Celebrating vision in education

SCVi charter school honors Jenny Williams and Marti Heinbaugh at annual fundraising benefit dinner

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Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School recently honored two women during its annual fundraising benefit dinner held at the Hyatt Regency in Valencia.

Marti Heinbaugh, vice president and regional manger at Mission Valley Bank, was presented with the Vision in Education Award by SCVi founders Amber Raskin and Dawn Evenson.

Santa Clarita Mayor Bob Kellar attended the event and led the flag salute.

“It takes a team effort today among all our school districts to help students succeed,” said Kellar.

Jenny Williams was presented with the Founder’s Vision Award by Evenson.

The award was established by Raskin and Evenson in 2011 to honor an individual who has influenced the growth and development of SCVi’s educational vision.

“Marti has been integral to our success,” said Raskin. “When we explained what we were trying to do she understood it right away, she saw the vision.”

Heinbaugh said she connected immediately with Raskin and Evenson.

“We saw their passion and what this school could represent,” she said.

The fundraising dinner also featured live and silent auctions and a spoken work presentation, “Excerpts on the Pulse of Morning” by Maya Angelou, by SCVi students.

A student video presentation about the school was also shown. Money raised from this year’s event is slated to benefit the school’s science program.

SCVi Charter School, founded in 2008, now serves 800 students.

The school offers a project-based K-12 curriculum and has become so popular with SCV families that a lottery is held in the spring to determine which students will be enrolled in the fall.
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