

ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD NOMINEES

2013

The *ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD* identifies and recognizes staff members' outstanding performance and contributions to students and the Division of Student Affairs. To receive this award, employees must support and reinforce the values of the division and exhibit a high level of commitment, initiative, cooperation, and dedication in their job responsibilities. In keeping with our goal of *Helping & Caring*, recipients of this honor must demonstrate an attitude of excellence, teamwork, and go Above and Beyond the expectations of their job duties. Additionally, employees must demonstrate competence in at least three of the division's six Values that guide us as we carry out our mission and the vision of the institution: *Learning, Student Success, Excellence, Integrity, Diversity, and Community*.



Jorge Arroyo

Residential Life Coordinator - 2 years of service

Jorge worked to create and establish the Unity House residential theme community in West Hall which houses first year students. In his work, he exhibited many of the Student Affairs Values: Learning, Student Success, Excellence, and Community. He works diligently to challenge and support students, foster their growth and development, and always has our students at the core.

Bradyn Blower

Events Coordinator - 3 years of service

Bradyn exudes the campus spirit with her drive to get students to attend athletics games. She is the advisor to the A.S. Programming Board and helps students put on quality programs on top of her own events. If a head cheerleader is ever needed for this campus, Bradyn's name would be at the top of the list.

Melodie Cameron

Career Consultant of Retention Services and Veteran Liaison - 4.5 years of service

Melodie most definitely reflects the Student Affairs values of Community, Diversity, and Student Success. Her collaborative nature has led her to work with several colleagues across campus. She is a superstar who has implemented a stellar program serving our veterans on campus.

Stephen Chen

Psychologist/Faculty Counselor - 5 years of service

Steve has consistently taken on additional roles and responsibilities. He has shown much commitment and focus on student success, attended to diversity issues in terms of our services, and contributed toward a sense of community both within and across units. He goes well above and beyond the call of duty.

Rich Dillon

Assistant Director of Leadership Development – 2 years of service

Rich is a tremendous asset both to Student Involvement and the university. In the two years that Rich has been a staff member; he has revived a stagnant leadership development program, created new programs, collaborated with faculty, staff, and students from across the university, and inspired dozens of SJSU student leaders.

Jenny Escoto

Accountant – 13 years of service

Jenny exemplifies the value of community. Even though the housing front desk is not part of her duties, she readily offers to help. She wants to see the students and their families taken care of quickly and in a respectful manner. Jenny advises each of the hall treasurers and ensures that they maintain fiscal integrity.

Doug Evans

Academic Liaison Lead and Employment Specialist – 4 years of service

Doug brings a special mix of career development knowledge blended with advertising savvy to Student Affairs. He played a key role in developing the Center's newly designed website; demonstrating creativity and leadership that helped launch the project last fall. What seems to drive Doug is his commitment to providing our students with the very best resources and advice so they can be competitive in the job market.

Moira Kolasinski

Employer Services Lead and Liberal Arts Employment Specialist – 4.5 years of service

Moira has recently taken on additional duties overseeing the Employer Services team. Her personal love of learning and her “can-do” attitude were the perfect combination for the Center's need. Because she recognizes how important it is for students to have opportunities to connect with employers, she is willing to share knowledge and insights into the career fields with students.

Angela Krumm

Psychologist/Faculty Counselor – 6 years of service

Angela developed the Peers in Pride Mentor Program (PIP). This program provides much personal and professional training (“Learning”) for its peer leaders. Furthermore, she was the main force behind her department's obtaining the national accreditation for its pre-doctoral clinical internship program. This accreditation increases the Counseling Services competitiveness at the national level.

Paul Lee

Print Shop Manager – 25 years of service

Paul has been a part of San José State University since 1986. Paul has provided a learning atmosphere for the many student assistants he has employed. He also cares about those who use the Print Shop by understanding that students have limited resources and time. He offers learning, student success, excellence and community to everyone he encounters during his work day.

Wei-Chien Lee

Psychologist/Faculty Counselor – 6 years of service

Wei-Chien has continuously created/expanded services that contributed to students' personal and interpersonal learning. Above and beyond her duties as clinician, she wrote, implemented, and is managing the first-ever large grant obtained by Counseling Services for \$370,264. In addition, she helped students to complete original research that they presented at national and regional conferences.

Veronica Mendoza Hand

Coordinator of Educational Programs – 3 years of service

Veronica embodies the values of helping and caring, personal integrity and the promotion of diversity and community. As an educational counselor and coordinator of educational programs, she promotes student learning and excellence in everything she does. She is a great asset to our team.

Daniel Newell

Job Developer and Marketing Specialist – 2 years of service

Daniel brings to his position adeptness at marketing SJSU students and the university, and is committed to community partnerships and quality and quantity of his successes. He reaches out to dozens of community organizations throughout San Jose and Silicon Valley to ensure employers seeking to hire for part-time, fulltime and internship positions are thinking SJSU first. .

Karisman Roberts-Douglass

Psychologist/Faculty Counselor – 2 years of service

Karisman graciously stepped up last semester and took on the Training Coordinator role for approximately four months. His leadership provided much continuity for the department, which in turn positively impacted our service quality toward student learning and success. He has also taken a lead in reaching out to a group of men of color and has started to contribute toward developing a stronger community for these men.

Alicia Samís

Senior Administrative Assistant – 2 years of service

Alicia embodies many of the division's values as demonstrated in both her professional and personal experiences. She addresses each individual's questions and concerns with genuine interest and sincerity. She works tirelessly to support teamwork and is involved in efforts such as the Work Lead Leadership Development program, the SA Professional Development Committee, and the Campus Climate Committee.

Lisa Trikofski

Events, Programs and Marketing Specialist – 8.5 years of service

Lisa is the customer service "face" to many employers who recruit our students and it is her extensive knowledge of what makes SJSU students unique along with her exceptional customer service skill that ensures employers can easily connect with students seeking career and internship positions. She has established strong partnerships with the employment community so that employers return to SJSU year after year.

Emily Weideman

Residential Life Coordinator – 3 years of service

Emily serves as the Chair for the University Housing Services Living Learning Committee which is charged with creating residential environments within the residence halls. In addition to her work to expand residential theme communities, she has stepped up to take on the management of the Living Learning Center within University Housing Services. In her work with academic success initiatives, she exhibited many of the Student Affairs Values: Learning, Student Success, Excellence, and Community.

Kristy Wilce

Assistant Director of Financial Operations – 17 years of service

Kristy exemplifies excellence in her day to day work. She is a lead and uses her role to improve processes for the benefit of our campus residents. She also reaches out to others within the department to identify overlapping processes and how they may be made more efficient and easier for our students to navigate.

CONGRATULATIONS

