
Faculty Awards for Excellence

The following awards are presented annually by the Academic Senate to recognize the impact and excellence of our Santa Ana College faculty.

Nominations for the 2022 Faculty Awards for Excellence are open until Friday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m.

Click here to nominate yourself or a colleague before Friday, Feb. 25!

Distinguished Faculty Award

The annual DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD is awarded for teaching excellence and is the highest honor bestowed upon a faculty member of Santa Ana College. Nominations are requested from SAC faculty, staff and students. When nominating a faculty member please consider the following: activities that demonstrate a commitment to teaching excellence, awards and honors, writing and publications, civic and industry involvement, leadership experiences and other activities both on and off campus. Nominees will be asked to submit documentation in support of their nomination which will be reviewed by a committee of previous recipients of the award. The faculty member chosen as the Distinguished Faculty will receive an honorarium. During the following academic year, the faculty member will offer a public address and the speech will be published electronically and distributed to colleges throughout the state.

Winners of this award will be selected by a committee that includes members of the Academic Senate Executive Team as well as the previous five Distinguished Faculty. This award is reserved for tenured faculty at Santa Ana College.

[Click here to view previous Distinguished Faculty winners.](#)

Profiles in Excellence

ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD

This award honors one Santa Ana College and one School of Continuing Education adjunct faculty who have demonstrated excellence in their teaching. The recipients will receive an honorarium and plaque.

Criteria for this award include the following:

1. Outstanding teaching abilities, which may include integrating technology, demonstrated student success, or innovative teaching techniques and materials.
2. Contribution to the college outside of the classroom, which may include acting as student club advisor, participation in committees, mentoring, and leadership activities.
3. Have taught at SAC or CEC for at least four semesters.

[Click here to view previous Adjunct Faculty Award winners.](#)

CREATIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award honors a faculty member whose poetry, prose, audio/video, artistic creations including dance, music, theater and or photography has added to the current knowledge of their discipline and brought recognition to the institution or resulted in other noteworthy benefits by being published, exhibited or performed.

[Click here to view previous Creative Excellence Award winners.](#)

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION AWARD

This award honors exemplary occupational education programs that provide outstanding services to both students and the community. This award may be presented to one faculty or a group of faculty within a program. Career programs from any division may be nominated for this award.

[Click here to view previous Career and Technical Education Award winners.](#)

INNOVATION AWARD

This honors a faculty member demonstrating excellence in the development of superior projects or activities which supports instruction, strengthens counseling and improves awareness of a program. We would like you to take this opportunity to nominate any recently completed project that has been successfully field-tested and is now in place.

Please use the following criteria in nominating projects/activities:

1. Benefits to students
2. Impact on learning, counseling and/or instruction
3. Quality of project

[Click here to view previous Innovation Award winners.](#)

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is given in recognition of faculty whose professional contributions have enriched their field of teaching, their professional organizations or their communities, and generated a significant and positive impact on student success bringing recognition to themselves and the Santa Ana College or School of Continuing Education.

Examples of achievements may include:

- Outstanding professional development workshop, seminar or in-services
- Successful grant writing resulting in additional monies for student services and/or success
- Development of a new program to support student success
- Classroom research activity resulting in enhanced student learning

[Click here to view previous Professional Achievement Award winners.](#)
