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California Community Colleges Board of Governors Honor Four Faculty Members with 2013 Gerald C. Hayward Awards for Excellence in Education

Shasta, Foothill, Pasadena City and Riverside City colleges represented at Sacramento ceremony

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Three professors and a counselor were honored with the 2013 Gerald C. Hayward Awards for Excellence in Education today at the California Community Colleges Board of Governors meeting in Sacramento. Receiving awards were Shasta College counselor Carolyn Borg, Foothill College language arts professor Scott Lankford, Pasadena City College art history professor Sandra Haynes and Riverside City College humanities professor Richard Mahon. Each faculty member was awarded a commemorative plaque and $1,250.

The Hayward Award for Excellence in Education was established in 1989 and is given periodically to community college faculty members who are selected by their peers for demonstrating the highest level of commitment to their students, college and profession. Award recipients are nominated by their respective college academic senates and then selected by representatives of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Winners must have a record of outstanding performance of professional activities, as well as a record of active participation on campus.

The 2013 Hayward Awards are supported through a grant from the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The award is named in honor of Gerald C. Hayward, who served as chancellor of the California Community Colleges system from 1980 to 1985.

Carolyn Borg has been a counselor for 25 years at Shasta College. She has served the diverse needs of specialized populations such as students in the CalWorks, English as a Second Language, transfer, career technical education and International Students programs. Borg works as a distance education counselor where she has developed programs to provide online orientation and matriculation information for students in remote locations. Borg has also directed a multi-year federal project to bring four-year public baccalaureate education to her area, spearheaded tuition reciprocity agreements with California State University, Chico and other universities in the region and has overseen the submission of more than 100 courses for course identification numbering system approval.

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Scott Lankford is recognized as one of the most engaged faculty members at Foothill College and has taught a range of courses, from basic skills to honors, and has introduced a variety of new courses. He created the college’s first “Writing across the Curriculum” course and is known for creating and designing curriculum that focuses on human rights. He is the co-founder of the Gay/Straight Alliance and the Foothill LGBT Employees Association, and was instrumental in Foothill College being the first California community college to offer domestic partner benefits. He also launched Native American Heritage Month, organized the Asian-Pacific Islander and Women’s History month celebrations.

Sandra Haynes has worked to help Pasadena City College develop its distance education standards and curriculum, shared expertise of her discipline with colleagues, established history tutoring and research paper workshops with the help of the campus Learning Assistance Center, and supported diverse and flexible learning opportunities. Haynes, who earned a master’s degree in instructional design and technology in 2006, went on to create an award-winning, online art history course called art fundamentals. She then worked to help the college grow its distance education program by spearheading the development of distance education processes and procedures as chair of the Distance Education Committee. Haynes also has increased the diversity in her field and developed new art history courses including classes in the history of Islamic art and the history of pre-Columbian art.

Richard Mahon teaches humanities classes at Riverside City College and online and has served on the academic senate, curriculum committee and other committees to help maintain open access for all students. He also served two terms on the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Executive Committee and worked on various other statewide community college educational committees. He’s also helped direct limited funds to classroom instruction allowing for fewer classes being cut.

To see a photo gallery of the 2013 Gerald C. Hayward Awards presentation, go to: http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Newsroom/PhotoGallery.aspx

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.4 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor’s Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

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