

**An ongoing commitment
to student success**

2013



Dear Colleagues,

When students recount the people who assisted them in reaching their goals, one would expect most students to name a faculty member. That is often the case, but it is not always the case. I can recall many times when students cited classified staff members as being key contributors to their success. It may have been a particular person in the career center, or a learning aide in a math tutoring center, or a custodian. There are countless ways that classified staff members contribute to the learning and progress of our students.

When such recognitions occur, they underscore several key points. One of these is that student learning doesn't just happen in the classroom. Some of the most important learning that occurs for students frequently happens in other settings. A pivotal point for a student may come about by their involvement in student activities and the guidance provided by the classified advisor. It may come about from sitting on a committee and interacting with a variety of staff members or it may be as simple as receiving encouragement from a clerk or an administrative assistant or some other staff member at a time when a student needs some encouragement and support.

Another key point is that classified staff members interact with students on a regular basis. The attitude that the classified members of a college demonstrate toward students can often determine how welcome students feel on a particular campus. It is especially pleasing that in the short time that I have been with this district, I have heard consistently positive remarks from students or former students about what a great environment Santa Ana College is for students. The classified staff members have to take a large measure of credit for creating that positive environment for students.

Although all classified employees deserve appreciation, I especially want to salute the classified employees of Santa Ana College that have been recognized by their peers and singled out for an Award of 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.



Sincerely,

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.

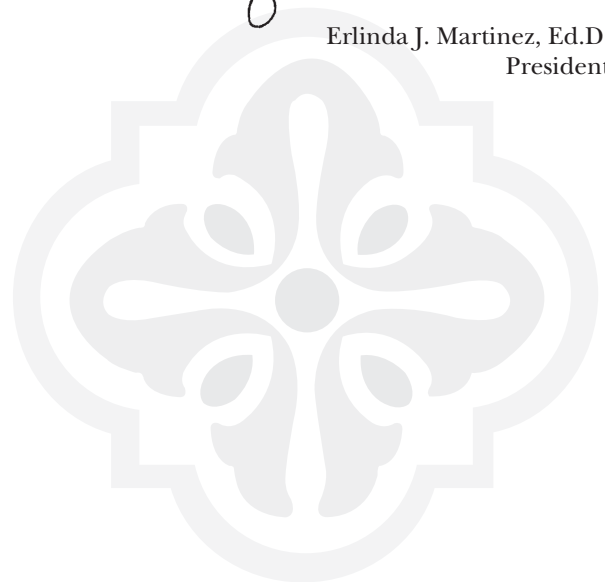
We have been challenged to serve more students with fewer operational dollars as a result of the fiscal shortfall facing our state and our nation. However, your unconditional support for one another, our students, and the college is truly inspiring. I am appreciative of your efforts that create the welcoming 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 2013 Co-Recipient

Geni Lusk
Executive Secretary
Administrative Services

A warm and special applause to this year's co-recipient of the Classified Employee of the Year 2013, Geni Lusk.

Geni has been employed with the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) for a remarkable eleven years. She proudly serves as the executive secretary for the Administrative Services office where she has been seen as a valuable partner in achieving organizational duties. Such matters include scheduling meetings, preparing agendas for the shared governance and task force meetings, creating highly informed newsletters and much more. In addition, she serves as the college's Employee Transportation Coordinator and coordinates the required annual AQMD survey. She willingly participates on college events and works closely with the Academic Senate.

The qualities that she is best known for are her work ethic, her integrity and her ability to adapt in the ever changing work place. Geni is known to build and maintain powerful relationships. She humbly identifies herself as one that promotes congeniality to support her colleagues and students that she interacts with.

Those that know Geni appreciate her strong and positive customer service skills and her mentality of "I can and I will" attitude. "She exemplifies a strong and committed work ethic, balanced with her inescapable human touch, sense of humor and passion for life," as described by one of her colleagues.

Congratulations to you Geni, for your passion, dedication, and strong commitment to serving Santa Ana College!

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Classified Employee of the Year 2013 Co-Recipient

Jennifer Valencia

Administrative Secretary

Santa Ana College Foundation | Office of College Advancement

Please put your hands together to congratulate this year's co-recipient of the Classified Employee of the Year 2013, Jennifer Valencia.

