



SANTA ANA COLLEGE

Annual Classified

2016
AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE



An ongoing commitment to student success

Dear Colleagues,

As Santa Ana College (SAC) concludes a joyous and successful Centennial year, it is time to thank all those who have helped Santa Ana College reach this distinctive milestone. It takes many people and many groups working together to create the rich history, traditions, and successes of a college like SAC. There is no doubt that the Classified Staff have played an integral and important role in the history of SAC. The SAC 2016 Annual Classified Awards for Excellence honors a few of the outstanding Classified Staff employed at Santa Ana College.

Classified Staff make so many contributions in so many different ways to advance the success of our students that it would take a long list to recount them all. A chance interaction in a hallway, a problem solved at Admissions and Records, or numerous other encounters and interactions between Classified Staff and students can and often do contribute to engaging our students and keeping them on track. These many informal moments can play a huge and largely undocumented role in the everyday lives of our students.

In the end, all Classified Staff deserve appreciation and recognition for their contributions. However, I especially want to salute the individuals that have been selected by their peers and singled out for an Annual Classified Award for Excellence. Your hard work and your tireless efforts on behalf of our students are an inspiration to us all. Thank you for all you do to encourage the success of our students!

With respect and gratitude,



Raúl Rodríguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor

Dear Staff & Colleagues,

It is the Classified employees like yourself that keep this campus buoyant in these economic tidal waves. Most often you are the first image of Santa Ana College and it is your pride, care and hope that leave a lasting impression on all that visit our campus. You demonstrate true dedication, commitment and genuine hard work by giving your very best every day.

Our Centennial Celebration has reminded us of the important link classified staff are to our legacy. Your unconditional support for one another, our students, and the college is truly inspiring. I am appreciative of your efforts that create the welcoming atmosphere our campus is known for, and that provides our students with a passion to succeed and learn.

All of you deserve to be recognized and I am honored to join in the chorus of praise as we celebrate and recognize individuals that have been nominated by YOU and the Awards Committee. Please know that I am grateful for the work you do and pledge my continued support.

As ever,



Erlinda J. Martinez, Ed.D.
President



Classified Employee of the Year 2016 Recipient

Vanessa Orozco
Student Services Coordinator
University Transfer Center

Congratulations to Vanessa Orozco as this year's recipient of the Classified Employee of the Year 2016 Award! Her dedication to students and the institution exemplifies the high standards of all Santa Ana College Classified employees.

The Classified Employee of the year honor recognizes the contributions made by our excellent classified staff at Rancho Santiago Community College District in providing support service to our students and the institution. All college personnel are invited to submit nominations for consideration by the Classified Awards Committee. Selection for this honor is determined on the basis of a vote count, assessment of individual recommendations and involvement in district activities.

Vanessa has been employed with the Rancho Santiago Community College District for more than nine years. She has held different positions, such as short-term Career Technician at the Career/Job Resource Center; Counseling Assistant for the Counseling Division; Transfer Center Specialist; Interim Student Services Coordinator for the University Transfer Center, and became ongoing full-time four years ago. Vanessa promotes collegiality among her peers through mutual support, assistance, leadership and respect. She encourages her fellow team members to utilize their strengths and develop new skills that will enable them to continue growing in a professional and personal level.

Vanessa oversees the daily activities and programs of the University Transfer Center, including classroom presentations, one-on-one assistance, workshops, college fairs, and answering questions related to transfer updates. She also supports the Transfer Celebration, Summer Scholars Transfer Institute and numerous other key programs. She enjoys assisting faculty and staff in the daily operations of the center, and providing updated information and materials pertaining to the transfer population.

Vanessa is a strong advocate for the entire transfer staff and especially for students. Her work ethic, dedication and contributions to the University Transfer Center do not go unnoticed. Vanessa is a role model due to her intelligence, high standards, empathy and respect for faculty, staff and students. She is a major contributor to the Transfer Center and to Santa Ana College at large.

