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Awards for Excellence

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Chancellor's Message

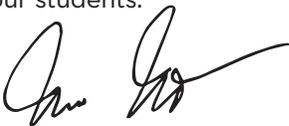
Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations to each of you being recognized for your work performance this year. You all set a wonderful example that helps promote our college district to future employees, and you're an inspiration to colleagues.

As we navigated through this pandemic, you were able to demonstrate your ability to go above and beyond. You earned distinction for your Award of Excellence because you performed to the best of your potential amid adversity. Whether you were on campus or working remotely, you are to be commended for your commitment to provide continued service to our students and community.

You are extraordinary examples of our dedicated and professional staff who work hard to support the teaching and learning of our faculty and students, respectively, each day. It does not go unnoticed that you provided this support for our students out of the spotlight and behind the scenes. What you do is critical to the academic success of our students, and we could not run our college district without you.

Thank you for your exemplary efforts to work collaboratively with colleagues for the success of our students.



Marvin Martinez, Chancellor

Rancho Santiago Community College District

President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Our Classified staff members provide an enormous amount of support to our students, other staff and the community we serve. In the last couple of months having served in my interim role, I have been incredibly impressed by the commitment of classified staff even in the most challenging of times. You are to be commended for your commitment to provide customer service that is second to none to our new and continuing students. Your dedication to make our campus a welcoming place and your unconditional support of our students do not go unnoticed, especially so in the midst of these unprecedented times.

I am honored to celebrate the excellent work that you do, every day here at Santa Ana College.



Marilyn Flores Ph.D.

Interim President, 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.

Classified Employee of the Year



Denise Scolaro
Job Placement Coordinator

Congratulations to Denise Scolaro as this year's recipient of the Classified Employee of the Year 2021 Award!

Denise serves as the job placement coordinator for the Student Services, Financial Aid and Student Placement Office. Denise loves to help each student with their educational and career goals, and goes above and beyond in all she does. She is extremely versatile, empathetic and goes out of her way to support students. Denise's efforts are both uncanny and astounding, and is known as a dedicated employee who strives to do great work! Denise's leadership skills and positive attitude are evident in how she promotes students for success. She also enjoys getting to know students outside of the classroom and engages with them through their personal journey placing them in the perfect spot on campus.

Denise has an innate ability to connect with students and truly understands how to best support them. She is a stellar employee and is committed to ensure the success of her students.

A special salute to Denise on her acknowledgment as the 2021 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.

Angela Crisantos Counseling Assistant

A special recognition to Angela Crisantos, recipient of the 2021 Half-of-the-Time Award!

Angela is a CalWORKs counseling assistant for our Santa Ana College CalWORKs Program. One of her primary responsibilities is to support students from non-traditional and low economic backgrounds. With Angela’s excellent insight, she provides positivity, diligence and organization to the SAC team. Angela is known to be a go-getter, self-directed, bilingual Spanish speaker, problem solver, communicator, team player, detail orientated, organized, technologically advanced, innovator, and excellent time manager.

Angela provides individualized and group support, and guides students towards personal, educational and workplace success! She is a positive, diligent, organized and proactive classified employee.

Congratulations to Angela for her dedication and exemplary 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.

Monica Bustamante
Student Services Assistant

Congratulations to Denise Scolaro as this year’s recipient of the Classified Employee of the Year 2021 Award!

Our warmest congratulations to Monica Bustamante on her special acknowledgment as this year’s recipient of the Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award!

Monica works as a Support Service Specialist in the Distance Education Office. She appreciates knowing how she plays a piece in a large role to ensure students continue their success at SAC. Monica represents this award with her dedication, diligence and positive attitude. Her attention to detail, positivity and resourcefulness are appreciated by all.

Monica is an extremely positive and enthusiastic person, and is grateful to foster student success.

Congratulations to Monica for her exceptional contribution, dedication, resourcefulness, and pride in serving Santa Ana College!

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Professional Achievement Award



Basti Lopez De La Luz
Dual Enrollment Coordinator

A special recognition to Basti Lopez, recipient of the 2021 Professional Achievement Award!

As the Dual Enrollment Coordinator at Santa Ana College, Basti is continually evaluating how to improve our Dual Enrollment Program with her technical knowledge. Basti is a great role model for our Dual Enrollment students. By example, Basti has the ability to relate with and understand each student. As the point person for the SAC Dual Enrollment program, her evolving skills and abilities are essential to the success of the program. Basti is committed to her work and the impact to SAC.

Her on-going professional development, determination, and knowledge is an absolute asset to the Office of Dual Enrollment. As the point person, her skill set and abilities are essential to the success of this program.

Basti is an example of perseverance and innovation. Congratulations to Basti on receiving 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.

