

# Community College League of California Distinguished Alumni Awardees

## **Allan Hancock College**

1988 - Robert Mange - Principal, Folsom Junior High School  
2002 - Owen W. Siler - Admiral, United States Coast Guard (Retired)  
2010 - Kay Ryan - Poet Laureate, Consultant in Poetry (emeritus)

## **American River College**

2016 - Diane Bryant - Executive Vice President/General Manager, Data Center Group, Intel Corporation

## **Bakersfield College**

1964 - Walter W. Stiern - Senator, State of California  
1969 - David E. Smith - Medical Director, Haight-Ashbury Medical Clinic  
1971 - Ruth Love Holloway - Director, Right to Read Program, US Office of Education  
1973 - Jack C. Smith - Columnist, Los Angeles Times  
2005 - Beto Gonzalez - Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education

## **Barstow College**

2000 - Gloria Romero - Assembly Majority Whip 49<sup>th</sup> District  
2010 - Joe Baca - Congressman, United States Congress

## **Butte College**

2000 - Kenneth Grossman - President Sierra Nevada Brewing

## **Cañada College**

1994 - Anna G. Eschoo - Member of Congress, 14th Congressional District

## **Cerritos College**

1985 - JoJo Starbuck - Olympic and Professional Figure Skater  
2015 - Peter Espinoza - Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court

## **Chabot College**

1992 - Tom Hanks - Actor  
1996 - Peggy Hora - Judge, Municipal Court  
2003 - Marcy Feit - President & CEO, ValleyCare Health Systems

## **Chaffey College**

1972 - William A. Walk, Jr. - Attorney and Civic Leader  
1985 - Howard Allen - Chairman of the Board, Southern California Edison  
1995 - Hebert Hafif - Attorney at Law  
2006 - Beverly Cleary - Author

## **Citrus College**

1980 - Gordon L. Hough - Chair of the Board, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph  
1990 - Ward Munson - President (Retired), Munson Sporting Goods  
2014 - Ivan Misner - Founder and Chairman, BNI

## **City College of San Francisco**

1969 - George J. Maslach - Dean of Engineering, UC Berkeley  
1973 - Andrew S. Adams - Director, Educational & Rehabilitation Services, Department of Veteran's Benefits, US Veterans Administration  
1977 - W. Michael Blumenthal - Secretary of the Treasury, United States  
1984 - Lee Meriwether - Actress  
1988 - Burl A. Toler - Referee, National Football League  
1989 - Allen Broussard - California Supreme Court Justice

**Coastline Community College**

1999 - Tony Aguilar - Resource Manager Legislative & Local Government Affairs, Southern California Edison

**College of Alameda**

1984 - Ronald V. Dellums - Representative, 8th District, US Congress (Oakland City College)

**College of Marin**

1972 - Karl O. Drexel - Superintendent, Contra Costa CCD

1979 - Robin M. Williams - Comedian and actor 1997 - Grace A. Hughes - President, Marin Airporter

2000 - Glen E. Robinson - Retired US Marshall

2006 - J. Dietrich Stroeh - Vice President and Secretary of CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc.

**College of San Mateo**

1964 - Raymond J. Daba - Attorney and VP, State Board of Education

1968 - Eleanore D. Nettle - President, California School Boards Association

1970 - Merv Griffin - Host, Late Night Show, CBS Television

1975 - Arlen Gregorio - Senator, 10th District, State of California

1976 - Edward V. Roberts - Director, Dept of Rehabilitation, State of California

1987 - Paul B. Jensen - Coroner, San Mateo County

1995 - Rosemary Pfeiffer - Judge, Superior Court, County of San Mateo

2005 - Claire Mack - Television/Radio Broadcasting and Community Advocate (Ret.)

**College of the Sequoias**

1980 - Glen Craig - Commissioner, California Highway Patrol

1981 - Gerald C. Hayward - Chancellor, California Community College

1983 - Louis Carter - Superintendent of Banking, State of California

**Compton College**

1965 - Carley V. Porter - Assemblyman, State of California

1975 - Pete Rozelle - Commissioner, National Football League

1977 - Ralph C. Dills - Senator, 28th District, California

1978 - William Hanna - Co-founder, Hanna-Barbera Production

1979 - Billie G. Mills - Superior Court Judge, Los Angeles County

1982 - G. Tom Thompson - Los Angeles Municipal Court Judge

**Contra Costa College**

1991 - George Miller - Member of Congress, 7th Congressional District

1986 - John Marquez - Labor Commissioner, California State Department of Industrial Relations

1989 - Virginia D. Greer - Clinical Psychologist

2003 - Maria Alegria - Executive Director, Faith Works!

