

## **2010-2011 Student Affairs Awards Recipients**

### **Lisa Toban and Steven Wang - Bayless Student Leadership Award.**

**Lisa Toban** is a talented young woman who has generously shared her time and talents to enrich campus life throughout her undergraduate career at UC Riverside. She has had a big presence and important impact in Student Life where four years ago she took a first step in campus involvement by volunteering as a Student Organization Advising Peer. Lisa has taken on progressively responsible positions in support of student organizations, orientation, and leadership development programs in each successive year, serving as Lead Orientation Counselor, Program Assistant, and on site coordinator for Leadershape. Lisa has additionally been active in African Americans in Humanities serving as a member, secretary and now as president. She sang with the Gospel Choir (which has come to be called Voices of Unity) and was active in a number of research projects sponsored through the Psychology Department. Lisa has applied and been accepted to the Masters of Social Work program at Loyola University in Chicago.

### **Steven Wang**

Steven's recognition this afternoon is in large part focused on his deep and abiding contributions to Circle K and the associated Kiwanis Family. In addition to membership and leadership of Circle K at UC Riverside, Steven has served as Family Chair and Lieutenant Governor in the larger Kiwanis organization. As Family Chair he was called to facilitate and nurture relationships between various branches of Kiwanis - from Kids, to junior high Builder Clubs, to Key and Kiwins high school clubs and other university Circle K clubs across the west coast. As Lieutenant Governor of Desert Oasis he provided guidance and support to Circle K at UC Riverside and four other campuses in California and Nevada. Beyond Circle K Steven has contributed richly to campus life as a Student Program Coordinator for Asian Pacific Student programs and Community Service Intern in the WELL. Steven is a Psychology major who has been active as a research assistant to the psychology adversity and adaption laboratory.

### **Vincent Del Pizzo Distinguished Student Leadership and Service Award - Vincent La**

Vincent is a senior Biochemistry major who has distinguished himself as a student scholar, earning a cumulative grade point average of 3.5/4.0. His successes in the classroom have been matched by successes outside the classroom. Vincent lent a hand to many UCR students who faced academic and personal challenges through his work as an Early Warning Peer Educator, Honors Peer Mentor, and LGBT Peer Mentor. He played an important role in deepening our collective understanding of and engagement in the diversity of our community through his efforts as Director of Cultural Events in the Associated Students Program Board to include his role in envisioning and bringing to life a student conference with this focus – Sum of All Equals. Vincent also shared his talents through Not So Sharp A capella music group and as a volunteer with a student run health clinic serving the those in need in the local community. For his distinguished leadership and service we are honored to recognize Vincent today with the Vincent Del Pizzo Award.

### **Housing, Dining & Residential Services**

**Best supporting Member of the HUB Dining Team**  
**Joshua Vasquez**

I would like to nominate Joshua Vasquez for his dedication to the culinary supervisor position. He goes above and beyond his duties to make sure all tasks are completed to our satisfaction and he is able to work in any platform and run its operations if need be. He never says no and will always find a way to get things accomplished.

### **Catering**

#### **Commitment to Growth and Development**

##### **Miranda Martinez-Moad**

**/Mir-anda Martinez-Mode/**

Miranda is a highly motivated employee who is determined to reach her next goal of Student Supervisor. She consistently goes above and beyond her assigned duties whenever an opportunity to do so arises. Her dedication to our team effort ensures that events reflect the highest level of service. Our management staff is excited for her future growth as a student leader in our department.

### **Information Technology**

#### **Excellence in Leadership**

##### **Mark Parker**

Mark's has been a tremendous asset to Resnet in his time here. His leadership and attention to detail have kept the office running smoothly and efficiently. We would like to officially thank Mark for his excellent work.

#### **Excellent Service**

##### **Standley Banh**

**/Stand-Lee Bon/**

During Stan's time here at Resnet, he has continually demonstrated that he can always be counted on to provide rapid, high quality service. We would like to officially thank him for his outstanding efforts.

#### **Excellent Service**

##### **Edward Lixandru**

**/Lix-An-Drew/**

Edward has continually goes above and beyond in providing service to Resnet customers. His pleasant attitude and attention to detail are a great benefit to Resnet. We would like to officially thank Edward for his outstanding efforts, and look forward to the continued excellence he brings to the department.

#### **Excellence in Creativity**

##### **Lissan Loi**

**/Liss-On Loy/**

Lissan has consistently generated excellent quality graphics in her position at Resnet, and her talent continues to astound. We would like to take this opportunity to officially thank Lissan for all the talent and effort she has put into her work for our department.

### **Residence Life**

#### **“The Great Communicator Award”**

##### **Emily Lynne Handlen**

**/Em-a-lee Lin Hand-lin/**

While working with a group of 13 peers, all who perform their duties independently, Emily is consistently able to pull the group together when group decisions need to be made. She works to assure that each of the Assistant Resident Directors are scheduling duty, working with their staff in similar ways, and providing consistent support to the Resident Assistants they work with. Her work has impacted not just the area she directly works with but all housing communities.

#### **Excellence in Program Assessment**

**Marc Kinon**

**/Mark King-yon/**

Marc Kinon has contributed to Residence Life programming through program assessment. The information he has gathered in these assessments has been used to enhance many of the programs offered as well as provide programs that are relevant to the needs and wants of residents. In addition, he has voluntarily created assessments to gauge student staff leaders' experience within their job and in their academics. Marc is always thinking of ways to create assessments to better serve the needs of our residents and our student leaders. For these reasons, he is being nominated for the award "Excellence in Program Assessment."

**Exceptional Leadership in Residence Life**

**Ashley Chatman**

**/Ash lee Chat man/**

Ashley was a key coordinator of the HDRS student staff Community Service day that sent over 150 UCR Students and 15 staff members to 9 sites across the inland empire including Operations Safe House, Birthday Bags for Kids, One Stop K-9 Center and UCR's Child Development Center and Botanical Gardens.

**A&I Dining**

**Outstanding Student Scheduling Manager**

**Carlos Arias**

It is with great pride that I nominate Carlos Arias for outstanding job performance as scheduling supervisor. In the last year Carlos has been asked to do a multitude of jobs outside of his current role. With an addition of 4 new platforms and a coffee truck (not to mention a new General Manager) to the A-I dining facility Carlos has been asked to wear many hats. Whenever asked to perform a task or duty that he might be unfamiliar with or new to him, he has met the challenge head-on with enthusiasm and professionalism. Sadly this is Carlo's last quarter with the A-I team (because he has graduated) and with his absence he will leave some pretty big shoes to fill. I have no question that Carlos will succeed in whatever path he decides to travel. He is a hard working professional with a great aptitude for success. We wish the very best on his future endeavors.

