



Akasha Vega '03 (elementary education/special education), the first recipient of the George Hill and Ginny Knowles Leadership Award, stands with Hill and Knowles '92, Ed.D. in her classroom at Vaughn Middle School in Reno. Vega is pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership.

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Both George Hill, associate professor of educational leadership, and Ginny Knowles '92 Ed.D. came from impoverished, rural Oregon communities. They view education as a way of improving the lives of those who come from lesser means.

To encourage individuals from similar backgrounds, Hill and Knowles have established several funds: one to provide Hispanic teachers with the means to pursue higher education and become administrators, one to support first-generation students pursuing a teaching degree, one to provide scholarships to students in the College of

Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, and one to help students during internships in pursuit of becoming educators.

"It was teachers like Akasha Vega who inspired us to create this award. The award recognizes and celebrates the impact she has on students in the classroom," says Knowles, principal of Vaughn Middle School in Reno where Vega '03 teaches while pursuing her master's degree.



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