

**William F. Noli Outstanding Service Award  
April 30, 2014 – Fresno County Office of Education  
Union Bank Remarks**

**RACHEL FLORES**

Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_. Good evening. I'm so honored to be here tonight to accept the Noli Service Award on behalf of Union Bank.

At Union Bank we believe that financial literacy is a key pillar in building a healthy community, and we are proud of the partnership in financial education that we have established with Fresno Unified School District, the McLane staff, and the Fresno community.

Since Union Bank opened the McLane High School branch in 2011, every day has been a teaching opportunity, providing meaningful and real-world financial experience to the kids in the McLane Business Academy. In the branch, our students are learning financial skills, leadership, and management. They are seeing first-hand what it means to be financially responsible, and acquiring work and life experience that will serve them well in the future.

I am so grateful to work with such an incredible group of young people in the branch. These students show up every day, ready to work and give their all, and I am inspired by their tenacity and passion. I would also like to thank Brad Berrett, the instructor of the McLane Business Academy, who inspires and motivates his students to be the best that they can be every day.