**Lothian Dining**

**Outstanding Student Manager**

**Ming Ti Wu**

**/Meeng Tee Woo/**

Ming has been instrumental in the development and successful execution of the Special Student Staff Group Menu program for Spinelli's Italian Kitchen. Ming helped to introduce this program that is designed specifically to support programs coordinated by PCs, RDs, RAs, RHAs, etc. Ming was involved in every element of the program- from original concept, menu profile, pricing, and campus marketing...to training the restaurant staff.

**C-Store Operations**

**Outstanding Student Manager**

**Stephanie Sanchez**

I would like to nominate Stephanie Sanchez for the Student Affairs Award. Stephanie has been a vital piece of the management staff in our c-store operations. She coordinated the training of our student supervisors and managers along with the continued follow up of their progress. The beginning of the 2010-2011 school year had many challenges for the c-stores. This included hiring and developing new student managers, supervisors and a new student staff. With her leadership and commitment to the C-stores, Stephanie was able to provide a huge support to the management staff and the success of the operations. Her duties included scheduling, interviews, inventories, running student meetings, evening management duties at the HUB C-Store and providing support to all three of our other locations. Over the years that she has been with us, Stephanie has grown as a person and will continue to grow

as a leader for our future world. That's right THE WORLD! Please consider Stephanie for this award as she has earned it.

### **Residence Life**

#### **Staff Supervisory Leadership Award**

**Jessica Guns**

**/jess-i-ka guns/**

Jessica has done a great job as a new ARD on staff. She has lead our staff as a supervisor in a very efficient and consistent manner. She conveys that she is someone who cares about her staff members on an individual basis while still holding them accountable to the high expectations she has for them. She has received constructive feedback well and is always open to conversations about areas of improvement. She is dependable, reliable, caring and supportive.

#### **Community Leader Award**

**Jacob Vasquez**

**/jay-kob vas-kez/**

Jacob is an excellent staff member who is extremely committed to the Family Housing community and its residents. He often goes above and beyond to host and advertise for programs, makes a one-on-one connection with residents, and always keeps his eyes and ears open for community safety issues and reports them up the chain and to UCPD. Jacob loves being a member our community and often has suggestions for improvements and ideas to engage our resident's. He is a leader in our community and a great role model for our staff.

### **Highlander Pep Band**

#### **Outstanding Contributions to Highlander Band**

**Geovanni Mayoral**

**/G-o-vanni- Ma-joral/**

Geovanni has been conducting the Highlander Pep Band for over two years all university wide events. You may have noticed Geo at any of the Basketball home games, he was instrumental in creating cheers and some jeers against our biggest rivals. His spirit, enthusiasm, and regard for music and the Pep Band truly show with his dedication for UCR.

## **Women's Resource Center**

### **Outstanding Support Staff**

**Karla Aguilar**

**/car-lah ag-u-lar/**

Karla is a great informational resource to all students coming into the WRC. She is always courteous and pleasant. Karla has a passion to help domestic violence survivors in the Native American community. Look for some upcoming programs by Karla this fall.

### **Outstanding Support Staff**

**Monica Frias**

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Monica is the epitome of a support staff person. The office couldn't operate without her. She has a strong sense of the important role that the WRC plays on our campus and it shows in all that she does for the WRC.

## **Campus Safety Escort Service**

### **Coordinator of the Year**

**Ashley Hansen**

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Ashley brings a strong sense of organization to the Campus Safety Escort Service. With more than 70 escorts, that's a must have! She has great insight on challenging situations. We look forward to having her as one of our coordinators again next year.

### **Coordinator of the Year**

**Isaac Lomeli**

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Isaac is the "numbers person" behind the Campus Safety Escort Service. He maintains the all of our statistics and does a great job.

## **AVC / Dean of Students**

### **TriO Scholars Program**

#### **Young Visionary Award**

**Donte Boyd**

**/Don Tay Boyd/**

For his leadership and initiative in helping coordinate the Academic Success Series for the TRiO Scholars Program. Donte took it upon himself to identify resources to develop workshops for TRiO Scholars to help them more effectively navigate their first year in school.

#### **Exemplary Service Award**

**Edgar Ramirez**

**/Ed GAR Ramirez/**

Developed workshops for TRiO Scholars that helped them with writing and other subjects. Compassionate and knowledgeable.

### **"Above and Beyond" Award**

**Reissa Decena**

**/Ree-Sawda -Sen-ah/**

Reissa's second year at UCR also marks her second year as the President of Active Minds, a mental health student group who just earned national recognition as a 5-star chapter. The success of the group can be attributed to Reissa's dedication, strong work ethic, and creative flair for programming. This year alone, she's organized carnival games at National Stress Out Day, managed a task force in constructing a life-sized Barbie, and written a grant to secure funding for future programs. With every passing day, she goes "above and beyond" even the highest expectations.

### **"Most Enthusiastic Active Mind" Award**

**Ernesto Beltran**

**/Earn-eh-sto Bell-tran/**

Ernesto joined Active Minds in Fall 2010, immediately immersing himself in the mission of the organization. He passionately represents this mental health student group, as depicted by his willingness to suit up in a dog costume to spread the word about the therapy fluffies, open the dialogue at Post Secret by bravely sharing a personal testimonial, lead presentations anytime the opportunity presents itself...and so much more. He wears his blue t-shirt proudly, always with a smile on his face and a mental health mission in his mind, and is, without a doubt, the most enthusiastic Active Mind!

### **Best Supporting Student Assistant**

**Ana Molinero**

Ana is being recognized and receiving the award of "Outstanding student assistant", Ana always has a smile on her face for anyone that visits the Dean of Students office. Ana is graduating this year with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Sociology/Law and Society. During her 4 years at UCR Ana has not only provided student support to the Dean of Students office but has also assisted in many ways a number of departments under the Dean of Students organizational unit. Ana has been a great asset to our office and a great addition to our family. Congratulations and best wishes to you Ana!