**Cosumnes River College**

1994 - Willie C. Johnson - MD, Kaiser Hospital

2014 - Scott Syphax - President & CEO, Nehemiah Corporation of America

**Cuesta College**

1989 - R. Morgan Burkett - President and CEO, Sterling Hotels Corporation

1993 - Louis Owens, PhD - Professor of Literature, UC Santa Cruz

2008 - Khatchik H. "Katcho" Achadjian - San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors and Business Owner

2011 - William H. Swanson - Chairman and CEO, Raytheon Company

**Cypress College**

1983 - Geri Jewell - Actress

**De Anza College**

1993 - Robert Handa - Reporter/Producer, KPIX-Television

**Diablo Valley College**

1974 - Slava J. Veder - Pulitzer Prize Winner, Feature Photography

2001 - Steven Vogt - Designer of high-resolution spectrograph

2009 - Timothy P. White - Chancellor, University of California, Riverside

**East Los Angeles College**

1979 - Esteban Torres - Assistant to the President of the United States  
1980 - Julian Nava - Ambassador to Mexico  
1986 - Nathan Chroman - Attorney  
1992 - Edward James Olmos - Actor/Director/Producer & Community Activist  
2002 - Rosario Marin - United States Treasurer  
2014 - David C. Lizarraga - President & CEO, TELACU Millennium  
2018 - George L. Pla - President & CEO, Cordoba Corporation

**El Camino College**

1974 - Carol Neblett - Star, New York City Opera  
1978 - George Foster - Professional Baseball Player  
1980 - Mark L. Hicks - Quadriplegic artist (deceased)  
2002 - George Nakano - California State Assembly Member, 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
2003 - Cliff Meidl - National Spokesperson, Construction Safety Council and Electrical Safety Foundation  
2012 - Cinna Toy-Wohlmuth - Doctor of Medicine, Loma Linda University and White Memorial Center

**Foothill College**

1994 - Wayne Wang - Filmmaker/Producer

**Fresno City College**

1993 - Angela R. Cisneros - VP Board of Directors, Fdn Center for Phenomenological Research  
2002 - Cruz M. Bustamante - Lieutenant Governor of the State of California  
2005 - Peter G. Mehas - Fresno County Superintendent of Schools  
2007 - Gary Soto - Author  
2010 - Christine Johnson McPhail - Managing Partner, The McPhail Group

**Fullerton College**

1966 - Arthur G. Coons - President Emeritus, Occidental College  
1969 - Thomas Berkley - Lawyer, Publisher, Race Relations Consultant  
1973 - Eldon L. Rodieck - Faculty & Administrator, Emeritus, Fullerton College  
1974 - Jessamyn West McPherson - Author  
1978 - Cruz Reynoso - Justice, Third District Court of Appeal  
1991 - David R. Pierce - President, AACJC (now AACC)

**Gavilan College**

2010 - Luis Alejo - Mayor of Watsonville/Monterey Superior Court Staff Attorney

**Glendale Community College**

1999 - Larry & Ralph Cimmarusti - Owners, Cimm's Inc.  
2001 - Raymond Edwards - CEO and Chairman of the Board (retired) of Glendale Federal Bank  
2017 - Dave Greenbaum - Owner/President, David C. Greenbaum Co., Glendale Community College

**Golden West College**

1991 - Brenda Premo - Department of Rehabilitation, State of California  
1994 - Martin Yan - Master Chef

**Grossmont College**

1984 - Lucille Moore - Politician and civic leader  
2012 - Brad Daluiso - Financial Planning Specialist - Morgan Stanly Smith Barney

