

CHANCELLOR'S AWARD

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Dear Colleagues:

I am proud to present to you the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District 2023–2024 Chancellor’s Award recipients. This award is about celebrating those in our district that demonstrate a spirit of innovation, leadership qualities, and a desire to improve the experiences and outcomes for our students and our broader community.

Our collective district achievements are only made possible because of the contributions from classified professionals, faculty, and administrators. This year’s cohort of award recipients include those who in their roles have excelled, inspired, and supported others along the way. It is a reminder that we can all make a profound impact as we collectively seek to carry out our district’s mission. Our honorees were nominated for this award by colleagues or supervisors who felt our award recipients embodied the essence of commitment to excellence.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to this year’s award recipients. This program book highlights the many reasons why they were nominated and selected for a Chancellor’s Award. I also want to extend my appreciation to those that recognized the importance of celebrating the great work of their peers.

Regards,



Ronald P. Gerhard
Chancellor



Mary **ARMANUSE**



Executive Assistant to the Vice Chancellor

DEPARTMENT: **Human Resources**

NOMINATED BY: **Wyman Fong**

“I am pleased to nominate Mary Armanuse who has been with the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District since 2021. While she serves as the executive assistant to the vice chancellor of human resources, Mary makes it a point to help the entire HR team and the colleges we serve. Mary is engaging and consistently exhibits curiosity and motivation to learn, and thus she makes an impact on the overall services of our department. She is an essential contributor to the contract negotiations process.

Mary is the ultimate classified professional, and it is important to recognize her service, commitment, excellence, and care. Mary, thank you for all that you do.”

Betty **CASTAÑO**



Facilities and Construction Specialist

DEPARTMENT: **Facilities/Bond Programs and Operations**

NOMINATED BY: **Kelly Costello | Patty Russell**

“Betty has consistently proven herself to be a dependable and indispensable asset to the district, exhibiting exemplary skills and unwavering dedication. Her tireless work ethic and reliability are evident in her prompt response to requests, often extending her assistance beyond regular work hours and weekends. She willingly takes on minor facilities tasks, demonstrating her commitment to aiding others and resolving issues promptly.

In her role, Betty manages numerous room setup requests and serves as the primary liaison with the janitorial team. Her meticulous coordination ensures that setups are executed flawlessly, and she diligently follows up to confirm their completion. Betty serves as the point of contact for a wide range of facility issues, including structural, plumbing, heating, electrical, and air conditioning concerns. Additionally, she oversees key distribution and elevator servicing, and assists with routine office maintenance and janitorial needs.

With over 13 years of dedicated service to the district, Betty has consistently gone above and beyond expectations. Her unwavering commitment to excellence and her selfless dedication to supporting others make her an exemplary candidate for the Chancellor’s Award.”

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Alcian **LINDO**



Program Manager

DEPARTMENT: **Tri-Valley Career Center**

NOMINATED BY: **Julia Dozier**

“Alcian Lindo joined the Tri-Valley Career Center (TVCC) during the COVID pandemic. Her ability to jump into her role as program manager of TVCC during a challenging time was impeccable and yet she still found ways to grow the TVCC brand. Her resourcefulness and relationships with the community brought the program into partnership with numerous organizations, which have donated funds to the TVCC. They include cities, K-12 and adult education programs, local public libraries, the County of Alameda, and more. Alcian has continued to establish great relationships with businesses and organizations that have assisted with job fairs at

Las Positas College, Chabot College and Tri-Valley Career Center.

Alcian’s strong leadership qualities have allowed her to seek new opportunities in the following programs: Certified Nursing Assistant Training, Certified Nursing Assistant Training for High School Students, Warehousing and Forklifting Training, and many others. Additionally, under her leadership, the number of low-income people served by the volunteer tax-assistance program has tripled!

On behalf of the Economic Development and Contract Education Department, we are all proud to have Alcian as part of our team and appreciate her dedication and strong leadership.”

Rodney “Ron” **RIBALI**



Grounds Supervisor

DEPARTMENT: **Maintenance and Operations**

NOMINATED BY: **John Seybert**

“In the last year, Ron has taken on significant responsibilities by serving as the grounds supervisor at both Chabot College and Las Positas College. When Ron stepped in to fill the leadership gap created when the Grounds Supervisor at Chabot College left for another opportunity, he didn’t just do the bare minimum necessary to supervise the grounds team at Chabot College, he sought to make improvements in team morale and overall quality of the grounds at Chabot College while also ensuring the grounds team at Las Positas College was served well.

