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## **Estrella-Henderson Receives UC Davis C-STEM Superintendent of the Year Award**

**DAVIS, CA-** Each year, the UC Davis Center for Integrated Computing and STEM Education selects one superintendent in California as the C-STEM Superintendent of the Year. Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette-Estrella-Henderson was presented with that distinguished honor today at [the 13th Annual UC Davis C-STEM Conference](#) at the UC Davis Conference Center.

The C-STEM Superintendent of the Year Award recognizes superintendents for their exemplary leadership in widespread implementation of C-STEM programs, providing students with opportunities to gain relevant knowledge and skills. Award recipients are selected by the C-STEM Awards Committee consisting of university faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students.

Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) has partnered for several years with the UC Davis C-STEM Center, (Computer Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) to engage students in learning math and science with hands-on coding, making, and robotics. Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette-Estrella-Henderson was named as the C-STEM Superintendent of the Year award recipient for leadership in supporting integrated computing and STEM education and for sustained support for implementation of C-STEM Girls in Robotics Leadership Camps (GIRL) in Solano County. SCOE's GIRL/GIRL+ Summer Camps are offered at no charge to local middle school and high school students.

When asked about the award, Estrella-Henderson said, "I'm honored. C-STEM is an important educational pathway, especially for girls. It breaks down barriers and empowers girls to excel and gain access to the STEM career fields. SCOE's C-STEM programs help students and educators foster innovation and diversity, expanding inclusivity in tech-driven industries. I'm grateful to all SCOE staff that have worked so hard to make this happen."

As the recipient of the Superintendent of the Year Award, Estrella-Henderson will be recognized by the State Superintendent of Public Education Tony Thurmond, Senator Bill Dodd, Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, UC Davis Chancellor Gary May, and C-STEM Center Director Harry Cheng.

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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.