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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2019-20 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 2019-20 Marmaduke Award is Jorge Montijo, from Panorama High School. Mr. Montijo's outstanding accomplishments as College and Career Counselor include among others:

- Helped send the highest recorded rate of Panorama High School students to universities.
- Worked with other school staff, counselors and teachers to identify barriers keeping historically disenfranchised populations from accessing higher education opportunities.
- Set high standards for students and fostered a "college culture," including setting the expectation that every senior submits at least 1 college and financial aid application, regardless of their future plans.

Mr. Montijo was honored via a Zoom ceremony on October 2, 2020, where various family, friends, students and community leaders were present. The presentation of Mr. Montijo's award included a California Legislative resolution, a commemorative plaque, and \$1,500 cash prize sponsored by the Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC).

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>.

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