

2012 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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Issue

This item announces the *Classified Employee of the Year Award* recipients for 2012, which represent the best of California's community college classified employees.

Background

The *Classified Employee of the Year Award* was established through a resolution at the May 2008 Board of Governors meeting. The Award has been given out annually since May 2009 to honor community college classified employees who demonstrate the highest level of commitment to professionalism and community colleges. Recipients are nominated by members of their college/district community and endorsed by their local Board of Trustees. Award recipients are selected by representatives of the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges, the Chancellor's Office, and the Foundation for California Community College and must have a record of outstanding performance of professional activities, as well as a record of active participation on campus and beyond.

The *Classified Employee of the Year Award* is supported through a grant from the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Each recipient will receive a \$500 cash award and a commemorative plaque.

The 2012 Award Winners

Doris Brinkley-Hankins, Peralta Community College District

Doris Brinkley-Hankins has been the Staff Assistant to the Vice President of Instruction at Merritt College for 11 years. Doris is currently Vice President of the Classified Senate and serves on several committees including the Merritt College Graduation Committee and Merritt Awards Committee. She is passionate about doing her best and always shows great interest in the task that she is assigned. As an alumnus, Doris understands what it's like to be a student and believes that each student deserves the best from every staff member that they encounter. She volunteered for the Chancellor's Leadership program where she learned how the community colleges function from the college level through the state level. She is an active participant of Life Skills 411, a program

that assists youth with preparing to become strong leaders at home and in their communities. She also prepares and serves meals for approximately 400 people at her local church. . The Board of Governors, the Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges are proud to recognize Doris Brinkley-Hankins as a *2012 Classified Employee of the Year Award* winner.

Kim Christiana, Contra Costa Community College District

Kim Christiana has been a Senior Application Support Analyst for 14 years at the Contra Costa Community College District. Kim's approach to her job has always included the perspective of the student and the importance of student success. In her position, Kim may not have contact with students but her dedication to their success is recognized throughout the District. When a grade changing scheme was discovered at one of the colleges, she was relied upon to help gather data that help convict several individuals. Kim serves on several committees and is currently a board member of the California Community College Datatel Users Group. In July 2011, Kim learned she had breast cancer, but throughout her treatment she stayed in contact with the office and keep herself aware of what was happening at work. The Board of Governors, the Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges are proud to recognize Kim Christiana as a *2012 Classified Employee of the Year Award* winner.

Scott Ludwig, West Valley-Mission Community College District

Scott Ludwig has been a Multimedia Operations Coordinator for 12 years at West Valley College. He works to help faculty and staff explore and experiment with technology in the teaching/learning process and across the service and support programs. His expertise in multimedia and instructional technology has served the campus well with their work designing new buildings and upgrading existing ones. Scott is a member of the Classified Senate. During his two terms as President, he worked to make sure that everyone participated in the shared decision-making process. Within his own department, Scott has fostered a sense of teamwork that is evident in the attitude of his co-workers that constantly work hard to provide support to the college. In the words of a colleague, "We can always rely on Scott to find ways to make what appears to be impossible a reality." The Board of Governors, the Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges are proud to recognize Scott Ludwig as a *2012 Classified Employee of the Year Award* winner.

Patricia Murray, Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District

Patricia Murray has been a Health Science Lab Technician for 13 years at Grossmont College. Pat has been and is currently involved in several activities on campus. She is a member of the Classified Senate, chair of the Kudos Award program (which recognizes outstanding staff), and has assisted in coordinating the *Students of Note* awards program (which recognizes students that overcome obstacles while they are attending school). Pat helped the Classified Senate raise money for the Osher scholarship and has assisted with the college foundation's gala fundraiser. She volunteer's with a local Catholic high school youth group and is the adult leader for the "Justice and Service" youth group which organizes charitable activities. In the words of her nominator, "Pat is a leader

who is always looking for ways to help students, improve working conditions for her colleagues, and continue Grossmont College's standard of excellence." The Board of Governors, the Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges are proud to recognize Patricia Murray as a *2012 Classified Employee of the Year Award* winner.

John Welch, Cabrillo Community College District

John Welch is a Physics Laboratory Technician at Cabrillo College for 13 years. John has extensively worked with the Spanish-speaking community to meet their personal development goals. He was an LIA at the Integrated Learning Center and ran a bilingual math tutoring program. John created an online demonstration database so that instructors can access information on our entire demonstration inventory. John has also extensively worked to increase the number of science and engineering students at Cabrillo. He has been one of the developers of the NSF-funded STEEP (STEM Teachers of Education Excellence Projects) program to increase STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) majors via an alternative energy summer course. John has created Cabrillo College's "Nobel Prize" program to reward students for making creative contributions to the labs. John has built high-quality equipment from recycled materials whenever possible, saving the college a lot of money while teaching student environmentally responsible practices. He also coordinates with other departments to repurpose their surplus equipment for used physics equipment. He has organized and led professional development workshops, and participated in Cabrillo College's Climate Action Task Force, which worked to study and improve the college's carbon footprint. In the words of his nominator, "The bottom line is that John makes everyone around him better, both students and instructors learn more because of his unique perspectives and skills. The Board of Governors, the Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges are proud to recognize John Welch as a *2012 Classified Employee of the Year Award* winner.

Conclusion

These five recipients of the *2012 Classified Employee of the Year Award* will be recognized by the Board of Governors.