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Whittier Elementary teacher receives Tonya Royer Outstanding Community Service Award

Jennifer Nonisa got the surprise of the night when they called her name



“The Tonya Royer Community Service Award was developed three years ago in memory of a mentor and passionate community advocate that is no longer with us,” explained [Jerod Grant, Director of the Diversity & Equity Center at EVCC](#).

“This special award goes to an individual that has dedicated countless hours in creating an inclusive and supportive environment, not only on the Everett Community College (EVCC) campus, but also in the city of Everett and beyond. This recipient promotes and supports identity development, is viewed as a role model and mentor, and always shows a willingness to engage in conversations regarding class, race, gender and controversial issues that impact communities of color.

“Jennifer Nonisa is a member of the EVCC Community Diversity Advisory Committee (CDAC), was on the planning committee for the Students of Color Career Conference (SOCCC), has been a consistent panelist for the SOCCC, and served on the planning committee for the Snohomish County Youth Development Program (YDP),” continued Grant. “This is just some of what Ms. Jennifer Nonisa does for the youth on our campus and in our community. It was our privilege selecting Jennifer for this award.”

Jennifer Nonisa said, “The evening began with recognition of graduates, awards to students and staff and then a complete surprise with this award. I was shocked and honored to be the recipient of the Tonya Royer Outstanding Community Service Award!” said Jennifer Nonisa. “I am still on a high, completely humbled and beyond appreciative.”