Jennifer has dedicated over four and a half years to the Rancho Santiago Community College District as an Administrative Secretary at the Santa Ana College Foundation | Office of College Advancement. Jennifer directly supports the Executive Director in her efforts to raise funds for scholarships, programs, and grants. Jennifer also provides support to the Scholarship Program, which awards over \$400,000 to students each year. Furthermore, Jennifer facilitates the disbursement of funds from all Foundation accounts, which goes directly to support students and programs.

One of many accomplishments for Jennifer is having been a part of five "Pageant of the Trees" fundraising events. The success of this event is a culmination of six months worth of planning, organizing, and communicating with external and internal supporters. Jennifer and a talented committee rose over \$200,000 in net proceeds to award students at SAC.

Jennifer promotes a synergistic environment grounded in her "can-do" attitude, which enables her to be a reflective listener to assist with solving problems.

Her work ethic does not go unnoticed, as said by a fellow colleague who shared that Jennifer "makes Santa Ana College shine through her professionalism, her quality of work and her ability to serve students through her dedication to her work."

Congratulations to you Jennifer, for your positivity, professionalism, and friendly outlook to serving Santa Ana College!

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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

Chris Steward
Clerk
Admission and Records

Congratulations to Chris Steward for her role as the 2013 ideal employee selected to represent the attributes of all part-time employees with the Half-of-the-Time Award!

Rancho Santiago Community College is proud to have an employee like Chris, for nearly 40 years. The work that Chris does is very important to ensure that all students are being provided with the best continuity of care. She is responsible for assisting students with their vicarious questions, managing the never-ending influx of phone calls, and answering at least 300-400 emails a month.

Being a part time employee has afforded Chris the opportunity to lend a hand to other departments such as, Health Education, Accounts Payable, Employee Benefits, Scholarship, and Kinesiology. She has shown strong dedication to her college community, so much so that she has expanded her knowledge about other functional areas that exist to support students. She has been able to create and maintain a long lasting relationship with what she calls her “SAC family.”

Those that know Chris are amazed by the level of energy she exudes, especially when she is called to perform various assignments. Those that she works closely with truly consider her to be an asset to Santa Ana College.

Congratulations to Chris for representing the core of our part-time employees with her perseverance, patience, and versatility with colleagues and our students!



Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award

Tonimarie Withey
Administrative Secretary
Fine & Performing Arts Division Office

A special acknowledgment and genuine congratulations to Tonimarie Withey for her recognition as the 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.

Tonimarie has been a dedicated employee of Rancho Santiago Community College for over 23 years. Tonimarie was first introduced to RSCCD in 1989 when she served as an Intermediate Clerk for the Fine & Performing Arts Division- TV/VIDEO Department. She worked in this capacity for 11 years. In 2000, she held an Administrative Clerk position for the Fine & Performing Arts Division until she secured her current position in 2012 serving as the Administrative Secretary for the Fine & Performing Arts Division.

Those that covet this award demonstrate sensitivity, dedication, resourcefulness, positive attitude and enthusiasm, all which Tonimarie exhibits. Of all the qualities that Bill Brush Appreciation Award is known for, Tonimarie exudes sensitivity. She genuinely cares for her colleagues and students by promoting a work environment that is conducive to their development. She promotes collegiality among her peers by being supportive of their emotions and experiences. Tonimarie believes that being a supportive friend “leads to greater motivation to keep working and working together.”

Those that work with Tonimarie are aware they are thought of as much more than just a colleague, but rather as her friend and her family. Not only is she dedicated and loyal to her colleagues, she is also devoted to her career and the college.

Sincere congratulations to Tonimarie for reminding us that being authentic and genuine goes a long way. Your strong listening skills, friendly disposition, and dedication to your work represent this esteemed award flawlessly!



Professional Achievement Award

Anh-Phuong Tran
Support Services Assistant
Academic Affairs

Congratulations to Anh-Phuong as the recipient of this year's Professional Achievement Award. Anh-Phuong has been working for Rancho Santiago Community College for a notable nine years. She dedicated one year at the Don Bookstore, followed by six years working with Extended Opportunity Program and Services. For the past two years, she served as a committed Student Services Assistant for Academic Affairs. Since her employment at Santa Ana College, she has received an Associate of Science degree in Bio-Chemistry and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Human Services from California State University, Fullerton.