## **Counseling Center**

### **StressBuster Peer Educators**

#### **Excellent Presentation Skills**

**Marisol Flores**

**/Mary-Sole Flor-ez/**

Marisol exhibit excellent skills as a StressBuster in talking to other students, explaining the bodies stress response, and being responsive and professional in her interactions on campus. Marisol shined in her ability to talk about complicated body responses in a way that was easy to understand.

#### **Excellent Leadership Skills**

**Diana Huang**

**/Die-Ana Wang/**

As a 2nd year StressBuster Diana exhibited great leadership skills. She helped train the new StressBusters, took an active role in scheduling and booking StressBusters events, and was always willing to step in and give presentation when her expertise was needed. This year Diana also worked to revamp and revise the Stress Talk to encompass other important factors of stress such as time management and positive thinking.

#### **Excellent Initiative**

**Mary Snow**

As a new StressBuster Mary to great initiative this year to work with a fellow StressBuster on revising the Stress Talk to include other important factors of stress such as time management and positive thinking.

#### **Excellent Creativity**

**Rachel Sikes**

**/Ray-chul Sykes/**

As a new StressBuster this year Rachel worked hard using her excellent arts and crafts skills and creativity to develop new StressBusters games and activities for our tabling events. Rachel spent large amounts of her own time to come the Counseling Center to create the games that are now used regularly at the StressBusters table.

**Phil Truong**

**/Fill Trong/**

As a new StressBuster this year Phil helped develop new StressBusters games and activities for our tabling events. Phil also served an important role of planning opportunities for StressBusters to do extracurricular activities together as our event planner.

### **Biofeedback Program**

#### **Outstanding Technician of the Year**

**Chelsea Warr**

Chelsea deserves this recognition because in her role as a biofeedback technician, she has gone above and beyond for her clients at the center. She shows a lot of care and respect toward her clients. She works very hard to create the perfect relaxing environment for clients and demonstrates the value of the biofeedback program in her one on one interactions with clients. She has received superb feedback from all of her clients during her time at the center. Finally, she has volunteered to assist the coordinator during her off hours to support students and the biofeedback program.

## **The WELL**

### **Well Served Award**

#### **Steven Wang**

Steven Wang a Community Service Intern has organized events like make pillows, read to K-5 kids, event planned with Centre de' Niño's, and customized service learning for students. At The Well, he motivates students to relax, read, and participate on campus. He works frantically; makes phone calls, organizes travel for volunteers, yet never turns his head to a visitor or additional tasks. When once asked for his timesheet, he stated, "I don't have one, I don't really work here, I just like it here." He soon joined the team and has proven to be resourceful. We wish him all the best as he graduates.

### **Well Done Award**

#### **Zakiyyah Smith**

#### **/Zuh-KEY-yah Smith/**

Zakiyyah is the personification of hard work. She has been a very active member of REACH Peer Educators for 3 years. When she is not working on REACH program planning, she is our front desk assistant, making all students feel welcome and answering the variety of questions they may have regarding Well Programming. She is a versatile student who participates in programs sponsored by various programming offices. Zakiyyah does all these all while maintaining an active social and academic life.

### **Well Helping Hand Award**

#### **Nicole Lim**

Nicole is an extraordinary volunteer REACH Peer. She has actively participated in REACH programs volunteering well above the 10 hours monthly expected of REACH peers. She can be often found in the WELL working with the REACH Team leads on upcoming programs. Along with her peer volunteer work Nicole donates her time to assist with Well events setting up for Wellness Wednesday programs, putting up fliers around campus or taking pictures at programs. She is a great asset to our team.

### **WELL-rounded student Award**

#### **Remie Rahman**



**/REE-mee RAH-mahn/**

Remie has given passion and personality to REACH Peer Educators and the WELL. Remie planned Hazing Awareness activities for campus. She's always in high spirits, helping in all well functions, many of which are beyond the expectation of her job description. This is done while being involved with the Common Ground as a student facilitator, being an LGBT Ally, serving as student volunteer coordinator of the Queer People of Color (QPOC) conference and co-founding the Bangali Student Association.

### **Commitment to Health Education and Well-Being Award**

**Nancy Vargas**

**/Nan-see Vahr-guhs/**

Nancy is an irreplaceable member and leader of Golden ARCHES. In high school, Nancy did some health education work, and she brings much expertise and passion to the work she does now as a peer health educator. Nancy is committed to the group, never missing a meeting, and always coming with ideas to share. She is always eager to help, support and to take a leadership role at every event. Not only is Nancy committed to the Golden ARCHES group and their mission, she is personally dedicated to her own health and well-being, and is actively involved in and engaged with the wellness programs on campus.

### **Student Recreation center**

#### **The Butch Mayo Award:**

**Ricky Haro**

Ricky goes above and beyond his job duties each day he works. In particular, he has established a very effective training process to insure the SRC front counter staff is properly trained on the front counter computer access system. Ricky can always be counted on to perform to the highest of standards! Great Job Ricky!

**Kyle Maudlin**

**/K-I-L Mall-dlin/**

Kyle has demonstrated undivided dedication to the Outdoor Excursions Program. He goes well above and beyond the duties of the normal job requirements, which has really excelled the program during his time here. Kyle leads by example by sending motivating weekly emails to the OE staff, which really took the office nature from normal to excellent! Great Job Kyle!

**Jamie Nguyen**

**/Jay-me Win/**

Jamie has obtained two nationally accredited certifications to become a group exercise instructor and a personal trainer. She has had such a positive impact on so many students at the SRC with her hard work and dedication to a job well done! Thank you for your amazing personality and all the great work you have done for the SRC!

**Jasmine Williams**

**/Jas-min Williams/**

Jasmine is the ideal SRC student employee! She is looked up to by all of her co-workers. Jasmine is the ultimate "team player." When she is given a task, she always does an excellent job, going above and beyond and always with a big smile on her face! Great Job Jasmine!

**Stacey Yin**  
**Stay-C Y-in**

Stacey has played a vital role in the growth and marketing of the Intramural Sports Program. Her hard work and dedication to the program is second to none! She will be missed by all of her co-workers and Intramural participants alike. Thanks for a job well done!

**Student Life**

**Student Organization Network Peers**

**Outstanding Student Organization Network Peer**

**Tommy Ta**

Tommy has been our most seasoned and dedicated volunteer in Student Life. He has been with us for over 2 years and has constantly maintained a positive attitude, strong work ethic and ability to adapt to various changes in the program. The program has undergone several changes over the years and Tommy has always rolled with the punches and never lost his motivation. He constantly is the most dependable and hardworking student we have ever seen in the history of the program and we'll be sad to see him go since he is graduating this quarter.

