

**ACCCA AWARD PROGRAM  
CHRONOLOGY OF AWARDS AND PRIOR RECIPIENTS**

**ACCCA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

It is one thing to be active in your association, and it is quite another to go above and beyond expectations and by so doing, truly lead your team to the success of a program or provide some other significant contribution to your fellow ACCCA members. The individuals listed below have been recognized for doing just that. Nominations come from the Board or their respective commissions and are based on their contributions to ACCCA over the preceding year and beyond.

The winner of the Volunteer of the Year award is selected by the ACCCA Executive Committee prior to the conference. Previous winners include:

2000	James Albanese, Mt. San Antonio CCD
2001	Lise Telson, Palomar College
2002	Rose DelGaudio, Rancho Santiago CCD
2003	John Hendrickson, Contra Costa CCD and Donna Manno, El Camino CCD
2004	Kurt Hueg, Foothill College
2005	Patti Ross, Bakersfield College
2006	Elizabeth Cipres, Irvine Valley College
2007	Willard Lewallen, Victor Valley College
2008	Kendra Jeffcoat Grossmont College
2009	Dr. Jeanie Nishime, El Camino CCD

## **ACCCA LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXCELLENCE**

The ACCCA Leadership Award was first bestowed in 1996 and is given annually to an outstanding administrator (not CEO) nominated by their peers for their demonstrated qualities of creativity and innovation; volunteerism benefiting their college and profession; commitment and service as a role model. These qualities must be evident in examples within the nomination. Final selection of the winner is made by the selection committee. Previous winners of this award are:

- 1996 Elaine Cohen, Diablo Valley College and Terry Burgess, Irvine Valley College
- 1997 Marjorie Lewis, Citrus College and Donald Berz, Chaffey College
- 1998 Darroch "Rocky" Young, Santa Monica CCD
- 2000 Robert Griffin, DeAnza College and John D. Renley, Coast CCD
- 2001 Lynn Neault, San Diego CCD
- 2002 Robert Hughlett, Cerritos and Eva Conrad, Moorpark College
- 2003 No award was presented
- 2004 Joseph Samuels, West Valley Mission CCD and Carol Maga, Diablo Valley College 2005  
Harriett Robles, West Valley Mission
- 2006 Julie Slark, Rancho Santiago CCD and Elizabeth Armstrong, San Diego CCD
- 2007 Pam Deegan, Mt San Jacinto CCD
- 2008 Shirley Short, Sacramento City College
- 2009 Randal Lawson, CIO and executive vice president of Santa Monica CCD

## **THE HARRY BUTTIMER DISTINGUISHED ADMINISTRATOR AWARD**

First presented in 1986, the Buttimer is the Association's oldest and most prestigious award. Named for the late Harry Buttimer, a founding member of ACCCA, the award symbolizes the qualities that he was known for-- integrity; principle; compassion; strength in leadership; contributions to their colleagues and the profession; and contributions to their college district and community.

A nomination for the Buttimer Award requires strong evidence of the above characteristics and substantial support by one's peers. Final selection of the winner is made by the award selection committee. As you review this list of previous winners you get a sense of the history of ACCCA and of the community college system of California. Previous winners of this award are:

- 1986 Dr. Tom Van Groningen, former Chancellor of the Yosemite CCD, and Dr. John Petersen, former Superintendent/President of Cabrillo CCD.
- 1987 Dr. Joe Newmyer, former Vice Chancellor at North Orange CCD, and Dr. David Mertes, former Chancellor, Los Rios CCD.
- 1988 Dr. Robert DeHart, former President at DeAnza College and Dr. Jack Bessire, former Assistant Superintendent/Vice President at Monterey Peninsula CCD.
- 1989 Dr. Phyllis Peterson, former President, Diablo Valley College, and Dr. Jack Randall, former President/Superintendent, Mt. San Antonio CCD
- 1990 Dr. Jerry Angove, former President/Superintendent, Sierra CCD, and Benita Haley, former Assistant Superintendent, Santa Monica CCD
- 1991 Dr. Alfred Fernandez, former Chancellor of the Coast CCD, and Dr. Beverly O'Neill, former President/Superintendent of Long Beach CCD.
- 1992 Dr. Peter MacDougall, former President/Superintendent, Santa Barbara CCD, and Dr. Pamila Fisher, Chancellor at Yosemite CCD.
- 1993 Dr. Jack Scott, former President/Superintendent, Pasadena Area CCD, and Dr. Robert Jensen, former Chancellor at Contra Costa CCD.
- 1994 Dr. George Boggs, former President/Superintendent, Palomar CCD and Dr. Lois Callahan, former Chancellor, San Mateo CCD.
- 1995 Dr. Dianne Van Hook, President/Superintendent, Santa Clarita CCD, and Dr. Thomas Lakin, former Chancellor, Ventura CCD.
- 1996 Dr. Constance Carroll, President, San Diego Mesa College
- 1997 Dr. Judy Strattan, former President/Superintendent, Barstow CCD
- 1998 Dr. Del Anderson, former President/Superintendent, City College of San Francisco.
- 1999 Dr. Ronald Kong, former Chancellor, Chabot Las Positas CCD
- 2000 Dr. E. Jan Kehoe, President/Superintendent, Long Beach CCD, and Dr. James Walker, former President, Moorpark College
- 2001 Dr. Floyd Hogue, former President/Superintendent, Ohlone CCD.
- 2002 Dr. William Feddersen, former President/Superintendent, Mt. San Antonio CCD, and Dr. Linda Salter, former Chancellor, West Valley Mission CCD.
- 2003 No Award Was Presented
- 2004 Dr. John Hurd, former President/Superintendent, Cabrillo CCD and Dr. Augustine Gallego, Chancellor, San Diego CCD
- 2005 Donald Averill, Chancellor, San Bernardino CCD and Kevin Ramirez, President/Superintendent, Sierra CCD
- 2006 Dr. Susan Cota, Chabot Las Positas CCD and Dr. Edward J. Valeau, Hartnell CCD
- 2007 Dr. Darroch "Rocky" Young, Los Angeles CCD
- 2008 Diane Woodruff, Former Interim Chancellor, California Community Colleges; Stan Arterberry, former Chancellor, West Valley Mission CCD; and Guy Lease, former President, Lake Tahoe Community College District
- 2009 Dr. Helen Benjamin, Chancellor, Contra Costa CCD

