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Established in 1968, the League for Innovation in the Community College is dedicated to informing, inspiring, and celebrating Innovations in learning, teaching, staff development, and student success. In 2012, and as part of this tradition of excellence in community colleges, the League established the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards to recognize outstanding faculty, staff, and leaders in higher education.

The Excellence Awards are named for John E. and Suanne D. Roueche, leaders in the community college field and early proponents of the idea that teachers have major responsibility for students' performance in the classroom. The Roueches have been colleagues and friends of the League for over thirty-five years, and from this working relationship with its founders have created a dynamic partnership through years of collaborative efforts on projects of mutual interest and national concern.

As a tribute to the Roueches’ many contributions to community college faculty and staff, we honor the distinguished 2014 Excellence Awards winners from League Board and Alliance member colleges, all of whom exemplify exceptional teaching and leadership.

The League thanks you for joining us at Innovations 2015, the third annual event for the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards Celebration, and participating in this opportunity to highlight the best and brightest teachers and leaders in higher education. We appreciate your support and willingness to share your college’s experiences with the field, as together we carry on the legacy of the community college movement.

Gerardo E. de los Santos

Congratulations to the recipients of the

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Gwen Baker
Coordinator, Dual Enrollment

Bret McGill
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John Haney
Director, Online Learning; Instructor, Computer Science

Vann Scott
Director & Instructor, Business & Fine Arts

Wallace State Community College
Leigh Ann Courington
Faculty, History

Steven Threlkeld
Instructor & Chair, Biology

Scott Throneberry
Instructor, EMS

ARIZONA

Chandler-Gilbert Community College
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Faculty, Mathematics

Regi Munro
Faculty, Biological Sciences

GateWay Community College
Lily Lough
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Kyoko Olson
Director, Learning Center

Shannon Ruth
Faculty, Mathematics

Frank Zamora
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Mesa Community College
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Dean, Institutional Research & Planning

Steve Budge
Faculty, World Language

Brian Dille
Faculty, Social Science

Craig Jacobsen
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Kathleen Perales
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Dormitory Monitor; Assistant Coach, Baseball

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Doss Powell
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Phoenix College
Salina Bednarek
Residential Faculty, Nursing

Rio Salado College
Kishia R. Brock
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Holly S. Harper
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Scottsdale Community College
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Scientists have a way of finding the right blend of components — and that’s exactly what a team of faculty, led by Dr. Davis, has done at Bergen. Dr. Davis’ work with the Science Infusion Program has enabled students to meld the study of similar topics — such as food safety and malaria — into both science and English coursework. With a scientist like Dr. Davis at the helm, it’s no surprise students consider the program a winning formula.
ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONGRATULATES RECIPIENTS OF THE 2014 JOHN AND SUANNE ROUÈCHE EXCELLENCE AWARDS
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Professor, Mathematics

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Las Positas College
Howard L. Blumenfeld
Faculty, Mathematics

Nan Ho
Faculty, Biology

Scott A. Vigallon
Coordinator, Instructional Technology

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Saddleback College
Bruce Gillman
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Chair, Student Life Skills

Larry Lowe
Manager II, Center for Interactive Media

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Carolyn Keister
Professor, Nursing

Chad Kuyper
Professor, Speech & Forensics

Stephen Lukacs
Professor, Chemistry

Susan Schultz
Professor, Nursing

Shep Shepard
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Professor, Mathematics

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Faculty, Mathematics

Michael Odu
Faculty, Mathematics

Desmond Sawyerr
Faculty, English

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Kevin Cooper
Director, Applied Research & Entrepreneurial Activities

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Math & Sciences

Shay Bean
Math & Sciences

Juliette Biondi
Professional Staff Award

Shawn Brabham
Humanities & Fine Arts

Tina Ewton
Support Staff Award

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Andrew McGinnis
Math & Sciences

Beth Ruta
Engineering Technology

Bill Shifflett
Business & Information Technologies

David Wollert
Math & Sciences
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Financial Aid

Ms. April Bellafiore,
eLearning

Dr. Suzanne Buglione,
Teaching & Learning

Mr. J. Thomas Grady,
English

Dr. Kelemu Woldegiorgis,
Chemistry

FLORIDA (cont.)