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 leading to promotion

Anh-Phuong has demonstrated superb ability to achieve consistent and effective results in her work on CurricUNET. She has spent countless hours understanding CurricUNET's entire functions in order to be a resource to those that may have questions. She takes great pride when Santa Ana College courses are accurate and complete as they appear in the SAC catalog. Not only does Anh-Phuong dedicate her time to her work, she also finds time to participate in college events, committees, and program-related affairs to insure the success of the college and its students.

Anh-Phuong is motivated to serve as an educational role model for her children, siblings, and community. Her goal is to instill the value of a college education, something that was once just a childhood dream.

Those that have had the privilege of working with Anh-Phuong share similar sentiments about her devotion, creativity, and solidarity.

Warm congratulations to Anh-Phuong for her exceptional job performance, professional development, and resourcefulness.



2013 Classified Awards Finalists

Classified Employee of the Year

Elva Negrete

Half-of-the-Time

(H-O-T-T) Award

Patricia Guillen

Tammy Hong

Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award

Tina Pov

Jennifer Valencia

Professional Achievement Award

Brenda Serratos

2013 Classified Awards Committee

Teresa Mercado-Cota, Chair

Assistant Dean

Student Services

Ruth Rodriguez

Classified Employee of the Year Award Recipient, 2012 Lead Interpreter

Disabled Student Programs & Services

Lee Rodriguez

Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award Recipient, 2012 Lead Custodian

Santa Ana College

Mark Franco

H-O-T-T (Half-of-the-Time) Award Recipient, 2012 Transfer Center Specialist/

Counseling Assistant

Transfer Center

2012/2013 Retirees

Stephanie Adams

Judy Arroyo

Margaret Bennett

Carol Bonnema

Kathleen Delaney

Jane Eimers

Janet Eldridge

Paula Garcia

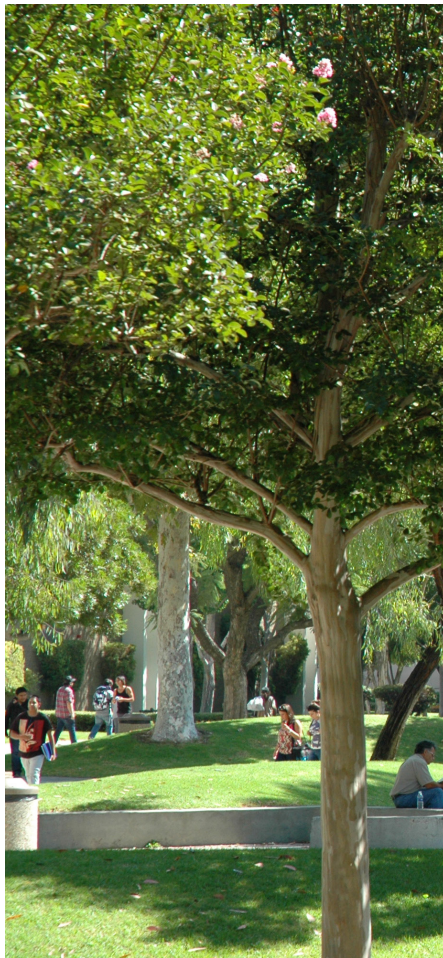
Joseph Lokos

Georgia Matsuda

Hoai Quan

John Quiggle

Irene Salcido



Classified Service Pin Awards 2013

10 Year Recipients

Dolores Austin	Edward Munoz	Denise Scolaro
Ana Campos	Annie Nguyen	Katherine Taylor
Kevin Clark	Hai Duong Nguyen	Suonphathero Tuan
Courtney Harris	Maureen Saunders	
Alejandra Hurtado	Leisa Schumacher	
Elizabeth Lomeli		

15 Year Recipients

Thomas Andrews	Violet Herrera	Arthur Yoshihara
Norma Castillo	Chavez	
Diane Caughern	Vivian Kvenbo	
Ngoc Dinh	Nancy Le	
Chandra Donahoe	Andy Le	
Mirela Dorin	Mariano Razo	
Guadalupe Fuentes	Julio Serratos	
Jean Gonzalez	Sean Small	
Theresa "Terri" Hawn		

20 Year Recipients

Elizabeth Motley
Elizabeth Pinon

25 Year Recipients

Toinette Boster
Felix Razo
Bee Yang

30 Year Recipients

Gloria Barela
Juan Flores
Gary Kinney
Linda Morphew
Cynthia Vasquez

35 Year Recipients

Lupe Saavedra

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