**Hartnell College**

1972 - Firmin A. Gryp - President, Northern California Savings & Loan Association  
1976 - March Fong Eu - Secretary of State, State of California  
1981 - James R. Fassett - Medical doctor  
1991 - Eugene Dong - MD/JD, Stanford University  
2013 - Dustin Lance Black - Screenwriter, Director, Producer

**Imperial Valley College**

1981 - Douglas X. Patino - Director, Employment Development Department, State of California

**Imperial Valley College**

2005 - Amali Tower - Founder, Bridge 2 Peace  
2008 - Robertta J. Burns - Chief Executive Officer, Imperial County (Retired)

**Long Beach City College**

1966 - Arjay Miller - President, Ford Motor Company  
1992 - Melvin Salvesson - President, Universal Transaction System  
1995 - Paul Rodriguez - Comedian, Actor, Education Advocate  
1997 - Beverly O'Neill - Mayor, City of Long Beach  
2004 - Pat Keller McCormick - Pat McCormick Educational Foundation  
2007 - The Molina Family - Molina Health Care  
2011 - Dolores J. "Jenni" Rivera - Singer known as "La Diva de la Banda," Jenni Rivera Enterprises  
2012 - Ernest Mitchell, Jr. - US Fire Administrator Department of Homeland Security  
2015 - Peter James Gravett - Secretary (Ret.), California Department of Veterans Affairs

**Los Angeles City College**

1964 - R. C. Fuller - Vice President, Bendix Corporation  
1966 - Vaino H. Spencer - Judge  
1968 - Rudi Gernreich - Fashion Designer  
1971 - Raymond M. Hill - Chief Engineer & Gen Mgr, LA City Fire Dept  
1973 - Georgia W. Mellon - Trustee, Chaffey CCD  
1975 - Charles H. Arias - Administrator, KNBC Los Angeles  
1984 - True Boardman - Radio, film and TV star  
1987 - Cindy Williams - Actress  
1992 - Lourdes G. Baird - United States Federal Judge  
1998 - Mimi Leder - Film Director  
1999 - Bernard C. Parks - Police Chief, LA Police Department  
2006 - Diane Watson - U.S. Congresswoman

**Los Angeles Harbor College**

1999 - Benjamin J. Cayetano - Governor, State of Hawaii  
2002 - Juanita Millender-McDonald - United States Congresswoman, 37<sup>th</sup> California Congressional District  
2008 - Douglas Barry - Los Angeles Fire Chief

**Los Angeles Pierce College**

1998 - Denny Crum - Basketball Coach, University of Louisville  
2004 - Robert A. Wharton - Chief Research Officer, Idaho State University

**Los Angeles Trade-Tech College**

1970 - J. William Orozco - President, Board of Trustees, Los Angeles CCD  
1972 - Gloria Williams - Admin. Secy to the Hon. Sam Yorty, Mayor of Los Angeles  
1978 - Sue Wong - American Fashion Designer

**Los Angeles Valley College**

2004 - Sean Astin - Actor, Director, Family Literacy Advocate

**Los Medanos College**

1995 - Fidel Huerta - MD, Sequoia Health Foundation

**Merritt College**

1977 - Joe Morgan - Professional Baseball Player

**MiraCosta College**

1965 - Gene Law - Associate Director, Television Series: The King Family  
1985 - Paul Carlin - Postmaster General, United States Post Office

**Modesto Junior College**

1965 - Gerald Kennedy - Leader, Methodist Church Los Angeles  
1971 - James H. Corson - Ast Exec Secy, Assoc of California School Administrators  
1974 - John J. McFall - Representative, 15th District, United States Congress  
1986 - George Lucas - Filmmaker and Producer, Lucasfilms  
1992 - Gary Condit - Member of Congress, 15th Congressional District

1996 - John Petersen - Exec. Director, Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges  
1997 - Manuel "Manny" P. Meza - Videographer, KCRA Television

#### **Monterey Peninsula College**

1982 - Bert P. Cutino - Owner, Cutino's Sardine Factory

#### **Mt San Antonio College**

1979 - Joan Tewkesbury - Dancer, choreographer, screenwriter and direct  
1983 - Jay Rodriguez- Vice President of Corporate Information, NBC  
1991 - Fred Claire - Executive Vice President, Los Angeles Dodgers  
1994 - Bruce Fa Brizio - CEO, Sunshine Makers/Simple Green  
2009 - Don Morris - Retired Educator, Athlete, Navy Reservist, Public Servant