Ron has never given less than 100% effort while leading both teams. His dedicated service to the grounds’ needs at both Chabot College and Las Positas College is a model for excellence. He ensures that on a daily basis both grounds teams are well led and equipped to serve, while also providing support to the other departments in the district. Ron’s leadership, surpassing 23 years with the district this year, is not just limited to the two grounds teams he leads. He regularly lends a hand or wise input to the other teams in maintenance and operations. Ron is truly deserving of the Chancellor’s Award.”

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Rosalie ROQUE



District Budget and Grants Manager

DEPARTMENT: **Business Services**

NOMINATED BY: **Daniela Ballif**

“Rosalie Roque is deserving of the Chancellor’s Award for her hard work in the Business Services Department as the budget and grants manager. Rosalie brings considerable knowledge to her position and equally contributes a willingness to learn. When questions arise, she takes the time to listen and make sure everyone is included in the conversation then returns with a thoughtful and inclusive decision. Yet when it is time to take the initiative, she does so with determination.

Rosalie is honest, friendly, and considerate. She always sees the good side of people and encourages others to do the same. Rosalie has an open-door policy and has time for everyone who comes to her door or calls her on the phone. Rosalie’s role in assisting campuses and the District Office in preparation of tentative and adoption budget is very important. She provides continuous budget training and support to everyone. It is a pleasure to work with Rosalie and rely on her for her support and knowledge. She brings true professionalism to her position and genuinely cares about delivering excellent quality work.”

Anthony SEUNG



Network System Specialist II

DEPARTMENT: **Information Technology Services**

NOMINATED BY: **Wendy Pinos | Kristen Whittaker | Sara Woods**

“Anthony Seung was one of the main contributors to the district OCI Cloud Migration Project. He helped define and develop the cloud architecture, including the networking and domain services. He is also directly connected with the work required on the construction of new buildings at each college. Working alone in a windowless utility room, Anthony thoroughly configures network connections for computers, printers, wireless access points and other network devices.

His work is imperative for the successful function of the campuses. Who knows of a class that doesn’t rely on internet access by staff and students? Anthony makes sure the network is running with high performance, and problems are identified and fixed before anyone notices. He regularly can be seen doing network changes and upgrades late into the night and on weekends, so that the teaching day is not impacted.

Anthony also maintains the firewalls, which protect us from constant attacks by internet hackers. He accomplished a complete upgrade to the internet firewalls, moving us to a faster and more secure connection with no loss of service.”

Steven TANG



User Support Specialist

DEPARTMENT: **Information Technology Services**

NOMINATED BY: **Kelly Costello | Patty Russell**

“We enthusiastically nominate Steven Tang for a Chancellor’s Award in recognition of his outstanding customer service as the user support specialist.

Steven has consistently demonstrated exceptional support with email and computer-related issues. His responsiveness and adept troubleshooting skills ensure timely resolution of complications. Even when faced with unfamiliar challenges, Steven diligently provides solutions promptly. Behind the scenes of the Help Desk, Steven reliably handles incoming calls and emails, offering clear guidance while solving a problem. His commitment extends beyond issue resolution, often following up to ensure complete satisfaction. Steven embodies professionalism, reliability, and expertise, making him a deserving candidate for the Chancellor’s Award. He exemplifies unwavering support and is an invaluable asset to our community.”

Melinda TRAMMELL



Director of Employee and Labor Relations

DEPARTMENT: **Human Resources**

NOMINATED BY: **Wyman Fong**

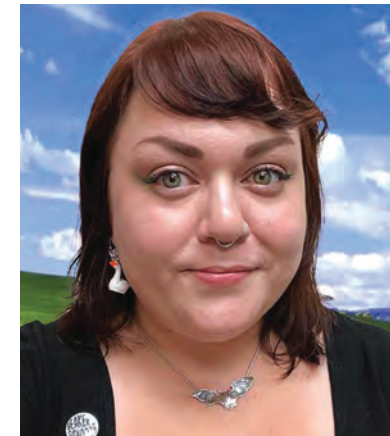
“Melinda holds a very difficult position, including leadership with employee relations and labor/management matters; investigations of harassment, discrimination and misconduct; employee benefits and workers’ compensation; and equal employment opportunity. She also serves as the district’s Title IX coordinator.

