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Stephen A. Privett and Gerdenio M. Manuel, both professors at Santa Clara University, have been named co-recipients of a Sears-Roebuck Foundation newly instituted Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award for 1989.

Both San Jose residents, Privett is an assistant professor of religious studies, and Manuel is an assistant professor of psychology. The two split a $1,000 cash award, and SCU receives a grant of $1,500.

The foundation cited the pair's leadership in the SCU model Eastside Project launched in 1986 as a community partnership to promote social injustice. This past year, about 130 SCU students volunteered their time to work off campus at shelters for the homeless, at schools and at senior day-care centers.

Privett, 47, and Manuel, 39, both joined the SCU faculty in 1985.

The recipients are among 700 private college educators being recognized nationally by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.