2013 Classified Senate Awards

During this academic year, many Classified Professionals have stood up to help students and staff and contributed in ways above and beyond the requirements of their position through the Participatory Governance system. These folks volunteer to fill our Governance Committees and Councils, Screening Committees, and ad hoc committees.

The members of the Classified Senate would like to take this opportunity to officially thank all of the Classified Professionals who have volunteered to commit their time formally, on a regular basis, to fill those positions.

Recognized for Serving in Participatory Governance are:

- Andrea Hunter
- Andy Haber
- Anna Pilloton
- Barry Douglas
- Becky Reetz
- Cathy White-Lambert
- Chris Edmondson
- Devon Kinka
- Dodd Stange
- Don Flowers
- Ellen Shaw
- Jesse Klein
- Joan Rinaldi
- John Rodriguez
- Jon Gudmundsson
- Kathleen Kirkpatrick
- Laura Cooper
- Mary Sage
- Melinda Molloy
- Mike Irvine
- Nicole Cruz
- Paul Fanta
- Rhonda Jones
- Rion Smith
- Rodney Craig
- Shook Chung
- Thelma Kidd
- Tom Burke

Recognized for Serving on Screening Committees:

- Aaron Osheroff
- Alex Suarez
- Andrea Hunter
- Andy Haber
- Anna Pilloton
- Becky Reetz
- Carol Perez
- Carol Schwartz
- Carol Scialli
- Cathy White-Lambert
- Cheryl Carlson
- Chris Edmondson
- Christelle Larre
- Claudette Muldowney
- Debra Thayer
- Dee Fraites
- Devon Kinka
- Don Flowers
- Dong Nguyen
- Dustin Ruiz
- Edwin Towle
- Eileen Acker
- Eileen Madden
- Ellen Shaw
- Emy Bagtas
- Faye Mueller
- Francisco Aviles
- Gaylene Urquhart
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Gina Longo                              Mayra Ramirez
Glade Van Loan                          Melinda Molloy
Heather Peitz                           Michael Irvine
Jeff Fleisher                           Michelle Greitzer
Jennifer Spease                         Mina Namvar
Jesse Jestadt                           Monica Rudolph
Jesse Klein                             Myra Ramirez
Joan Rinaldi                            Patience James
Joanna Pinckney                         Paul Fanta
John Adams                              Phil Fahy
John Rodriguez                          Rhonda Jones
Jon Gudmundsson                         Rion Smith
Joseph Della Santina                    Rose Jacques
JRobert Dobson                          Rowena Southard
Julie Oyle                              Sherry Saccuzzo
Kathleen Kirkpatrick                    Steve Garrett
Linda Terry                             Sue Scott
Lupe Oropeza                            Susan Beutler
Maridel Barr                            Tom Burke
Mary Sage                                Vivian Olsen
MaryGale Beyer                           Xenia Zarrehparvar

Classified Senate Individual Service Award

Xenia Zarrehparvar
This recipient brings a unique combination of intelligence and heart to everything she does. No matter what the situation, she always demonstrates a positive "can do" attitude and follows through. She is called upon to make constant judgments to meet the needs of her students while working collaboratively with faculty on class accommodations. She is an excellent example of someone who truly puts the "Professional" in Classified Professional. College of Marin students are lucky to have her!

The 2013 Classified Senate Individual Service Award goes to Xenia Zarrehparvar.

Classified Senate Outstanding Department Award

Campus Police Department
This department has spent the 2012-2013 year providing the campus community with excellent support and communication; the Officers of the Department work diligently to provide a safe campus for all of us. Officers have conducted campus-wide trainings, stay visible among students and staff, and prove to be excellent collaborators when called upon for assistance. Their calm expertise is a comfort to staff and students. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of this department.

The 2013 Outstanding Department Award goes to the Campus Police Department.
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Classified Senate Exceptional Service Award
Blaze Woodlief

The Classified Senate presents the Exceptional Service Award to a faculty member selected by the Classified Senate. Although it is always difficult to choose one individual out of the many who are so deserving, this person was in the forefront of our minds. This luncheon is not long enough for me to list all this person’s contributions to College of Marin in that last few years, but I would like to name a few:

This person has served as an officer in the Academic Senate, worked on the Dedicated Tutor Project, is an original Team Member for the Puente Project, and serves on the Education Planning Committee and Strategic Planning Task Force. She provided leadership in the accreditation process by serving as Co-Chair of the 2010 Self Study.

In addition to all of these “extras” let’s not forget her contribution in the classroom. She is a beloved and respected instructor. It is common to hear wonderful comments from her students including:

- She is one of the most inspiring and motivating persons I have ever met.
- Her interest in seeing her students learn and succeed is extraordinary.
- She is an excellent teacher and mentor. She is not only there for you academically but, also there for you for anything.
- She is such an awesome teacher. You can tell she loves to really teach; it’s her passion!

The 2013 Exceptional Service Award goes to Blaze Woodlief.

Unsung Hero Award - Classified Senate Appreciation Award
Carol Scialli and Sherry Sacuzzo

This year we have two classified professionals that are being recognized as Unsung Heroes. Individuals receiving recognition as Unsung Heroes are those working “behind the scenes” to create a better Campus Community through their work with both students and staff.

Our first Unsung Hero is the stabilizing presence in her department. In her nearly ten years at College of Marin she is preparing to welcome and support a 10th Vice President of Student Learning. Despite the varied personalities, work styles, furniture preferences, accreditation visits, and office moves, she has maintained her excellent sense of humor and models the concept of flexibility. She has enabled seamless transitions in an ever-changing environment with patience and grace. Quite simply, she is a rock star.

The first recipient of the 2013 Unsung Hero Award is Carol Scialli.

Our second Unsung Hero works with students who have special issues and needs; many of these students have had very little positive experience with an educational environment and have faced some real struggles in their lives, but this Unsung Hero makes them feel accepted and respected. She knows how to teach students to handle their own responsibilities, without belittling them or making them feel somehow deficient; her caring attitude has helped her to start these students on the road to confidence and self-sufficiency. She is an example to us all.

This 2013 Unsung Hero Award goes to Sherry Sacuzzo.