Even though many of the areas she is responsible for come with many challenges, she leads not only through law, policies and procedures, but with heart, fairness, and integrity. I have received consistent positive feedback about Melinda from both colleges (including both college presidents) and leaders from the District Office.

Melinda, your efforts are recognized, valued, and highly appreciated. Thank you for all that you do. I could have not done my job without you.”



Claire BAILEY



Curriculum and Scheduling Specialist

DEPARTMENT: **Academic Services**

NOMINATED BY: **Meray Aghyarian**

“Claire goes above and beyond helping everyone, not only within our office but also across campus. She helps deans and faculty with scheduling and other services. She also has a warm personality and makes everyone feel welcome. Claire ensures that she is present during meetings and makes sure that she completes tasks that require collaboration on time. She finds creative ways to resolve issues, and she does that gracefully and passionately.”

Virginia CRISWELL



Senior Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: **Academic Pathways and Student Success**

NOMINATED BY: **Christine Herrera | Terra Lee**

“Very early on in her career with Chabot, Virginia seemed to be popping up across the campus at different meetings and events. Most importantly, she started attending Classified Senate and SEIU meetings to make connections and learn about what goes on around campus. She has been a member of the Student Success, Access, and Equity Committee, President’s Council, and the Classified Prioritization Committee, among others. She has served as SEIU Chapter Secretary, Classified Senator, and the Area D Representative on the statewide Classified Senate Board of Directors, among others. She also doesn’t shy away from

participating in collegewide events such as SOAR Day, Black Graduation, Welcome Days, and more.

Virginia has been a champion of many diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts at the college. She helped draft our three-year SEA plan, which outlines specific actions to reduce equity gaps among disproportionately impacted student groups. Most recently, Virginia was elected to serve as the communications secretary of the newly established, districtwide Queer Educators Equity Network (QuEEN).

For all the reasons stated, Virginia is tremendously deserving of this award as well as the honor and recognition that comes along with it. Classified professionals, students, faculty, and administrators across this campus look to Virginia for leadership and support and we are very honored to have her here on the Chabot College Campus and most importantly, as a classified professional and our Classified Senate President.”

Brenda DOMINGUEZ



Senior Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: **Counseling**

NOMINATED BY: **Celia Rodriguez Ramirez | Jose Antonio Gomez**

“Brenda’s guidance and assistance to the Counseling Department have been invaluable. She goes above and beyond to ensure that we feel welcome and equipped to excel in our roles, providing clarity and support every step of the way. Her generosity extends beyond just onboarding; she consistently offers her assistance to colleagues and students alike. Her willingness to lend a helping hand knows no bounds. Whether it’s offering guidance on complex tasks or simply being a supportive presence, Brenda always steps up to the plate with kindness and empathy.

What truly sets Brenda apart is her unwavering commitment to learning and growth. She approaches every challenge with a positive attitude, never hesitating to seek assistance when needed. Her humility and willingness to collaborate not only benefit those she assists because she also contributes to a culture of continuous improvement within our team.

Brenda embodies the qualities of an outstanding team member. Her kindness, empathy, and dedication make her an indispensable part of our organization. I wholeheartedly believe that she is deserving of recognition for her exceptional contributions.”

Jeff DROUIN



Chabot Athletics Director

DEPARTMENT: **Health, Kinesiology and Athletics**

NOMINATED BY: **Kirti Reddy**

“Jeff Drouin is known as the Chabot College athletics director and Faculty Association representative, but my appreciation for Jeff is because of his respect and support for classified professional colleagues. As a former classified professional, Jeff constantly does what he can to show how important each one of us is to the college community. His gesture this last year to make sure classified professionals all received Chabot Gladiator jackets (and in previous years t-shirts) to emphasize our school spirit, was heartfelt and reflected how we are one team.

Not only does Jeff contribute a high-level skill set when it comes to enrollment management and budget, but for the novices in the room for CEMC and DEMC, Jeff helps makes sense of the numbers on the ‘ugly sheet.’ He does the same with complicated concepts and strategies on how to make our college and district more productive. Jeff provides explanations and reasonable solutions to complex issues. He handles all questions and comments with patience.

