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Solano County Office of Education Employee Earns C-STEM Honor

Fairfield, CA- Lilibeth Pinpin, Director of Innovative Programs and Student Success for Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) recently received the UC Davis C-STEM (Computing-Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Administrator of the Year award. The recognition was announced during the 10th Annual Conference on Integrated Computing and STEM Education.

The UC Davis Center for Integrated Computing and STEM Education recognizes a teacher, administrator, and superintendent for strong leadership in supporting integrated computing and STEM education implementation of C-STEM programs in their schools, districts, and countywide. The UC Davis C-STEM awards committee consisting of university faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students selected award recipients.

"Students of Solano County have greatly benefitted from Ms. Pinpin's many years of experience as well as her passion for all things related to STEM," stated Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. "We extend our gratitude to Ms. Pinpin for her dedication and commitment to ensuring STEM education is accessible to all students and congratulate her on her recognition!"

Pinpin's commitment to students is evident in her extensive STEM programming involvement, and her transformation of SCOE's STEM events into a virtual format amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual STEM events include the annual countywide Science and Engineering Fair for 3rd-12th graders, and the C-STEM Girls In Robotics Leadership (GIRL) camps. Additionally, Pinpin facilitates the Solano County STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Network, is a leader in the statewide Science Communities of Practice. She was influential in the development of online resources for Alternative Schools for the California County Educational Service Agencies (CCSESA). Pinpin was also recognized for her efforts in technology integration to collect, analyze, and use student data to improve instruction in SCOE's STEM programs.

In addition to the <u>UC Davis C-STEM award</u>, each recipient received a certificate of recognition from the California Department of Education and California State Legislature by a panel of distinguished guests.

Visit <u>https://scoe-ca.schoolloop.com/steam</u> of the SCOE website, to learn more about C-STEM programs in Solano County.

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Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) provides leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for charter schools and Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo school districts which serve approximately 63,000 students. Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Lisette Estrella-Henderson is elected by voters of Solano County. The Superintendent is a state constitutional officer who serves as the chief executive officer of SCOE and as a liaison between local school districts and the state.