#### **Mt San Jacinto College**

1988 - Mildred Wagoner Kronfly - Director, Flight Systems Design and Performance, Rockwell International  
2015 - Jose Ochoa - Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Addiction Counseling & Treatment Services

#### **Napa Valley College**

1975 - Dick Vermeil - Head Football Coach, UCLA

#### **Ohlone College**

1975 - Gloria Villasana - Assistant Vice President, Fremont Bank

#### **Orange Coast College**

1990 - Albert C. Wong - President, AMKLY Systems Inc.  
1992 - James Tait Goodrich - MD/Director, Neurological Surgery, Pediatrics Montefiore Medical Center

#### **Palomar College**

1971 - Ronald T. Kenney - Editor, Escondido Daily Times-Advocate  
1988 - Tencha Avila-Friedenberg - Communications Consultant  
2008 - Anthony Brandenburg - Judge, California Superior Court

#### **Pasadena City College**

1965 - Warren M. Dorn - Chairman, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
1967 - William B. Langsdorf - President, CSU Fullerton  
1969 - Jackie Robinson - Baseball Player  
1971 - William D. McElroy - Director, National Science Foundation  
1987 - Jaime Escalante - High School Math Instructor  
1991 - Joyce Luther Kennard - California Supreme Court Justice  
1996 - Octavia E. Butler - Writer  
2001 - R. Bruce Merrifield - Recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry  
2004 - Adriana Ocampo - Planetary Scientist, NASA, JPL  
2010 - David Rust - Senior Cameraman, CNN  
2013 - Ruthe Catolico Ashley - Teacher, DeAnza High School Law Academy

#### **Reedley College**

1966 - Hideo Sasaki - Landscape Architect, Sasaki, Dawson, Demay Association, Inc.  
1970 - Warner E. Newby - Brigadier General, US Air Force  
1989 - Daniel D. Villanueva - General Manager, KMEX-TV, Univision (King's River College)  
2000 - Richard A. Johanson - Chairman of the Board, Johanson Transportation Services  
2013 - Sonny Vaccaro - Sports Personality/Independent Agent

#### **Riverside Community College**

1966 - Eliot J. Swan - President, Federal Reserve Bank  
1967 - James Mercereau - Division Manager, Ford Motor Company  
1969 - Rex Brandt - Artist  
1970 - Jesse T. Hill - Director of Athletics, University of Southern California  
1976 - Anita J. Mackey - Board of Trustees, Loma Linda University  
1979 - Rupert Costo - President, Indian Historical Society  
1986 - Allen E. Hill - Rear Admiral (Ret.), US Navy  
1998 - Ernest Z. Robles - Founder, National Hispanic Scholarship Fund  
1999 - Judith A. Neiburger - Community Activist

**Sacramento City College**

1967 - Albert S. Rodda - Senator, State of California  
1976 - Elwood J. Keema - Chancellor Emeritus, Los Rios CCD  
1979 - John Moss - Representative, US Congress  
1983 - Glen L. Ryland - President, CEO & Chr of the Board, Frontier Airlines  
1983 - Jay Rodriguez - Vice President of Corporate Information, NBC  
1986 - Elton Rule - President (former), American Broadcasting Company  
1988 - George K. Kambara - Ophthalmologist  
1988 - May Tanaka Kambara - RN  
1990 - Margarita Colmenares - Lead Engineer, Chevron Corporation  
1993 - Gordon D. Schaber - Professor of Law, McGeorge School of Law and University of Pacific  
2011 - The Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye - Chief Justice, Supreme Court of California

**Saddleback College**

2006 - Lynn-Holly Johnson - Actor

**San Bernardino Valley College**

1964 - Charles Young - Vice Chancellor, UCLA  
1972 - Charles E. Young - Chancellor, UCLA  
1993 - Jack H. Brown - President/CEO, Stater Bros Market  
1997 - Bella Lewitzky - Founder & Artistic Director, Lewitzky Dance Company  
2000 - Judith Valles - Mayor, City of San Bernardino  
2007 - Dorothy Ella Inghram - Retired Educator  
2012 - Eloise Gomez Reyes - Attorney, Administrative & Civil Litigation, Law Offices of Eloise Gomez Reyes

