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SANTA ANA COLLEGE

# Annual Classified

2015  
AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE



## An ongoing commitment to student success

Dear Colleagues,

As Santa Ana College (SAC) celebrates its Centennial year, it is a time to reflect on the long and eventful history and traditions of the college. Even so, it is equally important to honor the traditions of the present, especially those recognizing superior performance. The SAC 2015 Annual Classified Awards for Excellence honors the best of the best from the wonderful group of 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.

As we look forward to our Centennial Celebration, we are reminded 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 2015 Recipient

Kalonji Saterfield  
Student Services Coordinator  
Center for Teacher Education Program

Congratulations to Kalonji Saterfield as this year's recipient of the Classified Employee of the Year 2015 Award!

Kalonji has been employed with the Rancho Santiago Community College District for an extraordinary eleven years. In his position of Student Services Coordinator for the Teacher Education Program, Kalonji promotes collegiality through collaboration, communication, professionalism, and dedication to the students of the college.

He is well known for his ability to effectively implement a myriad of complex student services activities, lead multiple staff members, collaborate with partners and maintain a positive and gracious persona. Kalonji is dedicated to serving the students at Santa Ana College as illustrated through his work with the Center for Teacher Education Program. His passion to help students grow and develop has driven his dedication and involvement with establishing and strengthening clubs, organizations, social action events, and community service activities for SAC's students and future educators. Additionally, Kalonji coordinates the annual Road to Teaching Conference which exposes students to various workshops conducted by professionals in education and Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). His work within the college sets the platform for student success.

Kalonji is an outstanding employee, whose passion and commitment to serving students and the college is best exemplified by his qualities including his commitment, heart, zeal, and being an excellent team member. His philosophy of honesty and positivity fosters strong relationships among students and staff and raises the morale of those who comes in contact with.

He has been described as an infectious and audaciously amazing member of the SAC family. He is known for his enthusiastic attitude, willingness to help, excellence as a communicator, and the pride he holds in every aspect of his job. We would like to provide a special salute to Kalonji for his commitment, eagerness, and dedication in his work at Santa Ana College.

*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.*

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## **HOTT (Half-of-the-Time) Award**

Nicole Gallegos  
Instructional Assistant  
School of Continuing Education

Special congratulations to Nicole Gallegos for her acknowledgement as this year's recipient of the 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.*

This recognition symbolizes her stupendous dedication and contribution as a part-time employee! Nicole has been a part of the Rancho Santiago Community College District for over eight years. In her position as an Instructional Assistant for the Centennial Education Center, Nicole works with over one hundred students daily by creating a welcoming environment and encouraging student success through positive affirmations. Additionally, she is a great support to faculty and students where she utilizes her qualities of true leadership, creativity, and flexibility to create a seamless link between students and the different departments. Nicole exemplifies this by assuring staff is prepared and looking for ways to improve the efficiency of the classroom and the program.

Nicole is best known for her positive attitude and commendable work ethic. She has been described as a leader, responsible, innovative, and creative, and dedicated to making an impact on the students she interacts with. Those who know her speak highly of her innovative thinking and desire to do what's best. Nicole is an essential part of CEC and the program would not be able to function without her help.

Congratulations to Nicole for your exemplary full-time support as a part-time employee and for your strong commitment and dedication to student success.



## Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award

Justin McAdam  
Grounds Worker  
Administrative Services

Our warmest congratulations to Justin McAdam as he is this year's recipient of the Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award!

Justin has been with Rancho Santiago Community College District for five years. He displays his Bill Brush attributes of being dedicated to exceed student success, and enthusiastic in creating a safe and inviting environment at Santa Ana College. Through self-initiative, he actively looks at ways to improve the campus. Justin assisted in the transformation of the campus curb appeal to a more sustainable and cost efficient approach by replacing plants to address the ongoing drought.

Justin's genuine interest in promoting collegiality among his peers exemplifies his qualities of creating a welcoming environment and helping others. His willingness to help various departments and individuals on campus has displayed his leadership skills and pride in what he does. Justin is truly admired and respected by his colleagues. He is best known for his excellent communication and interpersonal skills, genuine personality, his contributions to a team, and his dedication to improving the campus through sustainability and environmental consciousness.

Congratulations Justin for your exceptional job, dedication, hard work, and pride in serving Santa Ana College!

