SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors
           Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2016-17 Marmaduke High School Counselor Award Deadline**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces that the deadline for the 2016-17 Arthur S. Marmaduke High School Counselor Award is approaching. All applications are due on February 1, 2017.

Each year, the Commission selects a high school counselor to receive this award in recognition of their exemplary work in helping students fulfill their dreams of attending college. Nominations can be submitted:

- By district and county administrators, school counselors, teachers, colleagues, principals, and other school site administrators.

- Electronically through the online nomination form.

We encourage that nominations be submitted for high school counselors who have been a counselor for at least 3 years and have been with their current school for 1 year, they exhibit outstanding counseling skills in motivating students to pursue higher education, and strong advocacy and use of financial aid tools available to support students.

2016-17 Marmaduke Award Timeline:

- February 1, 2017 – Application deadline

- February through March 2017 – Applications reviewed by Selection Committee

- April 2017 – Recipient selected & announced

- April/May 2017 – Award ceremony at recipient's school site

More information about this award, including detailed eligibility criteria and the 2016-17 nomination process, can be accessed at http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1425.

If you have any questions regarding this award please contact Krista Rindell at krista.rindell@csac.ca.gov or (916) 464-7912.

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