

ACCCA AWARD PROGRAM
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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 individual contributions to ACCCA over the preceding year and beyond. Candidates for the *Volunteer of the Year Award* are nominated by the Executive Director and voted on by the Executive Committee of the ACCCA Board prior to the conference. Previous winners include:

- 2017 **Geisce Ly**, City College of San Francisco
- 2016 **Linda Beam**, El Camino College
- 2015 **Derrick Booth**, American River College
- 2014 **Russi Egan**, Palo Verde College
- 2013 **Kevin O'Connor**, Saddleback College
- 2012 **Dena Maloney**, Taft College
- 2011 **Sandy Mayo**, Los Angeles Valley College
- 2010 **Arvid Spor**, El Camino CCD
- 2009 **Jeanie Nishime**, El Camino CCD
- 2008 **Kendra Jeffcoat**, UC San Diego
- 2007 **Willard Lewallen**, Victor Valley College
- 2006 **Elizabeth Cipres**, Irvine Valley College
- 2005 **Patti Ross**, Bakersfield College
- 2004 **Kurt Hueg**, Foothill College
- 2003 **John Hendrickson**, Contra Costa CCD and
Donna Manno, El Camino CCD
- 2002 **Rose DelGaudio**, Rancho Santiago CCD
- 2001 **Lise Telson**, Palomar College
- 2000 **James Albanese**, Mt. San Antonio 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:

- 2017 **Susan Lamb**, Interim Chancellor, City College of San Francisco
- 2016 **John Didion**, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, Rancho Santiago CCD
- 2015 **Sherri Titus**, Director, Office of Student Services, Palomar CCD
- 2014 **Tom Burke**, Chief Financial Officer, Kern CCD
- 2013 **Rowena Tomaneng**, Assoc. Vice President, Instruction, DeAnza College
- 2012 **Gwen Plano**, Vice President, Instruction, Irvine Valley College
- 2011 **Rose Delgaudio**, Vice President Human Resources, Long Beach CCD
- 2010 **No Award Presented**
- 2009 **Randy Lawson**, Executive Vice President, Santa Monica CCD
- 2008 **Shirley Short**, Sacramento City College

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

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 colleagues, their profession and 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:

- 2017 **Dr. Frank Gornick**, Chancellor, West Hills CCD
- 2016 **Steven Kinsella**, Superintendent/President, Gavilan College
- 2015 **Robert Deagan**, Superintendent/President, Palomar College
- 2014 **Wes Bryan**, Superintendent/President, Golden West College
- 2013 **Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman**, Interim Chancellor, San Francisco CCD
- 2012 **Dr. Sandra Serrano**, Chancellor, Kern CCD
- 2011 **Dr. John Nixon**, President/Superintendent, Mt. San Antonio CCD
- 2010 **Dr. Frances White**, President/Supt., Marin CCD
- 2009 **Dr. Helen Benjamin**, Chancellor, Contra Costa CCD
- 2008 **Dr. Stanley Arterberry**, West Valley Mission CCD
 - Dr. Guy Lease**, Lake Tahoe CCD
 - Dr. Dianne Woodruff**, Chancellor, COCCC
- 2007 **Dr. Darroch “Rocky” Young**, Los Angeles CCD
- 2006 **Dr. Susan Cota**, Chabot Las Positas CCD and **Dr. Edward J. Valeau**, Hartnell CCD
- 2005 **Donald Averill**, Chancellor, San Bernardino CCD and **Kevin Ramirez**, President/Superintendent, Sierra CCD
- 2004 **Dr. John Hurd**, former President/Superintendent, Cabrillo CCD and **Dr. Augustine Gallego**, Chancellor, San Diego CCD
- 2003 **No Award Was Presented**
- 2002 **Dr. William Feddersen**, former President/Superintendent, Mt. San Antonio CCD, and

