Los Angeles Urban Policy Roundtable President Earl Ofari Hutchinson presents award to Professor Josefina Coulton and WLAC President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh

The Los Angeles Urban Policy Roundtable awarded a special Los Angeles Urban Policy Roundtable Teacher Impact Cash Award on Monday, November 26 to West L.A. College Professor Josefina Coulton and the College’s Spanish Language Studies Dept. WLA College President Nabil S. Abu-Ghazaleh and WLA College VP Academic Affairs Robert Lewis Sprague and students and College personnel attended the awards presentation. The award was created to assist the thousands of teachers who are forced to pay out of their pocket for classroom materials, supplies, and projects.

According to a research study teachers spend the staggering sum of $1.3 billion per year on student necessities. The average expense is more than $400 per teacher. In the overwhelming majority of cases, the teachers are not reimbursed by school districts.

“School budget cutbacks, and the elimination of vital school programs make it even more imperative that we assist teachers with funding to reimburse them for their classroom and project expenses,” says Los Angeles Urban Policy Roundtable President Earl Ofari Hutchinson, “The Teacher Impact Award Program aims to fill that chronic education need.”

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