Jeff advocates for his coaches and athletics support staff and does the same for the college. Having sat on a number of hiring committees and shared governance committees with Jeff, his commitment to Chabot and loyalty to colleagues whom he respects and cares for is deep. Jeff is Chabot through and through and the honor and recognition of the Chancellor’s Award is very deserving.”

Jasmine GARCIA



Counselor

DEPARTMENT: **Counseling**

NOMINATED BY: **Kay Fischer | Jessica Gallucci | Ismael Illescas Naranjo | Heather Oshiro**

“Jasmine attended Chabot College prior to transferring to San Francisco State University and she also previously worked as a peer guide and in classified roles. Now, as a part-time counselor, she is going above and beyond in her role. She has been instrumental in planning and coordinating campuswide efforts and events like Guided Pathways and SOAR Day. She also supports events and initiatives like our Chabot Area Counseling Collaborative. Jasmine is kind, thoughtful, in tune, and in touch with student needs.

Jasmine is an incredible resource for Chabot. She was inspired to become a counselor based on how she was impacted by her own high school counselor. It is amazing to see her at Chabot fulfilling her dreams. She is a tremendous asset to the college and to our students.

I am particularly impressed with Jasmine’s collaboration in helping organize this year’s successful Ethnic Studies Summit at Chabot College. She not only helped our program have a successful summit but also promoted equity for our students who saw themselves reflected in the summit, especially students of color and first-generation students. Jasmine has contributed to ensuring student success and she actively collaborates with faculty, counselors, and administrators to help our college become a more inclusive and equitable campus for all.”

Eric GENTRY



RISE Program Manager

DEPARTMENT: **Academic Pathways and Student Success**

NOMINATED BY: **Virginia Criswell**

“Eric is the program manager for RISE, the Restorative Integrated Self-Education program at Chabot College. Aside from two student assistants who provide support, he is the only staff member for the program. Eric is very engaged with his students. He holds weekly check-ins to see how they are doing in their studies and lives. He leads by example, showing students the possibilities and where education can lead them. He often spends his money and time delivering supplies and books across the Bay Area to students, taking them on college tours to expose them to the various opportunities out there for them. He cares about the development of

the whole student. Eric is also the perfect hype man!”

Megan JENSEN



Biology Instructor, Discipline Coordinator

DEPARTMENT: **Science and Math**

NOMINATED BY: **Najla Abrao**

“Megan Jensen is an outstanding teacher. She is a kind, compassionate, and dedicated educator. As the discipline coordinator of the Biology Department, she sets the bar high for her students and her colleagues. She is selfless, always going above and beyond to help in any way she can. One of her many qualities I admire is her enduring commitment to her students’ well-being and success. Her students feel seen, heard, and valued. She understands the struggles our students face and puts in an incredible amount of effort to help them overcome obstacles, both inside and outside the classroom.”

Megan remains humble, always looking for ways to improve upon her craft. She exemplified this when she stepped up to lead the Biology Department this year. She is continuously advocating on behalf of the biology faculty. I very much appreciate the conversations we have as I always walk away having learned from her. On an extremely cheesy note—I hope to be like Megan when I grow up. She is more than a teacher. She is a wonderful human who improves the lives of people around her. Chabot is lucky to have her, and I feel fortunate to have worked with her.”

Patrick MWAMBA



Instructional Assistant

DEPARTMENT: **Academic Pathways and Student Success**

NOMINATED BY: **Virginia Criswell**

“Patrick is FYE (First Year Experience). He is the only full-time staff member serving this program. Patrick serves 100+ students by himself. He has been instrumental in growing the program. The dedication, care, and grace he has for this work show that it comes from his heart. He provides multiple workshops throughout the year for these students, like resume building and interview skills. He also has fun events to help students decompress. There is a group of peer advisors who work alongside Patrick and view Patrick as an older brother. He guides them both in school and life. We are beyond lucky and grateful to Patrick for all his work.”

Megan PARKER



Curriculum and Scheduling Specialist

DEPARTMENT: **Academic Services**

NOMINATED BY: **Claire Bailey**

“Megan has been a curriculum and scheduling specialist for the past eight years. Her attention to detail is essential in making sure that the schedule is correct and complete in time for registration. She goes out of her way to assist and train faculty, administrators, and deans who need help. Megan is always happy to help a faculty member who is lost and frustrated at the scantron machine (not her job) and anyone else who walks in the office door.”