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2020/2021 Retirees

Victor Aguila	Kenneth Gouldsmith	JoAnn Nick
Susana Albuja	Teresa Grijalva	Beatriz Padilla
Abel Arredondo	Rosa Harrizon	Mila Paunovic
Dolores Austin	Charles Hayes	Manuel Pech
Scott Baker	Pablo Hernandez	John Quimzon
Theresa Hagelbarger	James Hester	Salvador Sanchez
Tai Banh	Raymond Hicks	Linda Sapak Winder
Hilda Beaver	Mark Higgins	Brian Schroeder
Beatrice Cain	Connie Jimenez	Karen Scott
Mary Castellanos	Katharine Keith	Mary Sehm
Orlando Castrejon Miranda	David Knorr	Catherine Shaffer
Gregory Chamness	Paula Kusenda	Teresa Simbro
Evangelina Contreras	Vivian Kvenbo	Randall Simons
Kamaljeet Dhaliwal	Christine Leon	Rosalind Smith
Glenn Dolittle, Jr.	Charles Little	Katherine Taylor
Quyên Duong	Suzanne Lohmann	Maria Taylor
Dalva Dwyer	Leticia Lopez-Jaurequi	Huey Troung
Carmelita Eustaquio	Janice Love	Martha Vargas
Guadalupe Fuentes	F. Richard Manzano	Cynthia Vasquez
Alejandra Garcia	Phillip Martinez	Angelina Veyna
Yolanda Garcia	Robert Menn	Teresa Wann
Maria Garibay	Linda Morphew	Dawn Williams
Susan Garnett	Sandy Morris-Pfyl	Virginia Witmer
Arturo Garza	Sergio Nava	Rochelle Zook
Susan Gibson	Nhanban Nguyen	
Sylvia Gordon	Phuong Nguyen	

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2021 Classified Awards Finalists

Classified Employee of the Year

Jimmy Nguyen

Marlon Cadena

2021 Classified Awards Committee

Teresa Mercado-Cota, Co-Chair
Assistant Dean, Student Services
Lithia Williams, Co-Chair
Community Services Coordinator II
John Nguyen
Classified Employee of the Year Award
Recipient, 2020
Student Services Coordinator
Tanisha Burrus
Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award
Recipient, 2020
Student Service Coordinator
Nandini Puri
Professional Achievement Award Recipient,
2020
Scholarship Coordinator
Michelle Ayala
H-O-T-T (Half-of-the-Time) Award Recipient,
2020
Student Service Specialist
Amanda Farah
Public Affairs & Governmental Relations

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Classified Service Pin Awards 2021

10 Years

Christopher Cannon
Jungwon Jin
Ann Lockhart
Phillip Marquez
Kimberly Mathews
Lisa McKowan-Bourguignon
Roxanne Packard
Tina Pov
Kristen Robinson
Stacy Russo
Gabriel Shweiri
Brian Sos
Rachel Sosta
George Sweeney

15 Years

Stacey Bass
Rosio Becerra
Matthew Beyersdorf
Mary Chang
Monica Collins
Claire Coyne
Linda Duong
Wenndy Esparza

Becky Ettinger
Jose Garcia
Jorge Garcia
Susan Gibson
Juan Gil
Araceli Gonzalez
Kristen Guzman
Eric Hernandez
Hieu Hoang
Mark Liang
Robert Manson
George Murillo
Dao Nguyen Hung Nguyen
Lance Ralston
Mario Robertson
Rosalba Rodriguez
Alfonso Roman
Isadora Romero
Kristina Ross
Sue Siegel
Amber Stapleton
Robert Stucken
Dorothy Swayne
Craig Takahashi
Vien Tran

Gerardo Vega
Dahlia Vu
Christopher Wild
Dawn Williams

20 Years

Troy Abbey
Sandra Aguilar
Dana Bassett
Veronica Bizon
Ricardo Castillo
Brenda Furlong
Linda Furlong Diaz
Omelina Garcia
Heather Gillette
Madeline Grant
Patricia Guillen
Jubal Hampton
Junko Ishikawa
Henry Kim
Renise Meza
Anna Montoya
Jeffrey Pedroza
Charles Ramshaw
Gina Wilson

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Classified Service Pin Awards 2020 (Continued)

25 Years

Evangelina Camarena
William Courter
Stephanie Fondren
Javier Galvan
Elissa Hassel
Cherylee Kushida
Felipe Lopez
Juli Macdonald
Donato Martinez Guzman
Joann Nick
Kathleen Patterson
John Zarske

30 Years

Philip Hughes
Katharine Keith
Kathleen Lehman
Kim Nutter
Ruth Rodriguez
Maria Sanchez Mendez
Virginia Witmer
Brian Yoder

35 Years

Yolanda Garcia
Charles Little
Sarah Salas

Thank you

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