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Twin Rivers Educator Selected As Outstanding Teacher of America

McClellan, CA— Tiffany Shepherd, an English teacher at Grant Union High School, has been selected to receive one of five 2014 Carlston Family Foundation Outstanding Teachers of America Awards. Shepherd will receive a \$15,000 cash award and a grant of \$5,000 for her school. She is the second teacher from Grant Union High School who has received this prestigious award. Fellow English teacher Brooke Nicolls was honored in 2009.

Carlston Honorees are nominated by former students who are currently enrolled in or have graduated from a four year college or university. Students personally describe the reasons for the nomination, identifying characteristics of the teachers that make them more effective than others, specific teaching techniques that increase interest and motivation of students, and the exact life changing impact of the teacher on his/her life.

When interviewed during the nomination process, Shepherd said, "I make every effort to teach my students as I would expect teachers to treat my children. My purpose in life is to have my students leave me, regardless of their abilities, with a sense that no matter what they choose to do with their lives, they will know how to communicate well, whether in writing or speaking. I absolutely love what I do and cannot imagine ever doing anything else."

The Carlston Family Foundation will honor Shepherd at an awards ceremony on Nov. 2, 2014 at the Acqua Hotel in Mill Valley, CA.

Twin Rivers Unified School District serves approximately 28,000 preschool through adult education students in northern Sacramento County.

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