Wendy POLING



Instructional Technology Specialist

DEPARTMENT: **Instructional Technology**

NOMINATED BY: **Najla Abrao | Christy Davis Roza | Lisa Ulibarri**

“Wendy consistently demonstrates a level of excellence that goes beyond her regular duties, profoundly impacting students, faculty, and staff.”

In her time at Chabot, Wendy’s innovative ideas resulted in the building of several professional development courses around online teaching and accessibility. Wendy is a champion for accessibility and for helping faculty to meet the learning needs of all Chabot’s students. Wendy created ‘grab and go’ resources that faculty can use in their own Canvas sites to ensure that students are provided with the course

structure and resources they need for success.

Wendy has been essential to the function and administration of the Committee on Online Learning (COOL) process. In addition to taking the lead on the technology used to administer the process, Wendy meets with individual faculty to ensure they are adequately prepared to ensure their courses meet the standards and requirements of the COOL process.

Wendy’s campus contributions extend beyond instructional technology. She is also leading the campus effort to address the impact of AI on our classes. Under her leadership, the team is creating resources for faculty, drafting policies on AI, and helping to gather the student voice on the use of AI in their college classes.

It is our pleasure to nominate Wendy for a Chancellor’s Award in recognition of her exceptional dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to the college community.”

Shannon STANLEY



Counselor/Articulation Officer

DEPARTMENT: **Counseling**

NOMINATED BY: **Sadie Ashraf**

"I am honored to nominate Shannon Stanley for recognition as an outstanding counselor and articulation officer. Shannon is an active participant in supporting collaboration between counseling and A&R, demonstrating a deep commitment to enhancing the student experience. Shannon plays a pivotal role at our college and is extremely dedicated.

She consistently goes above and beyond in meeting our department and collegewide needs. She is a seasoned counselor that others turn to for collegial consultation and she offers her knowledge and time to support part-time counselor professional development. Her holistic approach to counseling and her willingness to contribute have been invaluable assets to our institution. There is much coming down the pipeline for articulation, and Shannon's leadership will help us better collaborate and navigate these new initiatives. Shannon's expertise and her ability to stay up-to-date in the world of articulation developments—along with her unwavering support for students and colleagues—make her highly deserving of this recognition."

Mark STEPHENS



History Instructor

DEPARTMENT: **Social Sciences**

NOMINATED BY: **Christine Herrera | Kirti Reddy**

"Professor Stephens is a full-time instructor of history in the Social Sciences Department. He is also the faculty tri-chair for the shared governance committee. From conversations with him about his class and his students, all I hear and see is an instructor who cares about his subject and his students. He is knowledgeable about everything related to history. Professor Stephens is one of a few instructors that is always on campus, holds his office hours and prefers to teach in person because he likes to engage with his students.

Professor Stephens cares deeply for Chabot College and the Chabot community. As part of 'Happy Valley' in Building 400, you see students come for office hours and engage with him regarding assignments and opportunities. Mark has been involved with shared governance for at least the last ten years. He has served on PRAC and the Faculty Senate, but his passion is with FIT and all things facilities related. During the pandemic, Mark held Zoom happy hours where colleagues could stay connected. For some of us, this was a sanity-saving gesture of having the space to have conversations about work and process the effects of the pandemic with colleagues. He brought back the John Parente Memorial Social Hour so colleagues could unwind and meet with counterparts across the campus. Mark also volunteers his culinary skills and hosts pop-up soup and grilled cheese sandwich nights during the fall.

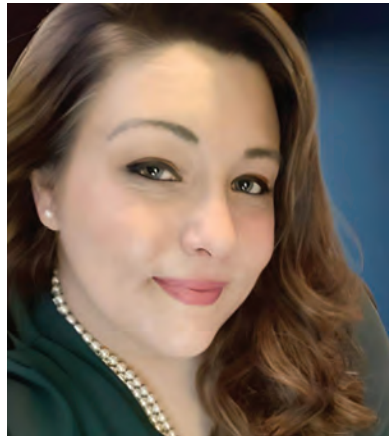
Mark's sense of humor is unique and his desire to make Chabot a fun place to work is deeply rooted in his genuine caring for people."

