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Five California Educators Receive AVID Teacher Advocacy Awards
Award comes with \$10,000 Prize

SAN DIEGO –AVID Center is proud to announce the recipients of the prestigious AVID Teacher Advocacy Award. The Award was developed, with funding from an anonymous donor, to provide California AVID educators an award to enhance their work with their students. The funding is meant to support California AVID Elective teachers and site team teachers; improve AVID teaching; retain AVID teachers; share best practices and professional learning; and further the AVID mission. The award was presented to five AVID educators at AVID’s Summer Institute in Sacramento, CA, on July 9, 2014.

“These teachers typify AVID’s spirit and have become leaders in creating a college readiness for all culture on their campuses,” said AVID CEO Sandy Husk. “This award recognizes their effort and will allow them to continue to help more students achieve their dream of college success.”

The 2014 AVID Teacher Advocacy Award awardees are:

- Lucia Dorado, Woodrow Wilson High School, Los Angeles
- Chas Konopka, Los Molinos High School, Los Molinos
- Lori Steward, Linden High School, Linden
- Joanna Vandal, Tustin High School, Tustin
- Dr. Sergio Mora, Montclair High School, Montclair

Each educator will receive \$10,000 to enhance AVID implementation at their school through conference attendance, classroom equipment and materials (including technology and books), professional development and academic coaching.

"I have been a part of AVID for 20 years – first as a student, and now as a teacher," said Lucia Dorado. "I found my voice through AVID. It is an honor to win this award and I hope to help and inspire more students find their voice and pursue a college education."

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ABOUT AVID

AVID is a non-profit, proven college readiness system that closes the achievement gap. Today, AVID is implemented in approximately 4,900 schools in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 countries/territories and impacts more than 700,000 students in grades K–12 and in 41 postsecondary institutions. The AVID College Readiness System transforms a school’s academic culture to increase the number of students who enroll in four-year colleges and succeed in higher education and training.

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