

**ACCCA RECOGNITION PROGRAM  
CHRONOLOGY OF AWARD RECIPIENTS  
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**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 Buttmer, 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 Buttmer 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:

2022 TBD

2021 ***No Award Presented***

2020 **Dr. Cindy Miles**, Chancellor, Grossmont-Cuyamaca CCD

2019 **Ron Galatolo**, Chancellor, San Mateo CCD

2018 **Keith Curry**, CEO/President, Compton CCD

2017 **Dr. Frank Gornick**, Chancellor, West Hills CCD

2016 **Dr. Steve Kinsella**, Superintendent/President, Gavilan CCD

2015 **Robert Deegan**, Superintendent/President, Palomar CCD

2014 **Wes Bryant**, President, Golden West College

2013 **Thelma Skillman**, Interim Chancellor, City College of San Francisco

2012 **Dr. Sandra Serrano**, Chancellor, Kern CCD

2011 **Dr. John Nixon**, Superintendent/President, Mt. San Antonio CCD

2010 **Dr. Frances White**, Superintendent/President, Marin CCD

2009 **Dr. Helen Benjamin**, Chancellor, Contra Costa CCD

2008 **Dr. Stanley Arterberry**, Chancellor, West Valley Mission CCD;

**Dr. Guy Lease**, Superintendent/President, Lake Tahoe CCD; and

**Dr. Dianne Woodruff**, Chancellor, California Community Colleges

2007 **Dr. Darroch "Rocky" Young**, Chancellor, Los Angeles CCD

2006 **Dr. Susan Cota**, Chancellor, Chabot Las Positas CCD; and

**Dr. Edward J. Valeau**, Superintendent/President, Hartnell CCD

2005 **Dr. Donald Averill**, Chancellor, San Bernardino CCD; and

**Dr. Kevin Ramirez**, Superintendent/President, Sierra CCD

2004 **Dr. John Hurd**, Superintendent/President, Cabrillo CCD; and

**Dr. Augustine Gallego**, Chancellor, San Diego CCD

2003 **NO AWARD PRESENTED**

2002 **Dr. William Fedderson**, Superintendent/President, Mt. San Antonio CCD; and

**Dr. Linda Salter**, Chancellor, West Valley Mission CCD

2001 **Dr. Floyd Hogue**, Superintendent/President, Ohlone CCD

2000 **Dr. E. Jan Kehoe**, Superintendent/President, Long Beach CCD; and

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

2022 TBD

2021 ***No Award Presented***

2020 ***No Award Presented***

2019 **Frank Kobayshi**, Assoc. VP, Workforce/Economic Dev., American River College

2018 **Sheila White Daniels**, Dean of Counseling, DeAnza College

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**, Dean of Counseling, 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 College

**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

## 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 doing so, 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:

2022 TBD

2021 **No Award Presented**

2020 **Steve Wylie**, Exec. Dean, Yuba CCD

2019 **Bonnie Ann Dowd**, Exec. Vice Chancellor, San Diego CCD

2018 **Kathleen Moberg**, Vice Pres., Student Services, Gavilan CCD

2017 **Geisce Ly**, Dean, City College of San Francisco

2016 **Linda Beam**, Vice President, Human Resources 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 "Liz" Cipres**, Irvine Valley College

2005 **Patti Ross**, Bakersfield College

2004 **Kurt Hweg**, Foothill College

2003 **John Hendrickson**, Contra Costa

**Donna Manno**, El Camino

2002 **Rose DelGaudio**, Rancho Santiago CCD

2001 **Lise Telson**, Palomar College

2000 **James Albanese**, Mt. San Antonio CCD

## THE MERTES 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.

2022 TBD

2021 ***No Award Presented***

2020 **Carla Martinez**, Dean of Students, Golden West College

2019 ***No Award Presented***

2018 **Carlos O. Turner Cortez**, President, San Diego Continuing Education Center