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Danielle BAÑUELOS



Senior Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: **Academic Services**

NOMINATED BY: **Craig Kutil | Kristy Woods**

“Danielle went above and beyond this last academic year. She took on many extra projects—helping implement Las Positas College’s plans for complying with AB1705, supporting Credit for Prior Learning, supporting Guided Pathways, and stepping in as the curriculum specialist. She assisted on College Day by helping faculty determine the first mathematics course(s) they recommend students take for their program(s), and then worked overtime to update all the program maps in Program Mapper before registration began.

She worked with Guided Pathways’ leads to create and update their website and materials, and she stepped in to assist faculty with navigating CurricuNET. Danielle can do it all and has done it all at LPC since she arrived.

She embodies the passion, hard work and student-centered model that makes Las Positas College great. Danielle puts her entire heart and soul into her job, envisioning how her work can support and improve the student experience. Danielle takes incredible pride in doing everything to the best of her ability, understanding that her work supports students and the college that she loves.”

Daniel CEARLEY



Anthropology Instructor

DEPARTMENT: **Business, Social Science, and Learning Resources**

NOMINATED BY: **Stuart McElderry**

“Professor Dan Cearley embodies the “above and beyond” qualities of a student-focused Chancellor’s Award recipient. Dan has made a tremendously positive impact on his program. Besides stellar, student-focused teaching, Dan has helped develop new and innovative curriculum and instructional and laboratory spaces within the program—particularly in the areas of archeology and forensic anthropology. He also worked steadfastly to advance educational excellence and promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and access. Dan’s determination and grit have brought into being an outdoor lab space where students learn to properly dig,

discover, and decipher artifacts and bones. He has enabled LPC students to participate in summer archeological digs in Ireland and collaborated with colleagues to create LPC’s non-credit Drone Technology program.

Dan has simultaneously served on the LPC Academic Senate and co-chaired the Facilities & Sustainability Committee. For the past two years, Dan has also been active in the ad hoc Climate Action Workgroup that helped organize Earth Week events and raise awareness about campus sustainability. This past year, Dan was named co-climate faculty lead and is helping to write a second Climate Action Plan (CAP) for Las Positas College.

Dan Cearley is as dedicated a colleague as they come.”

Irena KELLER



Psychology Instructor and Honors Program Coordinator

DEPARTMENT: **Business, Social Sciences, and Learning Resources**

NOMINATED BY: **Stuart McElderry**

“Dr. Irena Keller is most deserving of a Chancellor’s Award for her hard work and exceptional dedication in leading and developing the LPC Honors program this past academic year. Under Dr. Keller’s determined and visionary leadership, the Honors Program has grown considerably in the number of student participants and faculty involvement. As a result of Dr. Keller’s tireless promotion of the program, there was an approximate 25 percent increase in completed student Honors Program projects in the last year.

Dr. Keller has used a variety of platforms to get the word out about the program and how it is a path for students to achieve their dream of transferring to a top-tier university. More and more academically high-achieving students are coming from far and wide to LPC with ambitious transfer goals. Dr. Keller has also implemented new means by which faculty can participate. Dr. Keller singlehandedly developed an honors Canvas shell and a training program that enables faculty in any discipline to embed an honors component into any class. This has allowed more faculty to teach more students at an ‘honors level,’ which had made it far more feasible for students in a host of academic pathways to pursue honors transfer status. Dr. Irena Keller embodies the students-first and ‘above and beyond’ ethos of a Chancellor’s Award recipient.”

David LEE



Computer Network Support Specialist II

DEPARTMENT: **Technology Department**

NOMINATED BY: **Stephen Gunderson**

“David Lee’s dedication to both the college and the district can be used as an example to others. As a computer network support specialist, David spends his days supporting students, faculty, and staff. David’s work ensures that technology is working properly and is available for our students because it is essential to their success.

David is dedicated to the mission of the LPC Technology Department and the college. David is well respected by his peers and the faculty that he supports. His work and contributions have enhanced the betterment of our students, the college, and district.

David has enhanced support services for students and faculty and brings innovative ideas to the technology department. David has done an amazing job over the years helping the college with its mission for student success. David is hard-working, dedicated to both staff and students, and I am sure he will move beyond his current position. I applaud David for his work, his commitment, and his contribution to the college and the district.”