A special salute to Vanessa on her acknowledgment as the 2016 Classified Employee of the Year!

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HOTT (Half-of-the-Time) Award

Marielena Zamudio
Learning Center Specialist
CEC Resource Center

*This award recognizes the
“Half-of-the-Time” employee
whose full-time effort and
achievement enable the district to
continue service to students*

A special recognition to Marielena Zamudio, recipient of the 2016 Half-of-the-Time Award, whose full-time effort and achievement enable the district to continue service to students.

Marielena has been with the Rancho Santiago Community College District for fifteen years; five as a short-term and ten as a permanent employee. Marielena assists numerous faculty members in the ESL Resource Center at Centennial Education Center. She issues and tracks materials distributed to the instructors, assists with resource reference inquiries and technological troubleshooting, processes and inventories new equipment and materials, performs various clerical duties, and assists in training new staff and substitutes. She knows the Center better than anyone.

Marielena’s daily activities support students’ development from ESL to a university degree. With her friendly demeanor, Marielena makes the ESL faculty and staff feel at home, answers questions promptly and professionally, and follows through with requests and needs. She has the ability to multi-task, she is a team player, and has been available to work flexible work schedules.

Marielena is known by being outstanding, bright, reliable, and self-motivated. She is cooperative, resourceful, organized, and easy to work with. In addition, she is well liked by the faculty and staff members. Marielena has received positive comments from the ESL faculty and staff. She has been an invaluable asset to the ESL Resource Center and ESL faculty members, which reflects in high quality service to students at the School of Continuing Education.

Congratulations to Marielena for her exemplary full-time support as a part-time employee, and for her commitment to serving Centennial Education Center and Santa Ana College students!



Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award

Caroline McCabe
Art Gallery Coordinator
Fine and Performing Arts Division

Our warmest congratulations to Caroline McCabe on her special acknowledgment as this year's recipient of the Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award, for displaying sensitivity, dedication, resourcefulness, and enthusiasm.

*This award recognizes
an individual who is
“nearly indispensable” and
who demonstrates sensitivity,
dedication, resourcefulness,
positive attitude and
enthusiasm.*

Caroline has been with Rancho Santiago Community College District for twenty five years. She promotes cohesion within her department as well as with other faculty within the Fine Arts Department. She assists faculty in ways that can make their job easier. Caroline takes extra care in making sure the galleries present themselves professionally to the SAC community and to the public. When SAC hosts the Holiday Art Sale, the Art Gallery is turned into a Christmas themed retail sales “party”. During this week alone, Caroline is able to maintain her enthusiasm despite the hours of hard work. She is eager to help students put up their displays in order for them to make sales. Caroline is always willing to buy artwork to support the students. Her house is overflowing with student art.

Caroline is known by her dedication and commitment to the college, the department, and especially to the students. She established a scholarship for deserving students. For years now SAC students have been receiving financial assistance because of her. Additionally, when the Fine and Performing Arts Division Office gets busy, Caroline regularly steps in to help her colleagues. She consistently goes above and beyond in every aspect of her job. She creates a safe and inviting atmosphere in the setting when she works.

Congratulations to Caroline for her exceptional job, dedication, resourcefulness, and pride in serving Santa Ana College!



Professional Achievement Award

Angela Guevara
Success Center Specialist
Math/Science Health Department

A special recognition to Angela Guevara, recipient of the 2016 Professional Achievement Award, for her outstanding job performance, significant professional growth through education, positive impact, and dedication.

This award is given to an employee for demonstrating outstanding job performance and professional growth through education, positive impact and creativity, or experience and dedication to learning to promotion.

