

**ACCCA RECOGNITION PROGRAM
CHRONOLOGY OF AWARD RECIPIENTS
Rev. 2026**

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:

2025 **Willy Duncan**, President/Superintendent, Sierra College
2024 **Ron Gerhardt**, Chancellor, Chabot-Las Positas CCD
2023 **Frank Chong**, President/Superintendent, Santa Rosa Jr. College
2022 **Pam Luster**, President, San Diego Mesa College
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