- Dr. Linda Salter**, former Chancellor, West Valley Mission CCD.
- 2001 **Dr. Floyd Hogue**, former President/Superintendent, Ohlone CCD.
- 2000 **Dr. E. Jan Kehoe**, President/Superintendent, Long Beach CCD, and **Dr. James Walker**, former President, Moorpark College
- 1999 **Dr. Ronald Kong**, former Chancellor, Chabot Las Positas CCD
- 1998 **Dr. Del Anderson**, former President/Superintendent, City College of San Francisco.
- 1997 **Dr. Judy Strattan**, former President/Superintendent, Barstow CCD
- 1996 **Dr. Constance Carroll**, President, San Diego Mesa College
- 1995 **Dr. Dianne Van Hook**, President/Superintendent, Santa Clarita CCD, and **Dr. Thomas Lakin**, former Chancellor, Ventura CCD
- 1994 **Dr. George Boggs**, former President/Superintendent, Palomar CCD and **Dr. Lois Callahan**, former Chancellor, San Mateo CCD
- 1993 **Dr. Jack Scott**, former President/Superintendent, Pasadena Area CCD, and **Dr. Robert Jensen**, former Chancellor at Contra Costa CCD
- 1992 **Dr. Peter MacDougall**, former President/Superintendent, Santa Barbara CCD, and **Dr. Pamela Fisher**, Chancellor at Yosemite CCD
- 1991 **Dr. Alfred Fernandez**, former Chancellor of the Coast CCD, and **Dr. Beverly O'Neill**, former President/Superintendent of Long Beach CCD
- 1990 **Dr. Jerry Angove**, former President/Superintendent, Sierra CCD, and **Benita Haley**, former Assistant Superintendent, Santa Monica CCD
- 1989 **Dr. Phyllis Peterson**, former President, Diablo Valley College, and **Dr. Jack Randall**, former President/Superintendent, Mt. San Antonio CCD
- 1988 **Dr. Robert DeHart**, former President at DeAnza College and **Dr. Jack Bessire**, former Assistant Superintendent/Vice President at Monterey Peninsula CCD
- 1987 **Dr. Joe Newmyer**, former Vice Chancellor at North Orange CCD, and **Dr. David Mertes**, former Chancellor, Los Rios CCD
- 1986 **Dr. Tom Van Groningen**, former Chancellor of the Yosemite CCD, and **Dr. John Petersen**, former Superintendent /President of Cabrillo CCD

UNCOMMON COURAGE AWARD

This is ACCCA's community award and is not necessarily given each year. The nomination can come from the MDC as a recommendation to the Board, or from the Executive Committee.

Presented in 2011 *Community College League of California, Commission on the Future in recognition of their work to move CCCs forward into the future.*

Presented in 2006 *California Community Colleges in recognition of their Response to Hurricane Katrina*

Presented in 2005 *Students and Administrators of California Community Colleges Serving in Iraq*

Presented in 2004 **California Firefighters Association** *in recognition of their member's service during the California Wildfires*

Presented in 2002 **Edward James Olmos** *for his work with the disadvantaged and in education*

Presented in 2001 **Kelly Bennett and Michelle Houde**, *San Jose State University Students who foiled a domestic terrorist at DeAnza College*

THE MERTEZ AWARD

Since 1997 ACCCA has honored 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 will be selected by a review committee of the ACCCA Board in consultation with a representative of the Research and Planning (RP) Group.

Following is the criteria for selection. Author(s) of research completed within the previous two years are eligible for the award. Nominations may be made by either the nominee's colleague(s) or by organizations. Individuals may also self-nominate. The nomination must include an abstract (1-2 pages) and executive summary (not more than 20 pages) of the research project. The committee may request additional information if needed.

The announcement of the award will be made at the conference during the awards banquet at the ACCCA Conference. The winner(s) will be presented with a certificate and a cash award of \$500 from the Mertes Award Fund. The research abstract will be published by ACCCA, and recipient(s) will have their name(s) engraved on the perpetual plaque kept at the ACCCA headquarters in Sacramento and displayed annually at the Conference.

2017	Carlos O. Turner Cortez , President, San Diego Continuing Education Center
2016	No Award Presented
2015	3CSN – The California Acceleration Project
2014	John Hetts & Andrew Fuenmeyer , Long Beach City College, <i>Promising Pathways to Success: Using Evidence to Dramatically Increase Student Achievement</i>
2013	No Award Presented
2012	No Award Presented

