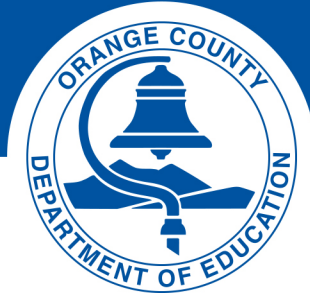


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OCSBA honors Draper Family Foundation with prestigious Maureen DiMarco Award

The foundation has supported educational programs in Orange County since 2001

COSTA MESA, Calif., OCT. 10, 2016 – The Orange County School Boards Association has presented this year’s Maureen DiMarco Award to the Draper Family Foundation. Dr. Ranney Blake Draper accepted the recognition on behalf of his father, Ranney E. Draper, during a special dinner event at the Irvine Marriott on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

The Maureen DiMarco Award recognizes exemplary and far-reaching leadership in addressing the broad needs of youth in Orange County. It was first presented in 1993 to recognize the contributions of Maureen DiMarco, who, in addition to being California’s first cabinet secretary for child development and education, served as president of the California School Boards Association and the Orange County School Boards Association.

Ranney E. Draper established the Draper Family Foundation in 2001 and later launched the Helping Kids Achieve Program. With a vision to make quality education in Orange County accessible to all students, the foundation supports and funds high quality educational programs that help disadvantaged youth reach their full academic potential.

Since the Draper Family Foundation’s inception, more than 40 organizations have received grants, benefitting tens of thousands of Orange County students. In addition, the Draper Family AVID Scholars program has provided four-year college scholarships to 95 low-income students from various high schools in the county. Ten new scholarships are awarded each year.

The foundation also donates to programs at UCI, Pomona College and the Ocean Institute in Dana Point, as well as other organizations that focus on human services, the arts and environmental issues in Orange County.

About the Orange County School Boards Association

OCSBA is a professional organization of local school boards and community college boards established to support public education and promote greater opportunities for students through consolidated action and the exchange of information. The association regularly addresses issues of mutual concern, provides updates on legislative activity, sponsors topical speakers and recognizes meritorious service on behalf of public education and Orange County youth.

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