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## **Five California Teachers Win \$10,000**

*Anonymous donor makes the AVID Teacher Advocacy Award possible*

Sacramento, California (July 6, 2016): AVID ([Advancement Via Individual Determination](#)), a nationally recognized nonprofit, will present the AVID Teacher Advocacy Award to five deserving California teachers next week in Sacramento. As a part of this honor, the winners will receive \$10,000 for AVID implementation and growth at their schools. The award and cash prize are made possible thanks to an anonymous donor.

### **2016 AVID Teacher Advocacy Award Winners**

- Allison Silva, Taylor Skills Elementary School K-8 School, Stockton Unified School District
- Anna Marie Clark, Roseville High School, Roseville Joint Union High School District
- Elizabeth Lowe, Bell Gardens High School, Montebello Unified School District
- Kristin Storey, R.J. Frank Intermediate, Oxnard School District
- Melissa Zermeno, Lodi Middle School, Lodi Unified School District

Award winners must demonstrate student advocacy, overcome challenges, and show leadership in supporting AVID's mission to help all students be college ready. These awardees were nominated by their colleagues, who had to write an essay describing what the nominee has done to help their students succeed on their path to college.

This year's winners will be recognized in front of almost 3,000 educators at the Sacramento Convention Center on July 12, at 4:00 p.m. as part of this year's AVID Summer Institute.

AVID CEO, Sandy Husk praised the winners' efforts, "Teacher Advocacy Award Winners go above and beyond to support their students and schools. I am happy that we are able to honor them thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor. These teachers are doing the work that will make college dreams a reality for countless California children."

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## **ABOUT AVID**

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a nonprofit, proven college-readiness system that closes the achievement gap. Today, AVID is implemented in over 5,600 schools in 44 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 other countries/territories and impacts almost 1.3 million students nationwide in grades K–12, as well as in 43 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. For more information, please visit [www.AVID.org](http://www.AVID.org).

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