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



## Professional Achievement Award

Jose Lopez-Mercedes  
Administrative Assistant  
School of Continuing Education

Congratulations to Jose Lopez-Mercedes as he is this year's recipient of the 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.*

Jose is a model employee who has been with Rancho Santiago Community College District for fifteen years. In his position as Administrative Assistant, Jose brings a wide variety of skills and talents that have contributed to the advancement of SAC CEC. Through his work at CEC, Jose has created several processes and tracking forms as well as designed the SAC CEC Curriculum webpage. Being an advocate for higher education, Jose was motivated to return to school and received an Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Santa Ana College and transferred to California State University, Fullerton where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, followed by a TESOL/TESL certificate and Master of Arts in Spanish. The students, teachers, and his community continue to motivate Jose's passion for continuing his education. He is constantly sharing his knowledge and helping others advance their skills through promoting professional growth and development.

Jose is a highly driven and focused individual who leads by example and demonstrates integrity in his day-to-day work with students, staff, and the community. Those who know him speak of his energy, positive attitude, dedication and contributions to CEC through the use of technology. Jose is often called upon to work on special projects throughout campus and always makes himself available to help others. He is known to be caring, talented, and hard-working and motivates others to continue to learn and grow.

Congratulations Jose for your commitment and dedication to your exceptional job performance and professional development!



## 2015 Classified Awards Finalists

### Classified Employee of the Year

Miranda Medrano  
Debra Bailey

### Half-of-the-Time

(H-O-T-T) Award  
Tammy Hoang  
Hillary Barker

### Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award

Peggy Card-Govela  
Hang Le

### Professional Achievement Award

Kalonji Saterfield

## 2015 Classified Awards Committee

Teresa Mercado-Cota, Co-Chair  
Assistant Dean, College Advancement/Professional Development

Lithia Williams, Co-Chair  
CSEA Representative

Leisa Schumacher  
Classified Employee of the Year Award Recipient, 2014  
Administrative Secretary | Science, Math & Health Science Department

Elaine Pham  
Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award Recipient, 2014 Instructional Center  
Specialist | Math Study Center

Michael Ediss  
Professional Achievement Award Recipient, 2014  
Skilled Maintenance Worker | Maintenance & Operations Department

Erin Woodmas  
H-O-T-T (Half-of-the-Time) Award Recipient, 2014  
General Office Clerk | Nursing Department

## 2014/2015 Retirees

Marta Barker  
Carmina Castillo Lokos  
Diane Durdella  
Marva Hanley  
Katherine Jesse  
Ilene Mai  
Lorraine Melendez  
Phyllis Steele  
Suzanne Stump  
Yolanda Vasquez  
Jose Roberto Villegas  
Slawa Wajner

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## Classified Service Pin Awards 2015

### 10 Year Recipients

Gloria Arvizu  
 Juan Delgado  
 Leonardo Garcia  
 Rosa Harrizon  
 Jorge Lopez-Galicia

Jose Morillo  
 Maria Palomares  
 Jose Palomares  
 Fidel Rodriguez  
 Kalonji Saterfield

Harold Sawits  
 Nancy Silva  
 Mariela Zamudio

### 15 Year Recipients

Jose Amaton  
 Huong Banh  
 Monika Barbery  
 Yasmina Briceno  
 Arthur Cheung  
 Kamaljeet Dhaliwal  
 Irena Glomba  
 Cynthia Gonzalez  
 Angela Guevera  
 Tammy Hong

Kenny Hua  
 Trevor Kay  
 Paula Kusenda  
 Sharon Leung  
 Xuan Lan Ly  
 Elva Negrete  
 Agnes Nguyen  
 Johnny Nguyen  
 Nam Phan Nguyen  
 Steven Nguyen

Tuan Nguyen  
 Tung Nguyen  
 Maria Saldana  
 Juan Sandoval  
 Karen Scott  
 Rosalind Smith  
 Tuyet Tran  
 Hong Ha Vo  
 Michelle Vu

### 20 Year Recipients

Richard Ames  
 Victor Castro  
 Anthony Garcia  
 Jimmy Garza  
 Freddie Gonzales

Denise Hatakeyama  
 Hermina Kindelan  
 Kristy Leung  
 Yvonne Maestas

Joseph Pacino  
 Barbara Rodriguez  
 Randall Simons  
 Miriam Velarde

### 25 Year Recipients

Gregory Chamness  
 Marisela Godinez  
 Maria Knepper  
 Olivia Lopez

Caroline McCabe  
 Michael Nguyen  
 Toni Marie Withey  
 Thuy-Hoang Nguyen

John Quimzon  
 Maria Torres-Carranza

### 30 Year Recipients

Carmella Cenicerros  
 Jana Cruz  
 Rhonda Langston  
 Anh Ly  
 Maria Taylor

Pamela Hernandez  
 Cang Nguyen  
 Guadalupe Pedroza  
 Kaye Smith

### 40 Year Recipients

Chris Steward  
 Gary Fangrat

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