- 2011 **Alice Van Ommeren**, Specialist, Information Systems and Analysis, Research Analysis and Accountability Unit, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for her study on "New Transfer Partners: California Community Colleges and Private For-Profit Four-Year Institutions"
- 2010 **No Award Presented**
- 2009 **Rachel Rosenthal** for her work entitled "Those Who Would Not Serve: Factors Influencing Community College Faculty Member Interest in Applying for Administrative Positions." and The Team of Willard Hom; Alice Von Ommeren, Catherine Liddicoat and LeAnn Fong-Batkin, members of the Research & Planning Division of the State Chancellor's Office for their dual submissions: "**No Award Presented** Peer Grouping: The Refinement of Performance Indicators" and "Developing Service Area Indices for Your Community College: California's Method and Experience."
- 2008 **The RP Group**, for *Basic Skills as a Foundation of Student Success in California Community Colleges*
- 2007 **Mary Gallagher**, *Improving Institutional Effectiveness: The Relationship Between Assessing Student Learning Outcomes and Strategic Planning In California Community Colleges*
- 2006 **Brad Phillips**, Executive Director and Founder of CalPASS at the Grossmont Cuyamaca CCD for a body of work.
- 2005 **Marshall Gartenlaub**, Initiative Director for Technologies at San Bernardino CCD on "Adult Urban Community College Success: Identifying Factors that Predict Course Completion."
- 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"
- 2003 **No Award Presented**
- 2002 **Veronica Knott**, Los Medanos College on "California Community College African- American Female Administrators: Their Perceptions on Why They Remain in Administrative Positions."
- 2001 **Lisa Sugimoto**, Long Beach CCD on "The Perceptions of CCC Governing Boards in the Selection of a CEO."
- 2000 **William Armstrong**, San Diego CCD.
- 1999 **No Award Presented**
- 1998 **Rita Mize**, CCLC; **Leonard Isaksen**, West LA College and Earl Mitchell, Rancho Santiago CCD.
- 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."

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. Following are the criteria for the award which should be considered by the selection committee in their deliberations. The award will be presented annually at the ACCCA conference.

1. The nominee should have a minimum of 3 years of service in California Community College educational system.
2. Nominee should have a demonstrated track record of effective leadership in promoting diversity.
3. The nomination should be supported by letters affirming uniqueness of demonstration of promotion of diversity in higher education either by leadership or significant contribution; or have research or a presentation that enhances or is a contribution to the concept of diversity in higher education; or have created an area of inclusion by district policy on inclusion, activities on campus (e.g., Women's History Month) or have produced materials that represent effective action of inclusion.

Previous winners of the Diversity Award are:

- 2017 **Eugene Whitlock**, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources & General Counsel, San Mateo CCD
- 2016 **No Award Presented**
- 2015 **Wyman Fong** – Vice Chancellor of Human Resources – Chabot-Las Positas CCD
- 2014 **Irma Ramos**, North Orange CCD, **Sheri Wright**, MiraCosta CCD and **Laura Schulkind**, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
- 2013 **Lucinda Aborn**, Dean, DSPP Program, Cerritos CCD
- 2012 **No Award Presented**
- 2011 **Damon Bell**, Vice President of Student Services, San Bernardino Valley College
- 2010 **No Award Presented**
- 2009 **Dr. Rosa Perez**, Chancellor, San Jose Evergreen CCD
- 2008 **Coastline Community College** for work to promote programs including Kaleidoscope Leadership Conference; the Latina Network Conference and the A2MEND Conference.
- 2007 **The Group A2MEND**
- 2006 **Abel Nunez**, Vice President Instruction at Taft College
- 2005 **Dr. Maria Sheehan**, President/Superintendent, Desert CCD
- 2004 **Dr. Gus Guichard**, former Vice Chancellor, California Community Colleges
- 2013 **Lucinda Aborn**, Dean, DSPP Program, Cerritos CCD
- 2014 **Irma Ramos**, North Orange CCD, **Sheri Wright**, MiraCosta CCD and **Laura Schulkind**, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
- 2015 **Wyman Fong** – Vice Chancellor of Human Resources – Chabot-Las Positas CCD
- 2016 No Award Presented
- 2017 **Eugene Whitlock**, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources & General Counsel, San Mateo CCD

ACCCA BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD:

In 1998 ACCCA entered into a partnership with Xerox to create a mutual benefit membership for companies that do business regularly with community colleges. The idea hit home with companies based in California, nationally and globally and today, ACCCA maintains a membership program for many companies representing many different genres of services and products. Their membership in ACCCA provides them with access to potential clients and a forum in which to display their products and services to that market. It also provides them with new insights into the real needs and intricate operations that are the community college system in ACCCA. These insights have resulted in new products and services, new ways of doing business that has benefitted their companies but also the community colleges and districts in California.

In 2000 Xerox became ACCCA's first *Corporate Partner of the Year*. Since then the following business members have followed Xerox to be recognized by the Association:

2017	<i>None Awarded</i>
2016	SELF
2015	Keenan & Associates
2014	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
2013	Brandman University
2012	XEROX (2 nd honor)
2011	HMC Architects (2 nd honor)
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2009	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (2 nd honor)
2008	Lehman Brothers (now Barclays Capital)
2007	A+ Auto Home Insurance Plus & California Casualty
2006	Zuk & Associates (2 nd honor)
2005	Renaissance Agencies
2004	tBP Architecture
2003	eCollege
2002	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
2001	Zuk & Associates
2000	XEROX—The Document Company