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2025  
AWARDS FOR  
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Introductory Remarks by:

Dr. Annebelle Nery

*President, Santa Ana College*





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Introductory Remarks by:

**Marvin Martinez**

*Chancellor, RSCCD*



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Introductory Remarks by:

Christina Romero

*Executive Director, SAC Foundation / College Advancement*





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Introductory Remarks by:

Claire Coyne

*President, Academic Senate*



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Newly Tenured Faculty





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**Luciano Jaime Lopez-  
Garcia**

**Human Services & Technology**

**Maria Davia**

**Science, Math, & Health Sciences**





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# Retirees





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**Ahn Ly**

**Robert Manson**

**Joseph Pacino**

**Mariano Razo**

**High School & Community  
Outreach Specialist**

**Associate Dean, Financial Aid**

**Instructional Media Producer**

**Custodian**





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**Fidel Rodriguez**

**Lead Custodian**

**Maria Saldana**

**Library Clerk**

**Mark Santamaria**

**HVAC Technician**

**Gina Wilson**

**Graduation Specialist**





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*In Memoriam*





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Service Pins -  
10 Years



# SANTA ANA COLLEGE

**Julian Alvarez Becerra**

**Crystal Blancas**

**Ashley Bootman**

**Jose Corona**

**Richard Corp**

**Nicole Danley**

**Patrick Dibb**

**Rodrigo Flores**

**Continuing Education**

**Administrative Services**

**Humanities & Social Sciences**

**SAC Foundation / College Advancement**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**Continuing Education**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**Administrative Services**





# SANTA ANA COLLEGE

**Haydee Gonzalez-Diaz**

**Giovanni Godoy**

**Connor Higgins**

**Susan Hoang**

**Darren Hostetter**

**Rachel Lui**

**Michelle Macintyre**

**Jennifer Meloni**

**Counseling**

**Administrative Services**

**Humanities & Social Sciences**

**Academic Affairs**

**Fine & Performing Arts**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**Counseling**

**Human Services & Technology**



# SANTA ANA COLLEGE

**Amit Mishal**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**Jay Nguyen**

**Student Services**

**Thomas (Tom) Nilles**

**Kinesiology, Health & Athletics**

**Debora Placencia Funes**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**Kelly Ro**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**John (Tommy) Strong**

**Business**

**Michael R. Taylor**

**Fine & Performing Arts**

**Huynh-Lan Ton**

**Humanities & Social Sciences**





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**Michelle Vasquez**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**Mario Vela Saavedra**

**Administrative Services**



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Service Pins -  
15 Years





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**Lawrence Abrahams**

**Kinesiology, Health & Athletics**

**Kyle Bradley**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**Louis Jones**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**Selina Lievanos**

**Kinesiology, Health & Athletics**



# **SANTA ANA COLLEGE**

**Moises Medina**

**Cathryn Pierce**

**Sonia Ramirez**

**Beatrice Trujillo Zuniga**

**Humanities & Social Sciences**

**Fine & Performing Arts**

**Student Services**

**Humanities & Social Sciences**





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Service Pins -  
20 Years



# SANTA ANA COLLEGE

**Gloria Arvizu**

**David Brieg**

**Andrew Gonis Jr.**

**Martha Guerrero-Phlaum**

**Simon (Bart) Hoffman**

**Jorge Lopez Galicia**

**Lance Lockwood**

**Continuing Education**

**Kinesiology, Health & Athletics**

**Human Services & Technology**

**Humanities & Social Sciences**

**Administrative Services**

**Continuing Education**

**Fine and Performing Arts**





# SANTA ANA COLLEGE

**Hung Nguyen**

**Maria Palomares**

**Jose Palomares**

**Raymundo (Ray) Robledo**

**Mary Kathleen (Kathy) Takahashi**

**Marielena Zamudio**

**Monica Zarske**

**Student Services**

**Administrative Services**

**Administrative Services**

**Counseling**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**Continuing Education**

**Human Services & Technology**



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Service Pins -  
25 Years





# **SANTA ANA COLLEGE**

**Jennie Adams**

**Huong Banh**

**Steven (Steve) Bautista**

**Yasmina Briceno**

**Arthur Cheung**

**Tammy Hong**

**Kenny Hua**

**Administrative Services**

**Academic Affairs**

**Counseling**

**Administrative Services**

**Business**

**Continuing Education**

**Humanities & Social Sciences**



# SANTA ANA COLLEGE

**Elliot Jones**

**Trevor Kay**

**Sharon Leung**

**Xuan Lan Ly**

**Tim Murphy**

**Elva Negrete**

**Steven Nguyen**

**Tung Nguyen**

**Christa Solheid**

**Fine & Performing Arts**

**Counseling**

**Continuing Education**

**Business**

**Humanities & Social Sciences**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**Business**

**Continuing Education**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**





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Service Pins -  
30 Years



# SANTA ANA COLLEGE

**Anthony Garcia**

**Jimmy Garza**

**Denise Hatakeyama**

**Kristy Leung**

**Yvonne Maestas**

**Thu Van Nguyen**

**Miriam Velarde**

**Continuing Education**

**Administrative Services**

**Science, Math & Health Sciences**

**Continuing Education**

**Student Services**

**Counseling**

**Student Services**





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Service Pins -  
35 Years



# SANTA ANA COLLEGE

**Paula Canzona**

**Counseling**

**Marisela Godinez**

**Counseling**

**E. Brian Kehlenbach**

**Fine & Performing Arts**

**Thuy-Huong Nguyen**

**Student Services**

**Maria Torres-Carranza**

**Student Services**

**Tonimarie (Toni) Withey**

**Fine & Performing Arts**





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Service Pins -  
55 Years



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**Estelle Orr**

**Fine & Performing Arts**





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*for*  
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**Bill Brush Colleague  
Appreciation Award**

The Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award recognizes an individual who is nearly indispensable and who demonstrates sensitivity, dedication, resourcefulness, positive attitude, and enthusiasm.