Richard Dewey
Chair, Criminal Justice

José L. Farinos
Dean, Advanced Technology

Samuel P. Mikhail
Professor, Social Science

David Moberg
Chair, Performing & Visual Arts

Chrys Panayiotou
Professor, Advanced Technology

Mary Pelletier
Assistant Professor, Dental Science

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Claire Brady
Director, Student Development

Sybil Brown
Chair, Mathematics

Karen Hogans
Professor, Mathematics

Bethany Skipper
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Santa Fe College

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Director, Nursing

Julie Falt
Professor & Coordinator, Adult Education

Jonathan Miot
Associate Professor & Director, Teaching Zoo

Debbie Reid
Professor, IT Education

Julie Shay
Professor & Coordinator, Health Information Technology

St. Petersburg College

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Cynthia Grey
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Adjunct Faculty Award Winner

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Elgin Community College
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Adjunct Faculty, ESL

Terri Martin
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Luis Martinez
Associate Professor II, Biology

Richard Wince
Adjunct Faculty, ABE

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Thank you for the exceptional contributions you make to students’ lives!
Congratulations! to our two recipients of the John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards!

Central Ohio Technical College is proud to honor you both, and proud of your commitment to high quality and excellence in all that you do for the college.

Howard Imhof
Director of Information Technology Services

Jennifer Arny
Assistant Professor of Human Services

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you do for the college.

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Trisha Swartzendruber
Faculty, Nursing

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Instructor, Psychology
Congratulations, **Bernie Monette**, on receiving a John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to students. Your passion for lifelong learning inspires change and innovation. We are very proud of your work and your accomplishments.
LOUISIANA
Delgado Community College
Derek D. Bardell
Adjunct Professor, Business, Teaching & Learning

MARYLAND
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Autumn M. Becker
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Anne Arundel Community College
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Maryellen Kassebaum
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Susan Lamont
Associate Professor, Biology

J. Thomas Grady
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Heather Rellihan
Associate Professor, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Vivian Spencer
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LSC-Montgomery

★ KATIE HURTER ★
Professor, ESOL
LSC-North Harris

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Mott Community College
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Minnesotta

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Meg Hatton
Faculty, Reading

Tom Sundquist
Faculty, Mathematics

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MISSOURI

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St. Louis Community College at Forest Park
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Elgin Community College’s board of trustees, president, faculty, administration, staff, and students congratulate their four recipients of the John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards.

Terri Martin
Richard Wince
Luis Martinez
Marilee Halpin

They make our mission possible:
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Congratulations to Faculty and Staff on Being Honored with the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award

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Regi Munro, Division Chair, Biological Sciences

GateWay Community College
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Lily Lough, Student Services Specialist, Advisement
Shannon Ruth, Faculty, Mathematics
Kyoko Olson, Director, Learning Center
Frank Zamora, Department Chair, Counseling

Mesa Community College
Pictured: Kathleen Perales, Associate Dean, Outreach Center
Not Pictured: Matthew Ashcraft, Dean, Institutional Research and Planning
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Brian Dille, Faculty, Social Science
Craig Jacobsen, Faculty, English

Paradise Valley Community College
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Doss Powell, Division Chair, Social Sciences

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Faculty, General Education & Mathematics

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Bergen Community College
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Valerae M. Hurley
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Professor, Electronics Engineering Technology
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Assistant Professor, Dental Science
Dr. Samuel Mikhail
Professor, Social Sciences
Ray Carpenter
Associate Professor, School of Business
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Terry Gilmour, Ph.D., and
Laurie Brannigan, RN, MSN, CPHQ,
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your exemplary work. Midland College
and the entire Midland community is
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Community College
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Composites

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ANNETTE HODGINS, Associate Professor, Health Careers;
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Thank you for your dedication to Cerro Coso
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in teaching and higher education.

