



2015

14th Annual Recognition Awards

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Honoring alumni and friends
for extraordinary contributions.

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Riverside Community College District invites you to nominate outstanding individuals for recognition by the College. The Annual Recognition Awards reflect notable contributions made by alumni and friends to the College and to the community.

In Spring 2015, the District family and community will gather in celebration to recognize the award recipients. Specific criteria for each award are presented in this brochure.



Riverside City College (est. 1916)

The Process

Nominations for the awards are solicited from members of the college community and the public. Committees review the materials submitted on each candidate and select those special individuals whose achievements most closely fit the category for which they have been nominated and who are deemed most deserving of recognition.

The names of those selected are then forwarded to the District Chancellor and Presidents for approval. The deliberations of the Award Committees are kept confidential.

How to Make Your Nominations

If you know someone who deserves consideration for a recognition award, please review this information and submit your nomination by **October 10, 2014**. Each committee's decision will be based on the materials submitted in support of each candidate. Your nomination submission should include:

- The completed nomination form listing your name and address and those of your nominee and his/her supporters.
- Your statement of nomination giving a detailed explanation of why your nominee should be considered for a specific award.
- Letters of support you have gathered from others who know your nominee and his/her accomplishments.
- The candidate's curriculum vitae or resume (if available and appropriate), plus factual statements from as many sources as possible and any other information you feel will be relevant to the committee's decision.



Moreno Valley College (est. 1991)

STATEMENT OF NOMINATION

Be sure to review the award criteria so you can explain how your candidate fulfills those criteria.

NOMINATIONS MUST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL

Please do not inform candidates that they are under consideration since only a limited number of awardees will be chosen each year from among many worthy individuals.

Excellence

Be an Advocate for Your Candidate

Because letters of nomination and support are an integral part of a successful candidate dossier, please make sure that you review the criteria for a specific award before writing your letter or soliciting other letters of support for your candidate. You can either provide supporting letters with your nomination or make certain that the supporters send their letters directly to the Annual Recognition Awards Committee by the deadline date of **October 10, 2014**.

The quality of information contained in nomination and support letters is given particular attention by the committee. Letters that comment on the individual's specific achievements are the most important and helpful. Nominators and supporters should answer the following general questions in addition to the ones specified for each award category:



Norco College (est. 1991)

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- What is your relationship to the candidate and how have you gained knowledge of his/her accomplishments?
 - How has the individual maintained a connection with the College, its faculty and students?
 - Why is this an appropriate time to recognize this individual's achievements?

Remember to describe and interpret your candidate's accomplishments in terms that a lay reader can understand.

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Awards & Criteria

RCCD ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Created in 1959, the Alumnus of the Year Award recognizes achievement of an exceptional nature in any field as well as continued contributions to the community or RCCD colleges. Candidate's achievements should be recognizable beyond the college district, preferably at a state, national or international level. Achievement is paramount, while name recognition to the general public is not a significant factor. Alumnus of the Year candidates must have attended an RCCD college for at least two semesters or completed at least 24 units of study. The award is given to no more than one person annually.

- Has the candidate had an impact on his/her profession and/or community in which he/she has been active?
- In what ways has the candidate served the District, colleges and alumni?



YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE, NORCO COLLEGE,
RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

The Young Alumnus Awards recognize graduates under the age of 40 who are making significant contributions to society or within their respective professions, and whose accomplishments and careers reflect favorably upon the college district or one of the three colleges. Young Alumnus candidates must have attended an RCCD college for at least two semesters or completed at least 24 units of study. The award is given to no more than one person from each college annually.

- Has the candidate had an impact on his/her profession and/or community in which he/she has been active?
- In what ways has the candidate served the college and its alumni?

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DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Public Service Award recognizes an individual who has significantly contributed to public understanding and support of community colleges and has helped the Riverside Community College District advance its mission. The successful candidate will have facilitated change in public policy with regards to higher education and sought to promote programs leading to improved access to jobs, workforce training, and education for all members of the community. The award is given to no more than one person each year.

- Has the candidate had regional, statewide, or national impact on public policy or public opinion with regard to higher education?
- Has the candidate helped to foster relationships between Riverside Community College District and the community, business partners or local, state, and federal agencies or elected officials?
- Has the candidate contributed to building a better society?



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Nomination Form

NOMINEE (please print)

Nominee's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Daytime Phone

E-Mail

NOMINATED FOR

- RCCD Alumnus of the Year
- Moreno Valley College Young Alumnus of the Year
- Norco College Young Alumnus of the Year
- Riverside City College Young Alumnus of the Year
- Distinguished Public Service Award

NOMINATED BY (please print)

Your Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Daytime Phone

E-Mail

REFERENCES (please print)

Reference's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Daytime Phone

E-Mail

Reference's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Daytime Phone

E-Mail

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Address

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Send your completed Nomination Packet
by **October 10, 2014** to:
Annual Recognition Awards
Riverside Community College District
Office of Strategic Communications and Relations
1533 Spruce Street, 2nd floor, Riverside, CA 92507

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