leadership and unwavering dedication make a positive difference for Solano families and serve as inspirations to educators throughout our region and beyond.

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Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) provides leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for charter schools and Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo school districts which serve approximately 60,300 students. Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Lisette Estrella-Henderson is elected by voters of Solano County. The Superintendent is a state constitutional officer who serves as the chief executive officer of SCOE and as a liaison between local school districts and the state.