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Court Reporting
instructor

Alan Carter
Information Technology
instructor

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College of Computer and Information Technology

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School of Veterinary Technology

Excellence in Student Coaching and Support:
**Ray Menard**
Natural Science

Innovation in the Use of Technology:
**Therezita K. Ortiz**
College of Computer and Information Technology

Innovative Pedagogical Approaches to Teaching and Learning:
**Anthony Valentine**
Communications

Innovation in the Use of Technology:
**James A. Wallis**
Natural Science
Kirkwood Community College congratulates

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TRISHA SWARTZENDRUBER
MELANIE NOLLSCH
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Thank you
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George Kanieski
Assistant Professor, English

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Cecilia Bidigare
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Kay Cornelius
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Sally Lahmon
Professor, English

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President of Suffolk County Community College
on being recognized with the

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for his

outstanding leadership

and

unwavering commitment

to provide

transformational educational opportunities

to the students from our many valued communities.
Mott Community College

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Steve Shubert &

Dave Miller

for receiving a
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The Roueche Graduate Center (RGC) of National American University (NAU) is pleased to announce Dr. Margaretta Mathis, Evan Alex Clausen, Cristina McKee, and Christy Lewis as the recipients of the John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards. This prestigious award has special significance because the President of the Roueche Graduate Center is Dr. John Roueche, for whom the award is named. These four deserving recipients were selected because of their exceptional customer service and outstanding performance to graduate students and fellow employees and colleagues.

Dr. Margaretta Mathis was the first employee hired at the RGC and serves as the Senior Vice President, and Dean of Master’s and Doctoral Programming. Prior to joining NAU’s RGC team, Dr. Mathis was senior lecturer at The University of Texas at Austin, and served as Associate Director, advisor and coach for UT’s involvement in Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count and SENSE – the Center for Community College Student Engagement’s Survey of Entering Student Engagement. Her experience as a senior administrator in higher education, national association management and international development includes professional positions with the League for Innovation in the Community College, the Institute for Supply Management, Thunderbird’s School of Global Management, the Governor’s Community Policy Office (AZ), the office of U.S. Senator John McCain, and the Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives.

Evan Alex Clausen was originally hired as a Graduate Advisor and was promoted to the Assistant Dean for Master’s Faculty position, which coordinates the administration of NAU’s open access master’s academic programs in a manner that recognizes the integral role of faculty in promoting student learning, engagement, retention, degree completion, and maintains the highest standards of academic excellence and integrity. Alex has over 12 years of academic experience, working her way through the ranks at several institutions as a degree planner, academic advisor (in which she received several awards for her retention efforts), and Dean of Students. She is a long-serving online instructor and was also nominated as a faculty of the year.

Cristina McKee has served in several roles at the RGC. Originally hired as a Financial Services Representative (FSR), she was promoted to Lead FSR, and then transitioned to her current role of Graduate Advisor, working directly with master’s students to coordinate retention efforts and student success initiatives. She was also elected as Vice President and now President of the Culture Club, which is a NAU campus volunteer organization to promote NAU’s core values, create an atmosphere of fun at work, foster a collaborative graduate center culture, and open lines of communication.

Christy Lewis was the first Director of Graduate Admissions at the RGC. Before her tenure at NAU, she worked at The University of Texas at Austin for over ten years in several roles including serving as the Partnership Coordinator for the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) and working in the Office of the Provost.

“All of us at the Graduate Center are proud of the daily contributions that Dr. Mathis, Alex, Cristina, and Christy make to assure the continued progress and success of our graduate students. They take great pride in their support of our students and receive compliments and praise from students, faculty members, and staff,” said Dr. Roueche.

About the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards
John E. and Suanne D. Roueche, leaders in the community college field and early proponents of the idea that teaches have major responsibility for how well students perform in the classroom, have been partners and friends of the League for Innovation in the Community College for over 35 years. What began as a working relationship with the founders of the League has evolved into a full-fledged partnership through collaborative efforts on projects of mutual interest and concern.

In recognition of the long tradition of excellence in community college teaching and leadership, the League established the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards in 2012. These awards are open to League Alliance member institutions to celebrate outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff. Recipients are recognized in a series of activities and promotions, and honored at special events at the League’s Innovations conference each spring.
Congratulations!

2014 John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award Recipients

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Director - Institutional Research

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Instructor - Speech & Theatre Arts

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Teaching Faculty, Academics

Linda Rabe  
Faculty, Academics

Todd VandeVoort  
Teaching Faculty, Academics

Chattanooga State Community College  
Sherri Barnes  
Associate Professor, Math

Shay Bean  
Professor, Chemistry

National American University  
Paul Acuff  
Teaching Faculty, Academics

Robin Bolton  
Teaching Faculty, Academics

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SOUTHERN CAROLINA (cont.)