**Outstanding Commitment to Community Service**

**Jane Gairan**  
**/Go-air-en/**

Jane Gaoiran is being recognized by the Student Org. Network Team for her Outstanding Commitment to Community Service. Jane is a dynamic member of the Service Community at UCR and she is the President for American Dream Movement, Co-President for Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children, and an active member of Health Careers Organization. As a member of the Service Week committee she made sure she was at the meetings regularly and was always checking to see how she could help. She made amazing contributions by assisting with Facebook marketing for Service Week, raising funds with the FIMRC team for Relay for Life, preparing individual bags for the Pediatrics Fair, collecting first aid kits with the American Red Cross Blood Drive, tabling at the Service Fair, and attending Delta Queen. Her greatest accomplishment with FIMRC during Service week was the "Lend a Hand" campaign, inspired by the Fight Back poster at Relay for life in which individuals made a pledge to continue to be aware of cancer and do their part to constantly fight against it. The "Lend a Hand" poster was a similar objective. Students were able to make a pledge indicating how they can try to make a difference in the community not just during Service Week, but every day. They then had the opportunity to place a hand print on the poster and sign it. This was a good way to highlight the community service efforts of the UCR community and Jane was at several of the events during service week collecting signatures for the campaign. The Student Org Network Team would like to thank Jane Gaoiran for her Outstanding Commitment to Community Service.

#### **Outstanding Contributions to Fraternity and Sorority Life**

**Jessica Rojas Carrasco**

**/Jess-a-ca Row-has Ka-roscoe/**

Over the last year, the Collaborative Multicultural Council (CMC) has made significant strides regarding their presence on campus. This movement was made possible by the leadership displayed by Jessica during her time as the CMC President. She pushed the community to work harder and understood that getting what she wanted out of her experience was dependant on how much she was willing to put into it. CMC has become a force to be reckoned with under Jessica's guidance and the FSIC is so very proud of her and her contributions.

#### **Outstanding Contributions to Campus Life**

**Adrian Cazares**

**/Adrian Cah-zah-rez/**

There much that Adrian has achieved and contributed to UCR through his leadership on campus, with ASPB (Associated Students Program Board), Orientation, and Campus Tours. With his role in overseeing large scale events for the campus, there have been many challenges. Whatever the situation, he has tackled it with integrity and selflessness, thinking what would be best for his fellow students. Whether being the representative face or bringing water to a thirsty student, no task has been too small or great for Adrian. Adrian solicits feedback and suggestions from others, is willing to ask questions and considers his decisions carefully to have the best impact and effect. Always even-tempered, Adrian has the ability to act rationally in tense situations.

Adrian has a tremendous talent for working with people. His presence unexplainably and instantly creates a comfortable environment for others. He is always positive, smiling, and full of spirit. He's a great listener that balances well in a team, ready to lead a group but also can be a loyal follower. Adrian's humility is probably one of his most admirable qualities, as he always gives credit and considers others before himself. He always sees the potential in others, and seeks to support and encourage them to be their best.

Additionally this year, Adrian has made alumni outreach a priority, to strengthen UCR pride beyond graduation, and to establish a support network among alumni for current students.

Adrian is an incredible individual who is the epitome of campus spirit, and always thinking of the best for his fellow students.

#### **Outstanding Peer Mentor**

**Evan Word**

**/Eh-Van Word/**

Evan has been a volunteer peer mentor with the First Year Mentor Program for the past academic year and has stood out as a leader among leaders by going above and beyond for the first-year students he mentored. One of Evan's accomplishments as a mentor was developing a Financial Aid workshop to help educate first year students on the various recourses and tools available. Evan's presentation was shared with the Financial Aid Office and they were

also extremely impressed with Evan's level of accuracy of information and attention to detail. Evan initiative and dedication to the success of his mentees is representative of his leadership contributions to UCR.

### **Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Programs**

#### **Student Conduct Committee Chair**

**Serena Abeyta**

**Sareena Ah-bay-tah**

Serena has been an outstanding Student Conduct Committee Chair this year. She came in totally new to the committee and learned very quickly how to manage hearings effectively, process cases in a timely manner, and ensure results letters are done thoroughly and professionally. Serena is very much a team player in the Student Conduct office, helping out wherever and whenever needed. She served on a search committee for a staff opening in the fall and actively participated in committee recruitment events in the spring. In talking with other students on campus who know Serena, they often mention how she talks about her involvement and commitment to the Student Conduct & Academic Integrity Committees.

#### **Student Conduct Committee Chair**

**Jeremy Lou**

**/Jerimee Loo/**

Jeremy has had another great 2nd year as chair of the Student Conduct Committee Chair. He had a strong role in training new and current members of the committee. Jeremy has provided a consistent presence in the manner he runs the committee hearings. Committee members comment how organized and calm Jeremy keeps meetings, no matter how difficult they may become sometimes. Students have reflected that the manner in which Jeremy approaches them and facilitates the hearings allows them to feel they have been heard. In completing all of his responsibilities as chair, Jeremy truly embodies the mission of Student Conduct & Academic Integrity Programs, that of fairness and accountability.

#### **Golden Gavel Award**

**Reginald Arevalo**

**/Reginald Aree-vahl-oh/**

When the Student Conduct & Academic Integrity Programs staff was asked for names of committee members who had "gone above and beyond," Reggie's name was one of the students most often mentioned. Reggie simply has simply volunteered for anything where we have indicated we have need volunteers, whether it be with recruitment

events or helping with a last minute scheduling issue, he is willing to help. He has served the Student Conduct Committee beyond expectation.

**Christina Cummings**

**/Chris-teen-ah Cummings/**

Christina has been a consistently strong Student Conduct Committee member the last 2 years. She serves the committee very well. In addition to her regular service at committee hearings, she has exceeded expectations on several occasions through her service at recruitment events, sitting on a student panel in front of faculty to discuss academic integrity issues, just a name a few. Christina serves the student conduct process well, not only in being able to talk with students about the committees but also being the voice of “common sense” on the hearing panels she serves.

**Alexander Drey-Mulari**

**/Alex-an-dur Dray-Moolaree/**

Alex has been truly a dedicated member of the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Committees. He has provided many contributions and is seen as very dependable, which is important with scheduling these committees. He has filled in at the last minute, when another committee member had to cancel. He was very active with this year’s SCC recruitment events, helping with tabling and info sessions. Alex also assisted as one of the student representatives during open forum interviews to fill career staff position in our office.

