



SANTA ANA COLLEGE

Annual Classified

2017
AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE



An ongoing commitment to student success

Dear Colleagues,

Reflecting on the conclusion of the 2016-2017 academic year, Santa Ana College (SAC) has received many awards and special recognitions. As we all know, a college is only as good as its people and the faculty are an especially important part of SAC. One of the most valued traditions that SAC has is the recognition of the outstanding achievement and performance of its faculty through the Faculty Awards for Excellence selection process and ceremony. Each year faculty members who have contributed in special and outstanding ways are honored. In addition, one faculty member is selected by their peers to be named the distinguished faculty member of the year. It is my pleasure and honor to personally congratulate all who are recognized in this process.

Our students are fortunate to have access to a faculty that is creative, dedicated and involved. I often hear from students that what distinguishes Santa Ana College from other colleges is that the faculty and staff care about them. I am proud that SAC is known as a college that cares about its students and their success and want to convey my appreciation to the faculty for their many individual as well as collective efforts on behalf of our students.

Congratulations to all of the faculty members who were selected this year for the 2017 Annual Faculty Awards for Excellence.

With respect and gratitude,



Raúl Rodríguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor

Dear Staff & Colleagues,

When students initially visit Santa Ana College, their first encounter is often with our Classified staff. You help students register for classes, answer their questions, and provide lasting impressions to each student that visits our campus. You demonstrate dedication, enthusiasm, and compassion by providing our students and guests with excellent service every day.

Your unconditional support is essential to the success of our students, the campus community, and our external partners. Your consistent efforts create an atmosphere that reflects what our campus is known for, caring for students to ensure their success.

I am honored to work with you and celebrate the wonderful work that you do, everyday.

With appreciation,



Dr. Linda Rose, Ed.D.
President

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Classified Employee of the Year 2017 Recipient

Elva Negrete
Student Services Coordinator
Nursing

Congratulations to Elva Negrete as this year's recipient of the Classified Employee of the Year 2017 Award!

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.

Elva is a Nursing Program Student Services Coordinator and has worked at Santa Ana College for 17 years. She provides tremendous support to students and faculty, and is known for being extremely organized. Elva maintains up-to-date databases on every student she is in contact with in the Nursing Program. She organizes tutoring sessions led by successful graduates, and assists with student education plans and financial aid applications. Elva also works with current students and graduates to find employment and continuing education opportunities.

She makes it a point to visit students on the first day of class to inform them of the many resources available. When she saw that many needed assistance, she created a computer and book loan program. Elva truly goes above and beyond to ensure the success of her students.

A special salute to Elva on her acknowledgment as the 2017 Classified Employee of the Year!

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

HOTT (Half-of-the-Time) Award

Brenda Vega
High School and Community Outreach Specialist
Student Services, CEC

A special recognition to Brenda Vega, recipient of the 2017 Half-of-the-Time Award!

Brenda has held various positions at RSCCD over the last 12 years, and currently serves as a High School and Community Outreach Specialist at CEC. She is a proud SAC alumnae, earning multiple associate degrees, before transferring to Cal State Fullerton to earn a bachelor’s degree in psychology.

Brenda has led various activities to promote non-credit education to students and the community, including career fairs, welcome activities, and Student Transition Program workshops. She empowers underrepresented students to continue their studies, and is always willing to help in any way possible.

Her resourcefulness and impeccable customer service make her an invaluable member of the CEC team. Thanks to her friendly demeanor and communication skills, she has developed collaborative relationships with students, community members, staff, and faculty.

Congratulations to Brenda for her dedication and exemplary full-time support as a part-time employee!

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Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award

Brenda Serratos
Accountant
Administration Services

Our warmest congratulations to Brenda Serratos on her special acknowledgment as this year's recipient of the Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award!

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

Brenda has worked at Santa Ana College for more than 15 years. As an accountant in the Administrative Services Budget Office, she manages many of the large grants related to Student Services. You will often find her working quietly and calmly to make sure all reports are turned in on time and that deadlines are met. In addition to her regular duties, she took on the opportunity to handle the budget for one of SAC's off-campus school sites, managing it efficiently and effectively to the benefit of all. Everyone knows that they can count on Brenda to help them understand the complexities of their budget. She plays an integral role in the success of our programs that ultimately help our SAC students succeed.

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

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Professional Achievement Award

Mary Chang
Instructional Assistant
HS Diploma Program/GED, CEC

A special recognition to Mary Chang, recipient of the 2017 Professional Achievement Award!

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.

Mary has been a member of RSCCD for 11 years, and currently serves as an Instructional Assistant in the School of Continuing Education's Adult High School Diploma Program. Before she began working at SAC, she was a student in the ESL Program at CEC, and then went on to earn her bachelor's degree in human services, all while working two jobs.

Mary has led many school events, student conferences, and created new activities to engage and empower students. Her depth and breadth of knowledge on all aspects of the High School Subjects and ABE programs have made her the "go to" person for anything and everything in her department. She is respected and admired by all for her commitment and dedication to students and her program.

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

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2015/2016 Retirees

Rene Basurto
Loretta Campbell
Dianne Freeman
Gary Kinney
Eugenia Lusk
Raydene Puente
Lupe Saavedra
Christie Steward

2017 Classified Awards Finalists

Classified Employee of the Year

Gloria Arvizu
Jimmy Nguyen

Half-of-the-Time (H-O-T-T) Award

Michelle Ayala
Tammy Hong

Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award

Gerardo Contreras
Elva Negrete

Professional Achievement Award

Gloria Arvizu
Monika Barbery

2017 Classified Awards Committee

Teresa Mercado-Cota, Co-Chair
Assistant Dean, Student Services

Lithia Williams, Co-Chair
Community Services Coordinator II

Vanessa Orozco
Classified Employee of the Year Award Recipient, 2016
Student Services Coordinator / University Transfer Center

Caroline McCabe
Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award Recipient, 2016
Art Gallery Coordinator / Fine and Performing Arts Division

Angela Guevara
Professional Achievement Award Recipient, 2016
Success Center Specialist / Math/Science Health Department

Marielena Zamudio
H-O-T-T (Half-of-the-Time) Award Recipient, 2016
Learning Center Specialist / CEC Resource Center

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Classified Service Pin Awards 2017

10 Year Recipients

Jose Andrade	Michael Eddis	Mark Santamaria
Orlando Castrejon Miranda	Jabin Guillen Flores	Brigitte Scott
Tammy Cottrell	Diana Hammond	Jacqueline Shirley
Ana Diaz	Charles Hayes	Amy Treat
Quyên Duong	Louis Hernandez	
	Daniel Herrera	

15 Year Recipients

Joseph Arriola	Pablo Hernandez	Joseph Nguyen
Ricardo Benavides	Eugenia Lusk	Raul Quinonez
Aaron Butler	Loan Lynch	Manuel Tapia
Alan Casas	Elena Mendoza	Angela Tran
Omar Gardea Magana	Jesse Montanez	Kathleen White

20 Year Recipients

Marisol Gahbler	Maria Moreno	Jose Salcedo
Jesus Garcia	Sergio Nava	Michael Turrentine
Christine Gorlato	Andy Nguyen	Maria Verduzco
Modesto Jusay	Theresa Recinos	Glenda Welch
	Claudia Rivero	

25 Year Recipients

Carmelita Eustaquio	Linda Mills	Solomon Salas
Arturo Garza	Kerry Penning	

30 Year Recipients

Beatrice Cain
 Evangelina Contreras
 Robert Norris

35 Year Recipients

John Tran

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Thank you

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