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Tammy Taylor  
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Tammy Taylor  
Faculty, Science

Patricia A. Tondini  
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Dr. Valerae Hurley

Union County College

Transforming Our Community... One Student at a Time
We proudly recognize Kerrie Coomes and Tina Oelke as the 2014-2015 John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award recipients. Both award recipients represent the very highest caliber of excellence in all their academic and professional pursuits.

### TENNESSEE (cont.)

- **Juliette Biondi**
  Advising Specialist, Early College & Center for Academic Success

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  Computer Technician

- **Brent Lockhart**
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  - **Teri Brahams**
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- **Holly Burkett**
  Blount Campus Dean, Student Affairs

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### NORTH LAKE COLLEGE

**Excellence Award Winners**

- **Minnie Stevens Piper**
  Linda Long

- **Innovation of the Year**
  **Trail Blazer Orientation**
  Emily Turner, Debra Jenson, Beth Nikopoulos, Candace Eldridge, Virginia Jones, Andreshia Kelley, Adrianne Settles

- **President’s Scholar**
  Charles Siegel

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North Lake College

Dallas County Community College District

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Congratulations Our John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award Recipients

Dr. Thomas Dow
Professor/Department Chair, Communications/Literature/Languages

Debra Guerrero
Professor, Respiratory Therapy; Coordinator, Sleep Studies

Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone
Vice President, Student Development
• For her leadership in achieving national accreditation for our Nursing programs
• For her dedication to Nursing education
• For earning her doctorate degree

The college recognizes Laura Schmidt as the 2014 League for Innovation John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award recipient.

Congratulations, Laura.

TENNESSEE (cont.)

Jerry Burns
Professor, Chemistry, Natural, & Behavioral Sciences

Karen Ghezawi
Technical Clerk, Facilities

Annie Gray
Professor, English; Coordinator, Service Learning

Michael J. Hurst
Technical Clerk, Enrollment Services

Mary Kocak
Professor, Engineering & Media Technologies

Mary Monroe-Ellis
Professor, Mathematics

Laxman Nathawat
Associate Professor, Business & Computer Science Technology

Saralee Peccolo-Taylor
Adjunct Faculty, French

Tracy Smith
Specialist, Software Training

TENNESSEE (cont.)

Alvin Community College
Karen Downey
Instructor, Court Reporting

Lynda Vern
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Austin Community College District
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Professor, Physical Therapist Assistant

Missi Patterson
Professor, Psychology

NORTHEAST STATE

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To our Outstanding Employees!

PAT CHANDLER
Coordinator of Veteran Affairs and Assistant to the Dean of Admissions and Records
Distinguished Administrative Professional Staff Award Recipient

MICHAEL COLLINS
Computer User Support, Computer Technician
Distinguished Support Staff Award Recipient

DR. BRENT LOCKHART
Associate Professor of Biology
Distinguished Faculty Member

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San Jacinto College congratulates the following faculty and staff for their outstanding contributions to our students and the College.

Central Campus
Carrie Hughes
Faculty, Biology

Jerry Ivins
Department Chair, Art, Theatre and Film

North Campus
Karen Hattaway
Faculty, English

Ra Shaunda Sterling
Department Chair, College Preparatory and Development Studies

South Campus
Eugene Bernard
Coordinator, Veteran Success Center

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Dennis J. Sullivan
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School of Criminal Justice and Law

Recipient of
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TEXAS (cont.)

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Brazosport College
Ann Montgomery
Administrative Office Specialist, Communications & Fine Arts

Isaiah Schauer
Instructor, Life Sciences

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Sable Wise, Dr. Maria Christian & Diana Sanders

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You always make us proud!
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- Cheryl Davis
  Coordinator, Library
- Kathleen Marquis
  Coordinator, ATLAS Access Lab
- Charles Reed
  Professor, Business/Accounting
- Diane Vargas
  Senior Instructional Assistant, Mathematics

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- Clive Siegle
  Faculty, History
- Natalia Vargas
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- San Jacinto College District
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To Dr. Shaun L. McKay
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The Western Region Council on Black American Affairs
Board of Directors wishes to congratulate Dr. Shaun L. McKay,
President of Suffolk County Community College,
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achievements exemplify his dedication to student
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CC Sadler - Educational Technologist II
Dr. Jeffrey Wheeler - Professor, English

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