**Highlander Union**

**Programming Excellence Award**

**Lauren Harnitchek**

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Lauren brings an upbeat spirit, innovation and close attention to detail to her programming work. She made outstanding contributions to the Heat Music Festival, refined vendor coordination for the Festival and reinvigorated the Union’s annual Chalk the Walk competition. Lauren is fun to work with. We are pleased that she will continue with us as our veteran Programmer.

**Programming Excellence Award**

**Kent Endsley**

**/kent endslē/**

Kent made significant contributions to the development and marketing of the Heat Music Festival for 3 years and has also been the stage manager for the Highland Stage, the main concert stage at the Festival. Kent’s impact on the Festival, Latitude 55 and the Highlander Union in general, is deep. He brings creativity and a strong work ethic to his role each day. Kent has made working for the Union an integral part of his UC education and graduates this year with a business degree.

### **Exceptional Service to Guests**

#### **Ryan Chaolertyotin**

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Consistently getting feedback about his genial and caring style, Ryan is being recognized for two years of excellent customer service in Latitude 55 and at the HUB Welcome Desk that has been both helpful and hospitable.

### **Scheduling**

#### **Outstanding Student Assistant**

**/Crystal Elekwachi/**

Crystal's unsurpassed enthusiasm and quiet demeanor accompanies her to work each day. She greets you with a warm smile no matter what task is given to her to complete. She has been a valuable team member to the HUB Scheduling department and LOANED to the HUB Administration department for special projects. She truly out did herself this year finishing a HUGE inventory and depreciation data entry project for the administration team, no less on a new software system. Thank you for your dedicated work and congratulations on earning your UCR degree this year.

### **Cultural Events**

#### **Action for Artists Award**

**Carlos Cardenas**

**/Car-los Car-deee-nass/**

Cultural Events is proud to honor Carlos Cardenas and celebrate his transformation from hard-working student to ACTION HERO on behalf of UC Riverside Presents. Carlos' superior talents – particularly with online networking, has enhanced the visibility of the performances while promoting events with a high degree of artistry, sophistication, and creativity that complements the series. His good will and helpful spirit makes him Oscar-worthy and very deserving of the red carpet treatment.

### **Student Special Services**

#### **Outstanding Student Assistant Award**

**Rakhi Patel**

**/RAHkey PaTELL/**

Rakhi (rah'-key) began working at the Academic Support Center in Spring 2008 and came into her own this past year. She has been an extremely important member of our staff, as she proved when she stepped in and covered when staffing fell short on several occasions. Rakhi is able to work independently and professionally with students, faculty, and staff, and has acquired the skills to work with students with various disabilities in sometimes stressful conditions. Rakhi will be graduating in June with a BS in Biology. After graduation she plans to gain work

experience in hospitals and then return to school with the goal of becoming a physician's assistant. In addition to working at the Academic Support Center, she has volunteered at the UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider student-run health clinic. Rakhi is a valued staff member and we appreciate her outstanding work this year.

**Spirit and Fidelity Award**  
**Cristel Christian Haddad**  
**/KRISStel KRISTchen haDED/**

Thanks to Cristel's steadfast support and unflagging spirit, she has made it possible for the Student Disability Union to continue its awareness and service mission through many changes. In particular, Cristel has energetically run elections for all positions since SDU's inception. We thank Cristel for having been the backbone of this organization.

**Vision Award**  
**My Hua**  
**/MY HWA/**

As SDU President, My significantly refined the Student Disability Union's mission statement, making it possible to go forward with increased focus and sense of purpose. We thank her for her invaluable investments in this organization with great potential to transform the cultural landscape for people with disabilities.

**Bravo Zulu Award**  
**Tan Mai**  
**/TAN MY/**

Whenever we need a volunteer for a departmental event, Tan is almost always the first to step up. He's been a speaker at many panel discussions, and this year also served as a veterans' peer mentor. The staff of Student Special Services are especially impressed by Tan's unflinching cheerfulness, even in adverse circumstances, and his frequent expressions of gratitude for the services we provide. Tan is unable to accept his award in person today, because he is interning with a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee under the auspices of the UCDC program.

**Bravo Zulu Award**  
**Thomas Nizami**  
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Thomas has been an enthusiastic participant in all our veterans' programs, including in his volunteer position as a Veterans Peer Mentor this year. In addition to his involvement in the peer training and education activities coordinated by The Well, he spear-headed a highly successful multi-organizational Toys for Tots campaign this year. Thomas will be graduating this year with a BS in Business Administration. Thank you, Thomas.

## **Campus Health Center**

### **Outstanding Student Assistant**

#### **Ben Minikwu**

Ben has served as the Health Center's webmaster throughout the 2010-11 year, updating content, mending broken links, re-configuring the homepage, reorganizing the primary menus and designing new pages . But he has proven to be far more versatile than just a talented web wizard. He wrote the Center's 2011 Patient Satisfaction Survey, has researched various procurement issues and assisted with networking problems. Ben's quiet competence has made him a staff favorite. Our sincere thanks to Ben for his many contributions to CHC this year and our best wishes to him as he graduates!

## **Native American Student Programs**

### **Excellent Apprentice**

#### **Maria Lorenzo**

**/Ma-ri-a Lor-en-zo/**

Maria is a Sophomore majoring in Native American Studies. Ms. Lorenzo has done an excellent job as a student assistant for NASP and NASA member. Maria is hardworking and is able to quickly learn and complete any task at hand. One of her great accomplishments is that within less than two years, Maria has been able acquire great knowledge and skills to create programs, fliers, and much more utilizing Photoshop and InDesign. Ms. Lorenzo is without a doubt a reliable and diligent worker.

### **Commitment to Excellence**

#### **Alexis Duro**

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Alexis is a Sophomore majoring in Psychology with a minor in Native American Studies. Alexis is a hard worker and knows how to get the job done. Mrs. Duro's strong will and tenacity keeps her moving forward in achieving her goals. Throughout the year, Alexis has made extraordinary contributions to the NASP office programs and events, and has done an excellent job as NASA Vice Chair. Alexis has also made great strides and continues to excel in her



studies and personal development. Alexis has great potential and is to be commended for her commitment to excellence.

