



The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

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ISSUE: This item announces the Classified Employee of the Year Award recipients for 2014, which represents 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, the Chancellor’s Office, and the Foundation for California Community Colleges 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.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Governors recognizes the recipients of the 2014 Classified Employee of the Year Award.

The 2014 Award Winners

Katy Fitzgerald, West Valley Mission Community College District

Katy Fitzgerald is the Student Enrollment and Financial Services Recruitment Supervisor at Mission College and has been with the district for over 8 years. Katy embodies the California Community College mission through her advocacy and support of students, especially those considered at risk. Katy engages students and others by informing them about key areas of access, admissions, registration, and financial aid, and she provides encouragement and mentorship to students in need of additional support and attention. Katy has been recognized with several awards including the Mission College Classified Excellence Award for Community Outreach and the California Community College Student Financial Aid Administrators Association Leadership Award for outstanding leadership in furthering the mission of the organization and the financial aid profession. In addition to her efforts at the college, Katy works tirelessly in the community to support foster youth programs and services. The Board of Governors, the Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges are proud to recognize Katy Fitzgerald as a 2014 Classified Employee of the Year Award winner.

Michael Mitchell, San Mateo County Community College District

Michael Mitchell is the Director of Transfer Services at the College of San Mateo and has been with the district for 24 years. Since 1990, Michael has proven his dedication to the success of students by promoting through positions within the Student Services division of the college and developing, coordinating, implementing, and evaluating services to students in pursuit of certificates, associate degrees, university transfer, professional development, and personal growth. Michael pursues his desire to promote the value of continued education to members of the community outside the walls of the College of San Mateo by volunteering and mentoring young people at Hillcrest Juvenile Hall/Youth Services Center and by teaching a program offered at his church called "Teach the Youth". The Board of Governors, the Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges are proud to recognize Michael Mitchell as a 2014 Classified Employee of the Year Award winner.

Brooke Sauter, South Orange County Community College District

Brooke Sauter is a Senior Administrative Assistant in the Transfer, Career and Special Programs Division at Saddleback College. During her 10 years of service to the district, Brooke has proven herself to be a knowledgeable, compassionate and welcoming face on campus. In addition to her administrative duties, Brooke goes above and beyond to apply her exceptional level of professionalism and dedication to aid disabled students and veteran students attending Saddleback College. Through her work with the Basic Skills Committee, high school outreach, the administration of Perkins grants, and other cross institution efforts, Brooke has very positively impacted the instructional side of the institution. In keeping with Brooke's dedication to helping our veterans, she aided the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office in the collection of data regarding veteran's services research. The Board of Governors, the Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges are proud to recognize Brooke Sauter as a 2014 Classified Employee of the Year Award winner.

Hoover Zariani, Glendale Community College District

Hoover Zariani is the Senior Coordinator of the Student Services Program and has been with the district for 24 years. Throughout his career, Hoover has become a recognized expert in the field of service learning in higher education. Hoover has led the Glendale Community College Center for Student Involvement since its inception in 1994. As the Senior Student Service Coordinator for the Center for Student Involvement, he is responsible for directing a program that places annually over 1,300 students in service learning assignments in approximately 150 non-profit organizations and schools. Hoover's commitment to the college is evidenced by his participation in many different activities such as, coordinator of the Leadership Plenty program, an advisor for the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society, co-chair of the Scholarship Committee, President of the Classified Council, and a member of the Superintendent/President's Mini-Cabinet. His civic commitments are impressive as well, focusing on children and families in need of support and guidance. The Board of Governors, the Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges are proud to recognize Hoover Zariani as a 2014 Classified Employee of the Year Award winner.