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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2018-19 Arthur S. Marmaduke Award Recipient**

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 2018-19 Marmaduke Award is Meagan Holmes, from West High School in Bakersfield. Mrs. Holmes outstanding accomplishments include the following:

- Implemented multiple Cash for College events over the past eight years.
- Contributed to doubling the number of students who were awarded Cal Grants at West High School.
- Initiated and implemented the idea of visiting West High School main feeder schools to inform incoming students about high school life, emphasizing how important classes are, and getting involved in school.
- Increased the number of students at West High School who have met the A-G requirements by 12 percent since she began visiting schools twelve years ago.

Mrs. Holmes was honored on May 29, 2019, with a commemorative plaque and \$1,500 cash prize, sponsored by the Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC). The award ceremony was attended by Shannon Grove, Senate Republican Leader of the 16th Senate District; Vince Fong, State Assembly member for the 34th Assembly District; Commissioners Juanita Doplemore and Alejandro Lomeli; the Commission's Executive Director, Marlene Garcia; West High School's President and KHUSD leadership, Terrie Bernadin; West High School's Vice Principal / nominator, Ryan Coleman; and ECMC Foundation's Communications Manager, Mai P. Tran.

For more information on the Marmaduke Award eligibility criteria, or the nomination and selection processes, please visit <http://www.csac.ca.gov/post/arthur-s-marmaduke-high-school-counselor-award>. New nominations for the 2019-20 Marmaduke Award will be accepted beginning October 2020.

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