

Outstanding Faculty Award

Nature of the Award. Honor two faculty members (1 part-time and 1 full-time) per year with the Outstanding Faculty Award. Generously supported by the Academic Senate Governing Council, the award carries a prize of \$200 for each recipient.

The intention of the award is to honor faculty members who have established an extraordinary record of contribution to the learning experience of their students and to their discipline. To qualify for the award, a faculty member must demonstrate (1) distinguished teaching, counseling, librarianship, or whatever their professional responsibilities entail; (2) commitment to student success; and (3) contributions to the Mission and goals of the College.

Eligibility. All faculty members at Cañada College full-time and part-time faculty are eligible for the award. An individual may receive the award more than once, provided a period of ten years or more separates the awards and each subsequent award is based on achievements other than those recognized by an earlier award.

Criteria. The principal criterion for receiving this award will be a record of superlative teaching, counseling, librarianship, or other professional duties as evidenced by:

1. Distinguished teaching, counseling or librarianship
 - Enriching the classroom with knowledge, experience, and vitality; demonstrating to a superior degree the characteristics of good college teaching: knowledge of subject, enthusiasm, clarity of presentation, ability to involve students, creativity, and student empathy. Constantly strives to find effective ways to teach the subject.
2. Commitment to Student Success
 - Being a mentor to students and/or an exemplary advisor/counselor. Providing service and special assistance to students. Direct impact upon and involvement with students. Specialized individual tutoring and instruction or promotion of methods that enhance a student's understanding of and enthusiasm for the course material. Ability to accommodate varying learning rates, styles, capabilities. Generates excitement for learning.
3. Contributions to Mission and Goals of the College
 - Participation in community organizations/College committees/campus activities. Evidence of exemplary service to the community. Extended learning and teaching beyond the classroom into the community by involving students in special community activities appropriate to other required learning experiences. Club work, involvement with student organizations.

Other Criteria that may also be considered:

- Professional Achievement: Achievements of scholarly activities such as publishing efforts, presentations to scholarly organizations or community groups, research and consulting workshops, or continuing education courses. Evidence of excellence achieved in a faculty

member's area of responsibility. Possession of high scholarly standards for both the rigor and currency of course content. Service to professional organizations through holding office, committee work, etc. Recognition by peers in the profession.

- **Commitment to Diversity:** Demonstrating a commitment and service to special student and community populations, either in a leadership role, contribution of time and energy, or promotion of diversity in the curriculum and classroom. A demonstrated commitment to student success strategies for diverse student populations.
- **Cooperative Spirit:** Participates in a manner that is viewed by others as having a positive impact on his/her professional capacity at the College; strong interpersonal and cooperative skills. Maintaining a positive learning environment inside and outside the classroom. Makes positive contributions to the progress, well-being of his/her academic unit and of the College. Builds and maintains self-esteem of others.

Nominating procedure. Faculty, staff, administrators, and students may nominate individual faculty that meet the evaluation criteria. To be considered, nominations must include a brief (1 page max) description of how the nominee meets the award criteria. Members of the Academic Senate Governing Council will review nominations to determine the recipients for this award.

Deadlines.

All nomination materials are must be received by ASGC meeting during which the awards are being considered. The award will be presented at our all-college End of the Year Celebration.