### **Commitment to Excellence**

#### **Ray Huaute**

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Ray is a Senior, graduating this year with a major in Native American Studies. Mr. Huaute has done an outstanding job in assisting the NASP office and as Chair of NASA. Ray has made significant and extraordinary contributions towards both NASP and NASA events and programs. One of his greatest accomplishments has been the ability to assist in increasing the prominence and greatness of the annual UCR Pow Wow.

### **Outstanding Support and Service**

#### **Jesus Cardenas**

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Jesus Cardenas is a Senior majoring in Native American Studies and Anthropology and is member of NASA. As a NASA member, Jesus contributed in keeping a positive attitude for the organization. He is often outgoing and spontaneous, making everyone smile and laugh. His dynamic attitude has helped NASA in being successful for this year's 30th annual Medicine Ways Conference and UCR Pow Wow. As an office assistant, Jesus is always willing to lend a hand and has contributed greatly to the success of NASP and NASA programs and events.

### **Outstanding Support and Service**

#### **Dorya Harjo**

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Dorya is a Senior graduating this year with a major in Native American Studies. Ms. Harjo has done an exceptional job in assisting the NASP office and has greatly contributed to the success of the programs and events throughout the year. Often going above and beyond expectation, Dorya has provided excellent office support and service. Ms. Harjo's leadership and ability to complete tasks are greatly appreciated.

### **International Education Center**

#### **Intercultural Leader Award & Meritorious Work Performance Award**

##### **Julia Lee**

As Head International Peer Advisor for the 2010-2011 Peer Advising Team, Julia has led one of the most successful IPA teams in International Education Center history. Very organized and always taking the initiative, Julia is a

strong leader, always ready to handle any situation. She is very well respected by her peers and has successfully coordinated quarterly programs and trips designed to help our international students explore UC Riverside and Southern California while building lifelong friendships at UCR. As an assistant in our office she has made very significant contributions to the Center as a whole; most notably using her marketing and design skills to create magnificent flyers to market our programs and services via facebook and email. Julia, thank you so much for being an amazing part of the IEC team and CONGRATULATIONS on your selection to participate in the Education Abroad Program this fall. We will see you when you return from Korea. Have an amazing experience abroad!

#### **Intercultural Leader Award & Meritorious Work Performance Award**

**Brian Pizano**

**/Brian PI-zano/**

Brian has been a valuable addition to the International Education Center for the past two years. In his first year, he was selected to lead the inaugural Global Opportunities Abroad Leader Program, a select group of volunteer peer advisors charged with raising awareness and interest in the many international opportunities available to UCR Students. Brian's attention to detail and organizational skills set the foundation for this pilot volunteer program and next cohort of GOAL volunteers. He went above and beyond what was required of him and was always readily available to lend a hand. This year, Brian works as a student assistant for the IEC. His work ethic and office savvy proved to be a vital resource with recruitment, student advising and database management. He has personally delivered and coordinated hundreds of information sessions and application workshops to help students navigate the study abroad process. In addition, and not to be discounted, during our recent move, his presence in the office helped sustain normal work operations. Thank you, Brian, for your dedicated and outstanding service to the International Education Center. We wish you heartfelt congratulations on your graduation and the best of luck in your pursuit to attend Pharmacy School, hopefully at UC San Diego. Grazie mille signore (gra-zee-eh mil-lay sin-your-reh)!!

#### **Intercultural Leader Award**

**Lauren Idemoto**

**/Lauren E-day-moto/**

Lauren's attitude is that all students can have an international experience. She is a Global Opportunities Abroad Leader volunteer who has maintained excellent student relationships by assessing and responding to their needs. She has been a vital resource in student recruitment by holding workshops, creating marketing materials and going that extra mile in communicating with students. She is one of those students who never lets the "not me" syndrome get in the way of excellent service. Regardless of whose job it was, she took on each challenge as her own responsibility and followed through until it was complete. Even when not called upon for particular tasks, Lauren found ways to stay involved with the office and looked for new opportunities for personal growth and development. With her "can do" attitude, she can accomplish anything. We thank Lauren for her commitment to our education abroad mission and wish her well upon her graduation this year.

#### **Intercultural Leader Award**

**Zarina Munshi**

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Zarina has been a valuable Global Opportunities Abroad Leader volunteer. She takes initiative in completing tasks, which gives the staff confidence that we can leave her in charge and know that the work will get done. She is always cheerful, professional, and willing and able to help with anything. Nothing we ask her to do is too much, or not able to be accomplished. She is always available and on many occasions, she volunteers her time at a short moment's notice.

Zarina's support has made a big difference not only to the International Education Center's mission, but to the students we service. She has gone above and beyond her required tasks by hosting workshops for outbound students on the Opportunities Abroad Program, as well as coordinating workshops with the Semester at Sea Student Ambassador. A true testament to her passion for helping students find an international experience is demonstrated by the number of students who mention her as a reference or seek her out in our office.

We sincerely thank Zarina for all her help and truly respect the quality of her work. We also note that she continues to be an excellent student, as her hard work has afforded her to graduate a year early. We wish her all the best as she returns to UCR next year as post-graduate researcher for the Chemistry department.

### **Intercultural Leader Award**

**Jordan Simanjuntak**

**/Jordan See-man-june-tak/**

Who doesn't love a team member who is always dependable, always reliable and always eager to participate in almost every activity or project? On our 2010-2011 International Peer Advisor Volunteer Team, Jordan is that team member. He can be counted on by everyone on the team to contribute in a very significant way whenever he is needed.

This is no small task for a volunteer team member. Jordan has been a dedicated volunteer in our office for the past 3 years. He has also successfully managed our Global Partner Connections Program this year, a program where international students at UCR are paired with international peer advisors for intercultural exchange.

Today we recognize Jordan for his quiet leadership, his commitment to international education and his dedication to the IPA Volunteer team for the last 3 years. Thank you Jordan for your exemplary service.

### **Asian Pacific Student Programs**

#### **Outstanding Student Award**

**Jon Burton**

Jon is the current Performance Director for Senryu Taiko. He has been able to balance the heavy demands of practices and performances with his academics and still be a reliable Coordinator for APSP. He was also an integral part of re-establishing the API Student Advisory Council - a council of the various Asian and Pacific Islander student clubs and organizations on campus. Jon has been an exceptional leader at APSP and a true ambassador of UCR.

#### **Outstanding Student Award**

**Chardae Chou**

**/Shar Day Cho/**

Chardae has been active within APSP and in many student groups. She created Artquake, an event that provided UCR student writers, musicians, and artists a platform to showcase their works. Artquake attracted 50-75 students each time it was held. Chardae's contributions to APSP and to her peers has been immeasurable.

