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## 216 ARMIJO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HONORED FOR FINANCIAL LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT

Dixon, Calif. — First Northern Bank (FNRN: OTCQB) celebrated the certification of 216 students yesterday, May 11, in the *First Northern Financial Scholars Program* at Armijo High School in Fairfield, Calif. To date, 1,867 Armijo High School students have taken the course and 1,081 have successfully completed the program since 2012.

The Honorable Harry T. Price, Mayor of Fairfield, kicked off the event, commending the highschool seniors in the audience for taking advantage of a financial literacy program that is not available in every high school.



Sabine Goerke-Shrode (I.), representative for Solano County District 3 Supervisor Jim Spering, presented a Certificate of Excellence to Armijo High School teacher FaraLee Wright, who pioneered the First Northern Financial Scholars Program at Armijo. State Senator Lois Wolk and State Assembly Member Jim Frazier were represented at the ceremony by their respective field representatives, Lysette Marshman and Cora Young, respectively, who brought certificates of recognition for each student.

The pioneering efforts of Armijo Principal Eric Tretten and teachers FaraLee Wright, Peter Salinas and Lee Inserto were recognized by Solano County District 3 Supervisor Jim Spering's representative, Sabine Goerke-Shrode. In addition, U.S. Representative John Garamendi was represented by Nathan Hodgens, a member of his local staff.

"We're very proud today to see that so many graduating seniors completed the program," First Northern Bank Senior Vice President Gwyn Runnels said. "You're well on the road to making very good financial decisions in the future." Mayor Price, Fairfield Unified School District Superintendent Kris Corey, Runnels, Marshman, Young, Goerke-Shrode and Hodgens then presented certificates to the highschool seniors in a mini-graduation ceremony.

Armijo High School teamed with First Northern Bank to incorporate the EverFi Financial Literacy online learning course into students' existing curricula. The First Northern Financial Literacy Program is an interactive Web-based course that allows students to use real-world situations to learn about personal finance, using gaming and other interactive tools. The Armijo seniors have become certified in more than 600 financial topics, such as budgeting, saving, using credit cards wisely, and financing their higher education. The Program is sponsored by First Northern Bank at no cost to the school

## About First Northern Bank

First Northern Bank, an independent community bank headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves the business, agricultural and consumer banking needs of Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer and El Dorado counties. Since 2005, Bank employees have volunteered more than 68,300 hours of their time for community service – most of it after work on and weekends – to help those in need. The Bank can be found on the Web at www.thatsmybank.com, on Facebook and on LinkedIn.

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