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SCUSD high school to showcase award-winning civics program

<u>George Washington Carver School of Arts & Science is one of only 22</u> <u>high schools statewide to win Civic Learning Award</u>

May 28, 2013 (Sacramento) George Washington Carver School of Arts & Science will celebrate winning a statewide Ovic Learning Award on Wednesday with a showcase event featuring VIP speakers.

Carver is one of only 22 high schools in California to be honored for its civic learning programs. The Ovic Learning Awards are co-sponsored by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. Winners were selected by a panel of experts based on the depth and breadth of their civic learning courses, clubs and/or programs.

Carver will receive its Award of Merit from Superior Court Judge Stacy Boulware Eurie, who presides over

An innovative Waldorf-inspired small high school, Carver was recognized for three distinctive projects that further the learning of civics:

- The Poverty Project, a unit within the 12th grade economics curriculum that requires students to volunteer with an organization that helps people in poverty. Students are also required to interview someone affected by poverty and reflect on their service through artwork and writing.
- The ReThinking Technology Qub. Students worked to convert the engine of a standard Porsche 914 sports car into an electric engine. Members of the club bring the car to elementary and middle school STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) events and provide information for younger students on alternative energy sources.