## **UNCOMMON COURAGE AWARD**

This is ACCCA's community award and is not necessarily given each year. The nomination comes from the MDC as a recommendation to the Board for their consideration.

- 2001 Kelly Bennett and Michelle Houde, San Jose State University Students who foiled a domestic terrorist at DeAnza College
- 2002 Edward James Olmos for his work with the disadvantaged and in education
- 2003 No award presented
- 2004 California Firefighters
- 2005 Students and Administrators of California Community Colleges Serving in Iraq
- 2006 California Community Colleges for their Response To Hurricane Katrina
- 2007 No award presented
- 2008 No award presented

## THE MERTES AWARD

Each year ACCCA honors the author(s) of a substantial research project that has significantly contributed to our understanding of the effectiveness of community colleges and higher education. The purpose of the Mertes Award is to acknowledge and honor outstanding research--either a dissertation or topic-specific project--on community colleges and encourage continued research on substantive issues facing higher and/or community colleges.

The recipient(s) of the award is selected by a review committee of the ACCCA Board in consultation with a representative of the Research and Planning (RP) Group.

- 1997 Jack Friedlander (first award) for his research on: "Using Wage Record Data to Track the Post-College Employment Rates and Wages of CCC Students."
- 1998 Rita Mize, CCLC; Leonard Isaksen, West LA College and Earl Mitchell, Rancho Santiago CCD.
- 1999 No Award Presented
- 2000 William Armstrong, San Diego CCD.
- 2001 Lisa Sugimoto, Long Beach CCD on "The Perceptions of CCC Governing Boards in the Selection of a CEO."
- 2002 Veronica Knott, Los Medanos College on "California Community College African- American Female Administrators: Their Perceptions on Why They Remain in Administrative Positions."
- 2003 No Award Presented
- 2004 Rita M. Cepeda, Santa Ana College on "An Investigation of Critical Mass: The Role of Latino Representation in the Retention of Urban Community College Students." And Cristina Chiriboga, Cuyamaca College on "An Evaluation Study of a Community College Administrative Leadership Development Program"
- 2005 Marshall Gartenlaub, Initiative Director for Technologies at San Bernardino CCD on "Adult Urban Community College Success: Identifying Factors that Predict Course Completion."
- 2006 Brad Phillips, Executive Director and Founder of CalPASS at the Grossmont Cuyamaca CCD for a body of work.
- 2007 Mary Gallagher, Los Angeles Southwest College, "Improving Institutional Effectiveness: The Relationship between Assessing Student Learning Outcomes & Strategic Planning in California Community Colleges"
- 2008 Research & Planning Group for California Community Colleges for a project entitled "Basic Skills as a Foundation for Student Success in California Community Colleges."
- 2009 Rachel Rosenthal, vice president of instruction at Sierra College; and the team of Willard Hom, Alice Von Ommeren, Catherine Liddicoat and LeAnn Fong-Batkin of the Research & Planning Division of the State Chancellor's Office

## **THE ACCCA AWARD FOR PROGRESS IN DIVERSITY**

The ACCCA Award for Progress in Diversity was developed by the MDC and Board to recognize administrators who have contributed to the progress of the concept of diversity on a campus. The nexus for the award sprung from the anti-affirmative action efforts in the state which were threatening to reverse the tremendous progress that had been made toward more tolerance and diversity on the campus.

Previous winners of the Diversity Award are:

- 2004 Dr. Gus Guichard, former Vice Chancellor, California Community Colleges
- 2005 Dr. Maria Sheehan, President/Superintendent, Desert CCD
- 2006 Abel Nunez, Vice President Instruction at Taft College
- 2007 A2MEND, a group of young educators and graduates of ACCCA Admin 101, (award accepted by Mark Robinson, San Francisco City College dean of student affairs)
- 2008 Coastline Community College for its campus-wide focus on fostering diversity, and the Early Start Program at Los Angeles Valley College
- 2009 Rosa Perez, Chancellor of San Jose Evergreen CCD