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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2021-22 Arthur S. Marmaduke Award Winner**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the winner of the Arthur S. Marmaduke High School Counselor award. Each year, high school counselors are nominated by their peers, school faculty, and district/county administrators for outstanding leadership and service to their students.

The winner of the 2021-22 Marmaduke Award is Norma Murillo, from Orange Cove High School. Mrs. Murillo's nomination describes her passion, dedication, and care for the students and families she serves. She goes beyond the call of duty to empower every student to succeed. Her personalized approach ensures that families receive all the necessary information to help their students prepare for and pay for higher education.

Mrs. Murillo is a first-generation college student from Dinuba, California, a small rural community in the San Joaquin Valley. Mrs. Murillo earned her undergraduate degree in Business Administration and her master's degree in Counseling from Fresno State University.

She has served as a high school counselor for over ten years and is currently the lead counselor at Orange Cove High School. Mrs. Murillo is passionate and committed to helping students achieve their full potential. She is inspired daily by her parents, husband, and beautiful daughter and son. In her free time, Mrs. Murillo likes to paint and use her mother's old sewing machine to create fashion pieces for her children.

Mrs. Murillo was honored in a Zoom ceremony on May 24, 2022, where various family, friends, students, and community leaders were present. The presentation of Mrs. Murillo's award includes a California Legislative Resolution, a commemorative plaque, and \$1,500 cash prize sponsored by the Educational Credit Management Corporation.

For more information on the Marmaduke Award eligibility criteria and the nomination and selection processes, please [visit the Arthur S. Marmaduke Award page](#) on the Commission's website.

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