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Stanislaus County Head Start Hosts First Ever Head Start Attendance Awards for Children and Families Going to Kindergarten

Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) will hold its first ever “Head Start Attendance Awards” on **May 23, 2017** from **5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** at **The Century** (927 10th Street, Modesto). SCOE, along with eight partnering school districts and one non-profit organization served 1,602 children and their families countywide in the Head Start program during the 2016-2017 school year.

Twenty-three children, who will enter kindergarten at elementary schools throughout Stanislaus County, and their families will be recognized and awarded for achieving the most improved and highest attendance for the school year. Research shows that school attendance matters, as student achievement is negatively impacted by higher absenteeism rates. Good habits are developed in the early years with young children who attend a preschool program.

The Head Start Attendance Awards is supported by a grant from the Education Foundation of Stanislaus County; in addition to generous donations from The Century, Karissa Wright Productions, Greens, and Trophy Works.

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