#### **Outstanding Student Award**

**Steven Wang**

Steven seems to be involved in everything on campus. Fortunately, one of those places is APSP. He has served as the emcee for APSP's two largest events this year - Fall Festival and Wong Fu Productions. He was an integral part of re-establishing the API Student Advisory Council - a council of the various Asian and Pacific Islander student clubs and organizations on campus. Steven's dedication to APSP and his other commitments is inspirational to everyone around him.

### **Office of TRiO Programs**

#### **Outstanding Tutor**

##### **Tiffany Estevez**

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Tiffany Estevez. In the short period of time that Tiffany has worked for the program, she has gone above and beyond our expectations. As an Upward Bound Alumni, she has a thorough understanding of the program and its benefits and she works extra hard to make sure the students take advantage of everything available to them. Tiffany tutors at her former high school and she is a great role model for our students. She is extremely responsible, dedicated and exhibits great leadership skills.

#### **Outstanding Tutor**

##### **Carlos Rivas**

It is with pleasure that I would like to nominate Carlos Rivas. Carlos has been working for the Upward Bound program for about two years. During this time he has shown great leadership qualities and is great asset to our program. Extremely dependable, Carlos takes it upon himself to provide quality assistance to the students during the tutorials, Saturday conferences and the summer program. Carlos is always more than willing to take on new challenges and readily assumes leadership positions. He works extremely well with students and staff alike and is an excellent role model to all.

#### **Outstanding Service**

##### **Mark Huerta**

Mark has worked for ETS since 2007 both as a Mentor and Office Assistant. As a previous ETS participant himself, Mark understands the needs of the program and most importantly the students. His constant support, willingness to adapt to changes and flexibility has contributed to the success of each academic year. This year in particular, his willingness to adapt and respond to the needs of the program, became evident as Mark was willing to take on the responsibilities of both Office Assistant and Mentor at Curtis Middle school since the hiring of a mentor at that school was prolonged.

#### **Outstanding Mentor**

##### **Enrique Perez**

Enrique is a new mentor for the Educational Talent Search Program but already has proven himself to be an amazing asset to the program. As a TRiO alumnus from Cal State Los Angeles, he has shown a great ability to connect with our students while motivating them to overcome their struggles by sharing his own experiences. He has had to travel to and from two different schools in San Bernardino, 3 times a week and has been very quick to adapt to challenging situations with great professionalism and gusto. Enrique understands the path to higher education and has a passion for sharing his knowledge with his mentees.

### **Outstanding Mentor**

#### **Douglas Romero**

Douglas has been part of the Office of TRiO since 2001 when he was recruited to become a participant of ETS. In 2007, he was hired as an ETS mentor and has fulfilled many leadership roles during his time with us. As a UC Riverside ETS alumnus, he has seen the value of the program and has devoted himself to its success. He has been a mentor to middle as well as high school students, assisted in the training of newly hired mentors and has been an exceptional office assistant. Douglas always gives 110% and is a great role model for our current ETS participants.

### **Office of the Registrar**

#### **The Registrar's Office Outstanding Scanning Student Assistant Award**

##### **Juliana Amezcua**

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Juliana's timely and efficient completion to archive our departmental documents plays a critical role in our office. She is focused, dedicated, and punctual.

#### **The Registrar's Office Best Verifications Student Assistant Award**

##### **Hannah Bashir**

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Hannah's vital role in the processing of Enrollment Verifications is a great accomplishment with over 200 verifications processed on a monthly basis. She is a pleasure to work with and tries to brighten the day of those that work around her.

#### **The Registrar's Office Exceptional Scanning Student Assistant Award**

##### **Kelly Han**

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Kelly's dedication, attention to detail, and strong organizational skills have been a great accomplishment in scanning a large volume of our departmental documents. Kelly will be graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Art History this spring. She has been a great pleasure to work with.

#### **The Registrar's Office Extra Mile Student Assistant Award**

##### **Krista Holmquist**

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Krista's knowledge of the Registrar's office functions and deadlines provides exceptional customer service. She is always willing to help with whatever is needed. Krista's completion of a series of special projects, have been a great contribution to our office.

**The Registrar's Office Great Customer Service Student Assistant Award**

**Jacqueline Vargas**

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Jacqueline's dedication to organize, maintain and archive student files has been of great assistance to our office. She has a positive attitude, is willing to learn, apply her knowledge to complete her daily job duties and provide great customer service.

**UCR Card Operations**

**Leadership Award**

**Marissa Del Toro**

This award is for Marissa Del Toro our Lead Student Assistant in the Card Office who has been with us for 3 years. Marissa is a Senior studying Art History and in her spare time is the President of Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Society Organization running fundraisers for local charities. She has done an outstanding job serving our customers and supporting the Administration in the day to day operations of the Card Office. Her commitment to excellence, outstanding leadership and exemplary customer service has made her a tremendous asset to UCR Card Operations.

We couldn't have done it without you!

## **KUCR 88.3 FM**

### **Award for Broadcast Excellence**

#### **Norman Aguilar**

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Norman Aguilar is a longtime On-Air DJ/Program Host, whose program of Hip-Hop projects Norman's unique taste, which combines the obscure with the familiar, to create a fresh program that his audience relies on to set a great mood every time. He is the station's Hip Hop Music Director, and has performed as a DJ for KUCR at numerous events and functions on campus. He has produced Public Service Announcements and participated positively in numerous KUCR projects.

#### **Cindy Bui**

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Cindy Bui contributed her outstanding graphic skills to help publicize and define KUCR for the campus and larger public, infusing her work with a unique artful style. Her graphics were recently seen in the Highlander's full-page iconic KUCR "red sky with moon" poster, which will also appear on station T-shirts. Cindy has served in the station's Music Department, as a Director overseeing Indie Rock. She is a long-time On-Air DJ/Program Host, doing a popular program in a unique style. In April, she was part of the large KUCR group, all of whom supported the LGBT Center's Drag Ball by DJ'ing the event in drag. Cindy's outfit was so successful that, to everyone's surprise, she was awarded "Drag King of the Year."

