

Bonner Center for Character Education and Citizenship

October 1, 2020

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students and Parents of Mickey Cox Elementary School,

I regret that our awards ceremony, originally scheduled for April 3, 2020, was canceled and that this award could not have been personally delivered.

But congratulations are due to you on receiving the Bonner Center's Virtues and Character Recognition Award for 2020. This award signifies that your school has exercised intentional judgment to

- (a) promote core ethical values as the basis of good character. Each winning school has agreed on the core ethical values it wishes to promote, and each has defined those values in terms of behaviors that can be observed.
- (b) foster a proactive, and comprehensive approach to its core values in all phases of school life. Each winning school ensures a clean and secure learning environment. Each promotes positive social development and group cohesion, and each promotes and models fairness, equity, caring and respect for others.
- (c) provide students with opportunities to contribute in meaningful ways to the school, to others and to the community.

On behalf of Fresno State's Kremen School of Education and Human Development and its Bonner Center for Character Education and Citizenship, we congratulate you for these efforts on behalf of your students and on behalf of our American society.

Sincerely,

Jacques Benninga, Ph.D.

Director