2017 ***No Award Presented***

2016 ***No Award Presented***

2015 **3CSN**—The California Acceleration Project

2014 **John Hetts & Andrew Fuenmeyer**, Long Beach City College

2013 ***No Award Presented***

2012 ***No Award Presented***

2011 **Alice Van Ommeren**, Specialist, Information Systems and Analysis, CCCC

*"New Transfer Partners: CCCs and Private for-profit Four Year Institutions"*

2010 ***No Award Presented***

2009 **Rachel Rosenthal**, Los Rios CCD

*"Those who Would Not Serve: Factors Influencing CC Faculty Interest in Administrative Positions."*

**Willard Hom; Alice Von Ommeren, Catherine Liddicoat and LeAnn Fong-Batkin,**  
CCCCO

*"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**

*"Basic Skills as a Foundation of Student Success in California Community Colleges"*

2007 **Mary Gallagher**, Vice President, Admin. Services, L.A. Southwest College

*"Improving Institutional Effectiveness: The Relationship Between Assessing Student Learning Outcomes and Strategic Planning in California Community Colleges."*

2006 **Brad Phillips**, Executive Director, CalPASS, Grossmont Cuyamaca CCD

2005 **Martin Gartenlaub**, Initiative Director, San Bernardino CCD

*"Adult Urban Community College Success: Identifying Factors that Predict Course Completion."*

2004 **Rita Cepeda**, Santa Ana College

*"An Investigation of Critical Mass: the Role of Latino Representation in Retention of Urban Community College Students."*

**Cristina Chiriboga**, Cuyamaca College

*"An Evaluation Study of Community College Leadership Development Programs."*

2003 **No Award Presented**

2002 **Veronica Knott**, Los Medanos College

*"CCC African-American Female Administrators: Perceptions on Why they Remain in Administration."*

2001 **Lisa S. Sugimoto**, Pasadena City College

*"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; **Earl Mitchell**, Rancho Santiago CCD; and **Leonard Isaksen**, West LA College

1997 **Jack Frieland**, Santa Barbara City College

*"Using Wage Data Records to Track 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, equity and inclusion on a campus or within the institution.

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:

2022 TBD

2021 ***No Award Presented***

2020 ***No Award Presented***

2019 ***No Award Presented***

2018 ***No Award Presented***

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, Mira Costa and Laura Schulkind, LCW

2013 **Lucinda Aborn**, Dean, DSPS Program, Cerritos CCD

2012 ***No Award Presented***

2011 **Damon Bell**, Vice President, Student Services, San Bernardino CCD

2010 ***No Award Presented***

2009 **Dr. Rosa Perez**, Chancellor, San Jose Evergreen CCD

2008 **Coastline CCD**

2007 **A2MEND**

2006 **Abel Nunez**, Vice President of Instruction, Taft College

2005 **Dr. Maria Sheehan**, Supt/President, Desert CCD

2004 **Dr. Gus Guichard**, former Vice Chancellor, CCCC

## **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*



## **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.

Business Membership in ACCCA also provides companies with new insights into the real needs and intricate operations of the community college system. These insights have resulted in new products and services, and new ways of doing business that have benefited 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 for their leadership in our industry and their volunteerism and in-kind contributions to the Association and its members.

2017	<i>None Awarded</i>
2016	SELF
2015	Keenan & Associates
2014	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
2013	Brandman University
2012	XEROX (2 <sup>nd</sup> honor)
2011	HMC Architects (2 <sup>nd</sup> honor)
2010	HMC Architects
2009	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (2 <sup>nd</sup> honor)
2008	Lehman Brothers (now Barclays Capital)
2007	A+ Auto Home Insurance Plus & California Casualty
2006	Zuk & Associates (2 <sup>nd</sup> honor)
2005	Renaissance Agencies
2004	tBP Architecture
2003	eCollege
2002	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
2001	Zuk & Associates
2000	XEROX—The Document Company