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SCOE Honors Solano County's Early Childhood Educators of the Year

Solano County, CA – Last night, Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), in collaboration with the Solano Child Care Planning Council and local partners, hosted the 2025 Solano Early Childhood Educator of the Year reception. The event, held at Joseph A Nelson Community Center in Fairfield, brought together approximately 145 community members, educators and family members to celebrate exceptional early learning professionals who go above and beyond to nurture and educate young children across Solano County.

A total of 38 early educators were nominated by peers, families, and colleagues. Nominees included teachers, aides, paraeducators, food service staff, transportation providers, administrators, and family child care owners.

Six were selected as this year's awardees, each representing a key role in early learning:

Joti Takhar – Program Administrator
Cynthia Molinero – Special Education Teacher
Marissa Rubio – Preschool Teacher
Catalina Miramontes – Family Child Care Teacher
Amy Williams – Infant Toddler Teacher
Joan Parker – Program Support Staff

"Early learning educators lay the foundation for our youngest learners. They can spark a lifelong love of learning and help young minds grow with confidence and curiosity. Their work is creating a ripple effect, and their impact has the potential to change lives and will be felt for generations," remarked Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano County Superintendent of Schools.

Congratulations to these outstanding educators for their passion and impact. These professionals help build the social, emotional, and cognitive foundations that support future academic and personal success for students.

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