



Feather River College Softball Coach Receives National Diversity Award

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Assistant Feather River College Softball Coach Marco Aragon recently received the Diversity Grant Award through the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA). This national award is given to one member coach who shows a commitment to working with minorities and growing the game of fastpitch softball in their community. Aragon is entering his sixth year as an FRC assistant coach and he will receive the award during the upcoming NFCA Convention in Chicago.

Aragon worked to develop comprehensive programs with local schools, community recreation organizations, and competitive softball travel programs. He strives to promote responsible social behavior, techniques for academic success, expansion of confidence in individual responsibilities, and foster an appreciation of personal health and fitness. The programs developed by Marco foster strong social bonds with individuals, organizations and schools.

“Marco Aragon is a true leader in the sport of softball,” stated Dr. Kevin Trutna, Feather River College Superintendent/President. “He is a quality individual who promotes a family atmosphere of trust and support, while helping athletes meet their educational goals. The positive impact he has had on the students is immeasurable.”

Additionally, Aragon travels to New Mexico to help underdeveloped and diverse populations and promote the sport of softball to all different backgrounds and cultures.

“Marco is the type of coach that is always willing to promote the game of softball and the inclusive family that comes with our wonderful sport,” said Feather River Head Coach Meredith Aragon. “If our sport is to continue to grow, there must be an opportunity introduced to youth and young adults regardless of culture and economic barriers.”

The camps and clinics in New Mexico and at Feather River College are specifically designed to reach out and include multiple ethnicities and economic backgrounds. Using a well-established network in the community to help increase the minority involvement, Aragon often gives free lessons, camps and clinics to children, young adults and parents. “Marco is a great asset to our community. His efforts allow students from all backgrounds to reach a goal of a college education,” added Dr. Trutna.

https://nfca.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7959:recipients-announced-for-2018-diversity-grant-and-mary-nutter-scholarship&catid=284&Itemid=149



About Feather River College

Feather River Community College District, located in Quincy, California, is a small, rural public community college offering courses in transfer programs, career and technical training, basic skills education and celebrates its 50th Anniversary during the 2018-19 academic year. In May 2018, FRC awarded California's first community college bachelor degree in Equine and Ranch Management as one of only 15 community colleges statewide authorized to offer a bachelor's degree. FRC offers small classes where students receive individual attention from faculty and staff in its location known as "the million acre classroom." Unique programs in equine studies, outdoor recreation leadership, fish and wildlife hatchery, and environmental studies enhance traditional transfer programs and technical training. Student dormitory housing is available. FRC boasts an accomplished athletic program with several men's and women's championship sports supported by the local community. The Board of Trustees recently adopted an ambitious plan ensuring that FRC is a leader in environmentally sustainable practices. Academically, FRC ranks at the top for transfer, graduation, and retention rates amongst small California community colleges. For further information, contact (530) 283-0202 or visit www.frc.edu.