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Scholarship ceremony highlights community partnerships

The College of Education’s Fall Student Scholarship and Better Together Partnership Awards Reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at the Sacramento State Alumni Center. News10 Teacher of the Year Elizira Saffold, from Stockton’s August Elementary School, will be the keynote speaker.

The festivities will feature 53 students receiving 72 scholarships that total $103,150.

An additional 10 students will receive Noyce Scholarships, supported by the National Science Foundation, to encourage talented students to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) majors, and to encourage professionals to enter into the teaching profession and teach mathematics or science at the secondary level.

Each recipient receives upward of two years of scholarship with stipends of $10,000 per year and agrees to teach two years in a “high need” school district for each full year of support.

This year’s celebration also will honor an innovative local school, business leader and nonprofit that have contributed time, talents and resources to improve local public education. The Education Partnership Award will be presented to the Language Academy of Sacramento; the Business Partnership Award goes to Henry Wirz, CEO of SAFE Credit Union; and the Community Partnership awardee is WellSpace Health (formerly The Effort).

Twenty-four years ago, three faculty members and the presiding dean envisioned the potential for providing scholarships to credential and master’s degree candidates. Since then, hundreds of scholarship recipients, many of whom have forsaken outside employment, have been able to do field work in their respective academic disciplines. This has enabled future teachers, counselors, school psychologists and administrators to focus on their professions.

“The College of Education is very excited to be able to continue this tradition of honoring community groups, organizations and future educators” says Dean Vanessa
Sheared of the College of Education. "It is important to honor their good works which make such a positive impact on children and families in our community."

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