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## 2025 Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award Finalists



*Miriam Sandoval*  
Career Technician



*Elva Negrete*  
Student Services Coordinator



*Lucia Chiang*  
Senior Accountant





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**Miriam Sandoval**

*Bill Brush*

*Colleague Appreciation Award*

*2025*





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# **Classified Professional Achievement Award**

The Classified Professional Achievement Award is given to an employee for demonstrating outstanding job performance and professional growth through education, positive impact and creativity, or experience and dedication leading to promotion.





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## 2025 Classified Professional Achievement Award Finalists



*Maria Briseno*  
*Executive Secretary*



*Jazmin Quijada*  
*Instructional Center Technician*



*Amanda Farah*  
*Division Administrative Assistant*





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**Amanda Farah**

*Classified Professional  
Achievement Award 2025*





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# The H.O.T.T. Award

The H.O.T.T. Award recognizes the “half-of-the-time” employee for outstanding efforts and contributions on a part-time basis.





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## 2025 The H.O.T.T. Award Finalists



*Omar Gardea*  
*Student Services Specialist*



*Bonnie Williams*  
*Administrative Clerk*



*Brenda Chavez*  
*Student Services Specialist*





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**Brenda Chavez**

*Classified Employee*

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

*Award 2025*





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**2025**  
**FACULTY PROFILES**  
*of*  
**EXCELLENCE AWARDS**





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# **Adjunct Faculty Award**

The award honors one Santa Ana College part-time instructor and one School of Continuing Education part-time instructor. The recipients are recognized for demonstrated excellence in teaching and contributions to the college.





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**Adjunct Faculty Award  
Santa Ana College  
Credit Program**





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**Anthony Macias**

*Adjunct Faculty – Earth Sciences*

*Adjunct Faculty Award /Credit*

*Santa Ana College 2025*



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**Adjunct Faculty Award  
School of Continuing Education  
Noncredit Program**





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**Arturo Hernández Morales**

*Career Education*

*Adjunct Faculty Award / Noncredit  
School of Continuing Education 2025*





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**Career & Technical Education  
(CTE) Award**

This award honors an exemplary occupational education program that provides outstanding services to both students and the community.





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**Tiffany Heremans**

*Professor – Culinary Arts & Nutrition*

*Career & Technical Education (CTE)*

*Award 2025*





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# Creative Expression Award

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





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**Heather Gillette**

*Professor – Dance*

*Creative Expression Award 2025*





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# **Innovation Award**

The Innovation Award 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.





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**Geoff Jones**

*Professor - Physical Education - Kinesiology*

*Innovation Award 2025*





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# **Professional Achievement Award**

The Professional Achievement Award is given in recognition of a faculty whose professional contributions have enriched their field of teaching, professional organizations, or committees, and generated a significant and positive impact on student success that brings recognition to the awardee, Santa Ana College, or the School of Continuing Education.





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Cheryl Bucholtz-Magallon

*Assistant Professor*

*English as a Second Language (ESL)*

*Professional Achievement*

*Award 2025*





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# **Classified Employee of the Year Award**

The Classified Employee of the Year Award is granted to one exceptional permanent, full-time employee that exhibits dedication, exemplary skills and traits, and a commitment to excellent work performance over their tenure.





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## 2025 Classified Employee of the Year Award Finalists



*Amber Vaquez-Nodal*

*Student Services Coordinator*



*Jay Nguyen*

*Admissions and Records Specialist*



*Dao Anh Nguyen*

*International Student Program Specialist*





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*Amber Vaquez-Nodal*  
*Student Services Coordinator*





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*Jay Nguyen*

*Admissions and Records Specialist*





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*Dao Anh Nguyen*

*International Student Program Specialist*





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**Dao Anh Nguyen**  
*Classified Employee of the Year*  
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**Honorary Distinguished  
Faculty Award**





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## IN REMEMBRANCE





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**Jodi Coffman, Ed.D.**

***Honorary Distinguished  
Faculty Award 2025***





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# Distinguished Faculty Award

The Distinguished Faculty Award is awarded for teaching excellence and is the highest honor bestowed upon a full-time faculty member of Santa Ana College. The winner represents the highest standard of outstanding teaching ability and unselfish, dedicated commitment and service to our students and institution.





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## 2025 Distinguished Faculty Award Finalists



*Darren Hostetter*

*Professor – Art*



*Gabriel Shweiri*

*Professor – Global Business &  
Entrepreneurship*



*Stacy Russo, Ph.D.*

*Professor - English*





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*Darren Hostetter*

*Professor – Art*





# SANTA ANA COLLEGE



*Gabriel Shweiri*

*Professor – Global Business &*

*Entrepreneurship*





# SANTA ANA COLLEGE



*Stacy Russo, Ph.D.*

*Professor - English*





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**Gabriel Shweiri**

*Distinguished Faculty*

*Award 2025*





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*Closing Remarks*

*Dr. Annebelle Nery*





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A special *Thank You* to all of you  
who made this event possible!

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Lithia Willaims, Dr. Merari Weber,

Ethereal Reyes, Tyler Hamman, Marcos Collado, Young Kim, Yuhong Cao  
And my office staff Leisa Schumacher & Christine Galia





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**Please join us for the  
Reception and Student Art Show  
in the C-Building lobby!**





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