Angela Guevara has been working for the Rancho Santiago Community College District for fifteen years. She is a success story that started as a Federal Work Study Student position. She was later hired as a part-time General Office Clerk, and moved onto a full-time position as an Administrative Clerk. She currently works as a Success Center Specialist in the Math, Sciences, and Health Sciences Division. She spends her time in the Math Center and the Planetarium. Angela earned her A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice, B.S. Degree in Administration of Criminal Justice, and with the encouragement of faculty and family, she completed her master's in Special Education. Angela never saw herself teaching until she volunteered with Special Olympics as a swim coach and worked with the SAUSD Adult Transition students in the Success Center.

One of Angela's accomplishments was to provide accessibility for the public to purchase online Planetarium show-tickets 24/7. In addition, when she was given the responsibility of the Planetarium hotline, she found out that we were still taking reservations over the phone with paper and pencil. She did her research and took it to the 21st Century. Currently, local elementary and secondary schools can see the Planetarium shows availability live and are able to self-reserve seats for their students online. Angela's creativity has contributed to grow positive revenue for the Planetarium.

Angela has been an inspiration for many tutors at the Math Center. Regardless of the task, she is willing to step up to the plate when asked. She is always kind and encouraging to students and she is able to point them in the right direction.

Angela is an example of perseverance and innovation. Congratulations to Angela on her acknowledgement with the Professional Achievement Award!

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2016 Classified Awards Finalists

Classified Employee of the Year

Sheri Bagdonas
Christopher Wild

Half-of-the-Time

(H-O-T-T) Award
Mary Chang
Paula Kusenda

Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award

Claudia Diaz
Vanessa Orozco

Professional Achievement Award

Yuri Betancourt

2016 Classified Awards Committee

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2015/2016 Retirees

Esmeralda Abejar
Carmella Cenicerros
Jana Cruz
Janet Grunbaum
Guadalupe Pedroza
Barbara Rodriguez
Patty Velasquez

Kalonji Saterfield
Classified Employee of the Year Award Recipient, 2015
Student Services Coordinator / Center for Teacher Education Program

Justin McAdam
Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award Recipient, 2015 Grounds Worker /
Administrative Services

Jose Lopez-Mercedes
Professional Achievement Award Recipient, 2015
Administrative Assistant / School of Continuing Education

Nicole Gallegos
H-O-T-T (Half-of-the-Time) Award Recipient, 2015
Instructional Assistant / School of Continuing Education

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Classified Service Pin Awards 2016

10 Year Recipients

Marysol Aguirre	Daneille Heiland	Amber Stapleton
Yesenia Barajas	Eric Hernandez	Ray Stowell
Rene Basurto	Hieu Hoang	Dorothy Swayne
Hilda Beaver	George Murillo	Vien Tran
Mary Chang	Dao Nguyen	Brenda Vega
Linda Duong	Hung Nguyen	Gerardo Vega
Wenndy Esparza	Lance Ralston	Kennethia Vega
Jorge Garcia	Rosalba Rodriguez	Scott Weiss
Susan Gibson	Alfonso Roman	Christopher Wild
Juan Gil	Isadora Romero	Araceli Gonzalez
Jaime Gonzalez	Sue Siegel	Dawn Williams

15 Year Recipients

Sandra Aguilar	Linda Furlong Diaz	Renise Meza
Sheri Bagdonas	Omelina Garcia	Anna Montoya
David Belmarez	Patricia Guillen	Brenda Serratos
Veronica Bizon	Junko Ishikawa	Francisco Suarez
Irma Fernandez Gonzalez	Raymundo Mendoza	Gina Wilson

20 Year Recipients

Evangelina Camarena	Deborah Gossett	Phuong Nguyen
Karlene Farris	Felipe Lopez	Leslie Wood-Rogers

25 Year Recipients

Kathleen Lehman	Maria Sanchez	Brian Yoder
Ruth Rodriguez	Virginia Witmer	

30 Year Recipients

Patricia Adame	Jose Javier Villegas
Loretta Campbell	Villalpando
Sarah Salas	Arturo Zamudio

35 Year Recipients

Maria Garibay
Giang Vu

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