

CCA'S 2020 Award Winners

CCA Honors Faculty For Outstanding Service

2020 WHO (WE HONOR OURS) AWARDS



BEATRIZ AVILA, Imperial Valley College/CCA, for outstanding service during the last contract negotiations, among the "worst ever," as district management attacked faculty rights across the contract, attempting to make over 500 changes to the agreement. Her willingness to put in literally hundreds of hours, her expertise with research, and her attention to detail helped the chapter successfully reach a very good agreement. ■



JESUS GUTIERREZ, Citrus College FA, for his gung ho attitude, acquired while serving in the United States Marine Corps, which has been an inspiration as he applied his attention to detail and level-headed thinking to various union activities and leadership roles. As co-chair of the PAC Committee, he was instrumental in signature gathering for the SCF initiative, and has contributed to revisions of CCA's local bylaws and standing rules. ■



JENNY LANGRELL, South Orange County CCD FA, for stabilizing and even growing South Orange's membership, not in spite of but because of *Janus*, the Supreme Court case that robbed unions of fair share fees. She is applauded for her keen insights and wise counsel, and for always calling B.S. when district management's negotiators "shovel" it. Langrell collected many signatures in promoting CTA's SCF initiative. ■



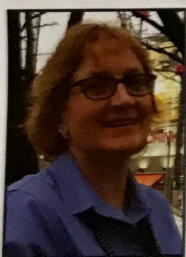
GARY ENKE, Mt. San Antonio College FA, for fighting for faculty and students. He is called "a force of nature" by admirers, who say when Enke sees injustice, he will be the first to fight. Whenever an advocate is needed to organize faculty to show support for the union or to stand up for another faculty member, Enke is the first person called. He is credited as being "the best advocate" faculty could ask for. ■



MEGAN IGO, Merced College FA, for being a tireless advocate for both full-time and part-time faculty in her role as vice president and grievance chairperson. Igo has given a great deal of time to protecting the MCFA contract and members. A longtime dedicated supporter of the union, her colleagues appreciate her willingness to partner and collaborate on all things MCFA. ■



EILEENE TEJADA, Napa Valley College FA, for effectively being the "squeaky wheel, the fly in the ointment, and the troublemaker." During all of her leadership positions she has made positive change through fierce devotion to the union and the Academic Senate. Colleagues say Tejada is the union's conscience, encouraging leaders to always fight for faculty, and reminding the union, "We can do more. We can do better." ■



VELVET PEARSON, Long Beach City College FA, for being the definition of the words "faculty advocate" in her role as grievance chair. Educating our faculty about the contract is a role Pearson takes seriously, presenting "Know Your Contract" brown bag workshops and developing clearer steps on what needs to be done when faculty take leaves, particularly maternity leave. She has built a successful relationship with the human resources department,

intervening at times with the appropriate administrator, thus preventing a longer formal grievance. Pearson always finds time to give an ear to any faculty who express a concern about a possible contract violation and helps them to navigate a solution. ■



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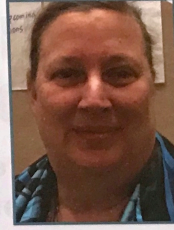
2020 FACULTY EQUITY AND DIVERSITY AWARDS



RYAN SULLIVAN, Mt. San Jacinto College, received the GLBT Award in honor of David A. Sanchez, CTA's first openly gay president. The award recognizes faculty who have educated their community regarding GLBT issues. ■



REGINA RHYMES, Cypress College, received the Ethnic Minority Award in honor of Mary Ann Pacheco, a Hispanic Rio Hondo College professor, for promoting equal access and treatment for minorities. ■



LINDA CHAN, Mt. San Antonio College, received the Part-Time Faculty Award in honor of David Milroy, a longtime faculty activist. The award honors faculty who worked to improve working conditions for part-time faculty. ■

2020 STATE WHO AWARD



FOLA ODEBUNMI, United Faculty North Orange County CCD, for dedication, commitment, integrity and honesty in serving as CCA treasurer for the past six years. A dedicated leader at the local, state and national levels, Odebunmi has shown an unwavering devotion to the principles of equity and the values of CCA and CTA. She actively advocated for the rights of unions during the *Friedrichs* and *Janus*

cases. She vocally supported her chapter and other CCA chapters as a member of CTA State Council and traveled to Washington, D.C., to represent CCA and public higher education at the Congressional Black Caucus. She has met with and lobbied members of Congress and members of the California State Legislature.

As treasurer, Odebunmi was a fierce fiduciary manager, holding the

Association accountable for responsible spending, and advocated for sound fiscal principles to be memorialized in CCA governing documents. In addition to the formal positions she's held, Odebunmi has been a nurturing mentor to new faculty at her local. ■

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