Theresa MAILANDER-MAIER



Early Childhood Development Specialist

DEPARTMENT: **Child Development Center**

NOMINATED BY: **Michael Peterson**

“It is impressive how Theresa has gone above and beyond to serve the needs of the campus community. Over the past two years, the Child Development Center has experienced an unusual amount of turnover. Theresa has been a source of steadiness and stability during this transitional period. For example, she took over administrative responsibilities while the Center was onboarding, first an interim and later a permanent manager. During this period, several new ECD specialists were also hired. Theresa served as a mentor and helped new colleagues settle into their positions.

The Child Development Center is extremely popular in the surrounding community, with a long waiting list. This is in no small part due to the leadership and inspiration of Theresa. Her commitment to educating people of all ages is remarkable. She has helped to make the center a welcoming place for students of all backgrounds, including English language learners and students of color. It is easy to see their dedication to the college mission.

Theresa stands out in how she transcends these categories in doing whatever work is necessary to keep her educational program running.”

Jean O'NEIL-OPIPARI



STEM Program Coordinator

DEPARTMENT: **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math**

NOMINATED BY: **Lilibeth Mata Juarez**

“I have only worked close to Jean for less than six months, but I truly admire her. She is the true definition of a Caring Campus. She is so kind and willing to jump on board and help even if she is already drowning in tasks for her own job. Jean does a lot for her department and faculty. She gives up her weekends for Science on Saturdays, along with other events that come up within the STEM division. She is an active employee and helps any student she finds who might even just appear lost or confused, pointing them in the right direction or walking with them to the appropriate department.

Not only is she great with her faculty and students, but she is also such a kind coworker. She works alongside the outreach team to promote her programs and joins in on presentations and events we have going on. She always checks in on us and brings snacks and goodies to make sure we are well-fed. Jean is an active voice in the classified senate and the Caring Campus initiative, and she truly lives for this campus. She is a kind soul, and I strongly believe she deserves to be recognized for the work she does to make LPC a welcoming space.”

Jennifer SIDERS



Physics Instructor

DEPARTMENT: **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math**

NOMINATED BY: **Jean O'Neil-Oipari**

“Jenny is a fantastic faculty and community member. She is the faculty club advisor for the Physics Club. She is present for events on nights and weekends. During February's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) Science on Saturdays, Jenny was on campus every Saturday with physics demonstrations in the lab. She has telescopes set up for every eclipse and other astronomy-related events, working closely with the Tri-Valley Stargazers. Jenny does all this while providing her students with a rich classroom environment that challenges them to reach their potential. Students also benefit from exposure to cutting-edge science at

places like the Lawrence Livermore National Lab and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, as well as with speakers like Dr. Benjamin Schumacher.

Jenny is all about student success and achievement. She goes the extra mile to provide sensational opportunities for students.”

Virginia Tsubamoto



Early Childhood Development Specialist

DEPARTMENT: **Child Development Center**

NOMINATED BY: **Theresa Mailander-Maier | Michael Peterson**

“It is really impressive how Virginia has gone above and beyond to serve the needs of the campus community. With steadiness and stability Virginia has served the college as a valuable mentor, helping new colleagues settle into their positions during recent transitional periods. There is also regularly a revolving door of student workers who serve for several semesters until they graduate - these students build valuable skills and experience in an applied setting with Virginia as an ideal role model. She also works collaboratively with faculty, some of whom teach in a lab setting. Virginia's commitment to educating people of all ages

(including herself as a recent CLIP participant) is remarkable. She has helped to make the Child Development Center a welcoming place for students of all backgrounds, including English language learners and students of color. It is easy to see her dedication to the college mission.

Virginia stands out in how she transcends these categories in her work and does whatever work is necessary to keep the educational program running.”

Kristine **VANDERHOOF**



Career Center Coordinator

DEPARTMENT: **Student Services**

NOMINATED BY: **Anne Kennedy**

"Kristi has made a huge impact on our students. She has transformed the Career Center into a lively, welcoming, and productive space, providing one-on-one support to students with career services. She works tirelessly to create career programming for students through workshops, job fairs, internship panels, and other events. She embodies the Caring Campus attitude in her work helping students in career exploration, preparation, or job search. Kristi's dedication and enthusiasm for her work is evident every day. Kristi deserves the Chancellor's Award in recognition of her efforts in developing a top-notch Career Center from scratch."



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