



**THE HARRY BUTTIMER DISTINGUISHED ADMINISTRATOR AWARD
CHRONOLOGY OF AWARD RECIPIENTS
Rev. 2024**

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:

- 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
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. Pamila 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, Asst. 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