

**EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
830 N. CAPITOL AVENUE – SAN JOSE, CA 95133**

News Release

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East Side Union High School District Teacher Receives National Award

Marilyn Bliss, Coordinator of the Medical Magnet Program at Andrew Hill High School oversees an extraordinary Medical Magnet Program with over 600 students in six career pathways. This program's primary outreach is to minority and low income students.

Marilyn developed the nation's first pre-college Nursing Academy as part of the Magnet Program which addresses the national nursing shortage by putting students through a rigorous three-year program based on college curriculum and starting in the sophomore year. The students receive hands-on nursing experience as part of their training.

The program has a 95% high school graduation rate. 95% of Magnet graduates go on to college and 57% pursue careers in healthcare or medicine. These are exceptional numbers in an economically challenged and multicultural community.

Marilyn was recognized at the August 25, 2005 Board Meeting for her contribution to the success of this program and for being chosen as a 2005 recipient of the Arthur H. White "Making a Difference" Award. This prestigious national award, with a 40 year history, recognizes individuals who serve as catalysts for change and put transformative solutions to work.

Marilyn is one of four who will receive the award at a reception held at the Willard Hotel in Washington, DC on Monday, September 19.

Congratulations Marilyn.

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