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TO: High School Counselors High School Principals County and District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: 2019-20 Arthur Marmaduke High School Counselor Nominations

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces that nominations are now being accepted for the 2019-20 Arthur S. Marmaduke High School Counselor Award. The award was established in 1985 by the Commission to honor the late Arthur Marmaduke, who served as the Executive Director of the Commission for 25 years, for his dedication and commitment to helping students gain access to postsecondary education through the Commission's programs.

Each year, the Commission selects a deserving high school counselor to receive this prestigious award in recognition of their exemplary work in helping students fulfill their dreams of attending college. The award, which includes a plaque and a \$1,500 check will be announced in the Spring of 2020. Nominations can be submitted by:

• District and county administrators, school counselors, teachers, colleagues, principals, and other school site administrators through the <u>online nomination form</u>.

We encourage nominations for high school counselors who demonstrate the following:

- Minimum of 3 years as a high school counselor.
- Employed with their current school for a minimum of 1 year.
- Outstanding counseling skills in motivating students to pursue higher education and prepare for college.
- Involvement in financial aid and college events/activities.
- Quantifiable impact to FAFSA/CADAA completion rates over the past 3 years.

More information about this award, including detailed eligibility criteria and the nomination process can be accessed at <u>https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/arthur-s-marmaduke-high-school-counselor-award</u>.

If you have any questions regarding this award, please contact Susanne Cieri at <u>susanne.cieri@csac.ca.gov</u> or (916) 464-4314.

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