**San Diego City College**

1964 - Predrag Mitrovich - Vice President, San Diego First National Bank  
2016 - Barry Cordero - Senior Program Manager, Operations Excellence, Medtronic

**San Diego Miramar College**

2006 - Jerry Sanders - Mayor, City of San Diego  
2013 - Adolfo Gonzales - Chief, Bureau of Investigation, San Diego County District Attorney

**San Joaquin Delta College**

1970 - Robert T. Monagan - Speaker of the Assembly, State of California  
1971 - Skipper Yee - Businessman  
1973 - Irvine H. Sprague - Administrative Ast, Majority Whip's Office, US House of Representatives  
1974 - Roderick W. Beaton - President and CEO, United Press International  
1976 - Eddie Lebaron - Partner, Jones, Jones, Bell, LeBaron, Close & Brown  
1978 - Pearl West - Director, California Youth Authority  
1980 - Janet Leigh - Actress  
1984 - Dave Gerber - Independent TV and Film Producer  
1987 - Robert Bersie - Vice President for Development, CSU Long Beach  
1996 - Webster Slaughter - Professional Football Player  
2009 - Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa - Assoc. Professor of Neurological Surgery and Oncology, Johns Hopkins

**San Jose City College**

1998 - Joe Fabris - West Region Marketing Manager, Microsoft  
2002 - Amy Tan - Noted Author

**Santa Ana College**

1964 - James A. Smith - Regional Sales Manager, Eastman Kodak Company  
1967 - Stephen K. Tamura - Judge  
1969 - James B. Utt - Representative, 35th District, US Congress  
1977 - Isabelle Rellstab - Vice President Student Affairs & Asst Supt (Ret.), Santa Ana College  
1982 - Robert H. Weitbrecht - VP, Research & Development, Applied Communications Corporation (Rancho Santiago College)  
2005 - Sinan H. Kanatsiz - Chairman and CEO, K-COMM  
2008 - David Valentin - Commander of Human Resources, Santa Ana Police Department  
2009 - Thanh Minh Nguyen - Pediatric Endocrinologist/Physician  
2011 - Dr. James Huong Nguyen - Medical Doctor, University of Arizona Medical Center

2015 - Irasema Salcido - Founder/School Administrator (Ret.), Cesar Chavez Public Charter High School for Public Policy

2013 - Engin Artemel - President, Artemel, Inc.

**Santa Barbara City College**

2002 - Angela M. Belcher - Nanotechnology Research

**Santa Monica College**

2004 - Arnold Schwarzenegger - Governor of California

**Santa Rosa Junior College**

1969 - Jerome R. Waldie - Representative, 14th District, US Congress

2014 - Jonny Gomes - Outfielder, Boston Red Sox/Oakland Athletics

2016 - Gaye LeBaron - Columnist, The Press Democrat

**Santiago Canyon College**

2006 - Steven Frank Ambriz - City of Orange Councilman and Planning Manager, Orange County Health Care Agency, Office of Quality Management

**Sierra College**

1982 - Peggy Buckley - Director of Associate Degree Nursing Program, Bakersfield College

2012 - Cataleya Carlson - Captain, C-130 Aircraft Commander (Pilot) US Air Force

**Solano Community College**

1981 - Ernest J. Gaines - Author

1998 - John L. Burris - Attorney at Law

1978 - Daniel E. Boarwright - Assemblyman, 10th District, State of California

**Southwestern College**

1993 - Maria Williams - Clinical Psychologist, South Bay Guidance Center

**Ventura College**

1983 - Shirley Verrett - Metropolitan Opera Star

**West Valley College**

1986 - Everett "Eddie" Souza - Mayor (Former), City of Santa Clara

2003 - Emmy Moore Minister - President of MEMM Consulting and Communications, Director for Northern California PGA

2007 - Kathleen King - Saratoga City Council Member and Chair, Silicon Valley

**Yuba College**

1977 - Harry D. Wiser - Exec. Director, Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges

1981 - Ethel Winant - Vice President, Mini-Series and Novels, NBC Television