

SANTA ANA COLLEGE

CLASSIFIED

Awards for Excellence

2018



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Annual Faculty Awards for Excellence

Chancellor's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Once again it is time to thank all those who have helped Santa Ana College achieve another remarkable academic year. It takes many people and many groups working together to create the rich history, traditions, and successes of a college like SAC. The Classified Staff play an integral and important role in the history of SAC and its many achievements. The SAC 2018 Annual Classified Awards for Excellence honors a number 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. For example, a chance interaction in a hallway, a problem solved at Financial Aid, or numerous other encounters and interactions between Classified Staff and students can and often do contribute significantly 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 recognition and thanks 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 appreciation and respect,

Raúl Rodríguez, Ph.D.

President's Message

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 role in campus-wide initiatives such as Guided Pathways is vital to the institution and to our students. I appreciate your willingness to embrace and assist in change. 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



Chris Wild

Operations Specialist
Bookstore, SAC

Congratulations to Chris Wild, this year's recipient of the Classified Employee of the Year Award!

Chris is an Operations Specialist at the Bookstore. He has worked for the district for 13 years. Chris assists students and colleagues whenever asked and often offers his help before being asked. His primary focus is to better serve students in every possible way; he strives to provide affordable materials, walks students to the Financial Aid Office, helps struggling students register for classes, and also mentors about 30 student workers every semester.

The Classified Employee of the year honor is granted to one exceptional employee whose dedication to students and the institution best exemplifies the high standards of all classified employees.

Chris has stepped in during a time of need for SAC in the Bookstore due to a vacancy. In fact, we can count on Chris to suggest ways to improve service, operations, and sales. He keeps the bookstore thriving. Coworkers describe him as friendly, hardworking, adaptable, continually exceeding expectations and they say he "epitomizes the SAC spirit we all strive for."

A special salute to Chris on his acknowledgment as the Classified Employee of the Year!

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



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

Sophia Le

Student Services Specialist
CalWORKs Program, SAC

A special recognition to Sophia, recipient of the Half-of-the-Time Award!

Sophia is a Student Services Specialist with the CalWORKS Program. She started working for the district in 2014. Sophia is a proud SAC alumna and is working on her master’s degree at Cal State Long Beach. Sophia serves a group of students that may have multiple academic and personal challenges. She is innovative, self-reliant and is seen as a role model by many. Among her many duties, Sophia provides important campus and community resources to students in order to maintain a stable environment and achieve academic success. Her positive demeanor has helped forge partnerships with stakeholders and her encouraging words create a safe environment for students in challenging times.

Her colleagues say that she “demonstrates passion to support and assist students in multiple areas” and “exhibits enthusiasm and encouragement for students to continue their education.”

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

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Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award



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

Wendy Zambrano

Admissions and Records Specialist III
Centennial Education Center

Our warmest congratulations to Wendy Zambrano on receiving this year’s Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award!

Wendy is an Admissions and Records Specialist III at Centennial Education Center. She has been with the district since 2014, and has quickly become an invaluable member of Admissions & Records. Wendy is considered the authority for student records, and the office and other departments are quick to call on her for help. She was instrumental in streamlining processes and developing the online application process for any program at the School of Continuing Education. Wendy is known for providing exceptional customer service to SCE’s diverse population. Each person is treated with same level of professionalism, courtesy, respect, and empathy.

Her colleagues admire her attention to detail, diligence and resourcefulness. They shared that her positivity and passion inspires those around her.

Congratulations to Wendy for this recognition. You embody every trait of the Bill Brush Appreciation Award!

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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.

Theresa Hagelbarger

Internship Coordinator

Career Education & Workforce Development, SAC

A special recognition to Theresa Hagelbarger, recipient of the Professional Achievement Award!

Theresa has been a member of RSCCD since 2011, working fulltime for the last two years as the Internship Coordinator and Job Developer with the Career Technical Education program. Theresa's involvement on several on and off-campus committees has helped her learn many things about college and district programs, processes, procedures, and the future of higher education. She has researched, written, and delivered several workshops for classified, faculty, and managers on Title V, Career Workforce Experience, and internships at SAC. Her commitment to academic, professional, and personal growth has served students and colleagues. She was instrumental in bringing the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program to students, staff and the community.

Theresa is an example of perseverance and innovation. Congratulations to Theresa on receiving the Professional Achievement Award!

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2017/2018 Retirees

Diane Caughern
Gary Fangrat
Jaime Gonzalez
Herminia Kindelan
Glenda Lane
Linda Mills
Felix Razo
Nora Schug
James Smith
Kaye Smith

2018 Classified Awards Finalists

Classified Employee of the Year

Omelina Garcia
Toni Withey

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

Michelle Ayala
Tammy Hong

Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award

Sylvia Gordon
Maria Palomares

Professional Achievement Award

Irene Glomba
Jimmy Nguyen

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Governmental Relations

Lithia Williams, Co-Chair
Community Services Coordinator II

Elva Negrete
Classified Employee of the Year
Award Recipient, 2017
Student Services Coordinator /
Nursing

Brenda Serratos
Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation
Award Recipient, 2017
Accountant / Administration
Services

Mary Chang
Professional Achievement Award
Recipient, 2017
Instructional Assistant / HS
Diploma Program Program/GED

Vacant
H-O-T-T (Half-of-the-Time) Award
Recipient, 2017
High School and Community
Outreach Specialist / Student
Services CEC

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Classified Service Pin Awards

10 Years

Juan Cabrera
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15 Years

Dolores Austin
Ana Campos
Courtney Harris
Elizabeth Lomeli
Edward Munoz
Annie Nguyen
Jimmy Nguyen
Maureen Saunders
Leisa Schumacher
Denise Scolaro
Katherine Taylor
Suonphathero Tuon

20 Years

Patricia Arreola
Norma Castillo
Ngoc Dinh
Guadalupe Fuentes
Theresa Hawn
Vivian Kvenbo
Nancy Le
Mariano Razo
Julio Serratos
Sean Small
Arthur Yoshihara

25 Years

Elizabeth Motley

30 Years

Toinette Boster

35 Years

Juan Flores
Cynthia Vasquez

Thank you

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