

## San Joaquin County Office of Education

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 015-008: Cortopassi Teaching Awards November 4, 2014 Contact: Jane Steinkamp, 468-9027

## NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2015 CORTOPASSI TEACHING AWARDS

Do you know of an outstanding math, science, and/or alternative education high school teacher? Would you like him or her to receive \$5,000, in addition to \$5,000 awarded to their school/department?

The Cortopassi Family Foundation is currently accepting nominations for its Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards in the areas of Mathematics, Science, and Alternative Education.

Awards will be given to two mathematics teachers and two science teachers who teach at a San Joaquin County public or charter high school. This award will recognize distinguished teachers who motivate students to excel, support students in their academic pursuits both in and outside of the classroom, provide leadership in curricular and co-curricular events, encourage students to pursue a career in mathematics and/or science.

One award will be given to a teacher in a non-comprehensive public or charter high school, specifically a school that serves to educate students who have been unsuccessful in the traditional school settings. The awardee will be a distinguished teacher who motivates at-risk students to give their personal best and who inspires students to continue their educations beyond a high school diploma.

Teachers may be nominated only by their current principals. The Nomination Forms and three Recommendation Forms should be submitted to the Cortopassi Family Foundation at 11292 N. Alpine Road, Stockton, CA 95212, ATTN: Carla Donaldson, or emailed to <u>cff.nominationpacket@aol.com</u>. The application deadline is 5:00 PM Friday, January 30, 2015.

Past winners are not eligible, but principals are encouraged to re-apply on behalf of previous nominees.

To download an application, visit <a href="http://sjcoe.org/newsDetails.aspx?ID=3837">http://sjcoe.org/newsDetails.aspx?ID=3837</a>

For questions concerning the nominations, please contact Carla Donaldson at 209-481-1054, or email <u>cff.nominationpacket@aol.com</u>