#### **Elliott Kim**

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Elliot Kim served this year as KUCR's Public Service Director, overseeing the production of numerous public service announcements, which covered campus events, the Barn Concert Series, health, educational and other important issues, many featuring his excellent baritone radio voice. He was an On-Air DJ/Program Host, doing a superb tasteful program of eclectic music and commentary. He co-created, co-hosted and co-produced KUCR's weekly program of student commentary on events in the news, the "Roundtable Roundup." He is part of the KUCR Leadership Team. Very significantly, he became the station's first formal Archivist, working to assemble the station's 45 years of programs into a coherent accessible archive.

#### **Saad Siddiqui**

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Saad Saddiqui is KUCR's Sports Director (and, incidentally, the UCR Highlander Sports Editor). He co-produced and did play-by-play announcing for KUCR's extensive coverage of UCR Basketball. He also co-created, co-hosted and co-produced KUCR's weekly program of campus, college and pro-sports discussion, "Jock Talk." Saad's infectious passion for UCR Highlander sports is matched only by his amazing speed and skill as a broadcaster. He and his collaborators produced outstanding independent coverage of campus sports. Saad Saddiqui will stand in station history as one of our greatest sportcasters ever.

**Alexis Tamayo**

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Alexis Tamayo was KUCR Student Manager for Winter and Spring quarters this year. She will continue in that role, contributing a leading voice on KUCR's Core Leadership Team in KUCR policy, planning and programming, with her powerful charisma and positivism. She is a longtime DJ/program host at the station, her Friday afternoon program being one of the station's most popular. Additionally, she is Indie and Electronic Music Director. She performed at numerous events on campus, including at the Barn and the Hub, as well as in the community, on behalf of KUCR. She also did publicity for the station, including the full-page Program Schedule, recently published in The Highlander.

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center**

**New Involvement Impact Award**

**Jorge DeLos Santos**

The New Involvement Impact Award acknowledges the outstanding contributions of a member of any LGBTQ student organization. Jorge is the new member of La Familia who stood out with his dedication and passion for the organization. La Familia's mission is to bring together the queer and Chicano/a communities, and Jorge demonstrated tremendous drive and enthusiasm in meeting this mission at meetings and special events.

**Outstanding Ally Award**

**Gamma Rho Lambda**

The Outstanding Ally Award acknowledges contributions made to the LGBT community by a current UCR Ally. Since its inception on the UCR campus, Gamma Rho Lambda has strived to be an inclusive environment for all, regardless of their members' identities. They've helped put on various programming directed towards more trans inclusion, as well as awareness. Thanks to Gamma Rho Lambda's existence, the fraternity and sorority community has had to think critically about how they speak about the queer community and the language they use, as well as the type of programming they support. Gamma Rho Lambda is an outstanding Ally to the LGBT community.

**Undergraduate Student Leadership Award**

**Sinia Rodriguez**

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The Undergraduate Student Leadership Award acknowledges outstanding leadership in the LGBT community by a currently enrolled UCR undergraduate student. This person has put her heart and soul into the LGBT community. Without her, Gamma Rho Lambda, a new progressive women's sorority, would not have existed. She helped create a safe place for those who were unable to find a place they are comfortable. Sinia also co-chaired the Queer People of Color Conference, where many participants shared they felt inspired by the leadership of queer women of color. Congratulations, Sinia.

### **Steven Shum Activism Award**

#### **Vincent La**

Named for the first director of the UCR LGBT Resource Center, the Steven Shum Activism Award acknowledges on- or off-campus activism that contributes to the civil rights of the LGBT community. Vincent has taken an active role in supporting others and advocating for social justice in the LGBT and wider UCR campus community. His passion for creating better awareness and understanding extends across identities, and may be exemplified by the "Sum of All Equals Change" Conference, which he spearheaded with ASPB. Vincent also co-chaired the Queer People of Color Conference, empowering students to "decolonize their minds." He brought many other LGBT events to campus, which the word limit of this script keeps us from listing. Thank you, Vincent, for being a role model for inclusive activism.

### **QPOC Conference 2011 Outstanding Service & On-Going Ally Leadership Award**

#### **Jim Clark**

#### **Stacey Hartnett**

#### **Remie Rahman /ree mee/**

#### **Erving Tu**

These four students are outstanding allies who played integral roles in planning and running the QPOC Conference 2011, which was attended by 700 people in April. During the planning stages, Jim was webmaster extraordinaire; Stacey wrote an ASUCR funding grant proposal, and shared her wisdom from the ABC Conference; Remie coordinated volunteer outreach; and Erving created marketing, including the most amazing conference logo EVER. They continued their service during the conference, staffing all 3 days, with only pats on the back and really good Thai food as thank you's. The LGBTQ community needs and appreciates Allies, and these 4 students deserve to be recognized with the "QPOC Conference 2011 Outstanding Service & On-going Ally Leadership Award."

### **African Student Programs**

#### **African Student Programs "PAI DEIA" Award**

#### **Jack Mutuku**

Jack Mutuku has been a critical component of the Academic Mentorship Program. With his relentless determination and dedication to program, AMP has been very successful this year! Jack was responsible for communicating to all AMP mentors and mentees throughout the year, making sure they knew about upcoming events, study hours and recruitment opportunities. He coordinated a very successful ice cream sundae social and time management skills workshop as well as facilitated weekly study hours. He has done all of this while being a full time student and preparing for his future career. He has been committed to helping shape AMP into what it has become today and what it will be in the future! Thank you for continuing AMP's legacy!

### **African Student Programs "Sankofa" Award**

#### **Khiana Ferguson**

Khiana Ferguson is not only a student worker for ASP but is also a great volunteer. She helps out with projects and job duties around the office on a daily basis and is very proactive. She is always a joy to be around and makes everyone who comes through the doors of African Student Programs feel welcome. Even if she is not "on the clock," she still offers a helping hand and does it with a smile! She is a tremendous asset to ASP and we will miss her. We wish her all the best in her future academic endeavors.

### **African Student Programs Outstanding Leadership Award**

#### **Fitz-Gerald Diala**

Fitz-Gerald Diala has taken African Americans United in Science to new levels of student leadership, integrity and professionalism. Fitz-Gerald is the man behind the scene making sure that the logistics for all events are accounted for. As Secretary and the Outreach Coordinator for AAUS Fitz-Gerald showcases his exceptional administrative, oral and written skills as he maintains multiple calendars and delegating various tasks for the members. He is self-assured in speaking to UCR faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and community members.

### **African Student Programs Dedicated Service Award**

#### **Jasmine Fleming**

Jasmine Fleming, while not an official ASP student worker, she is a regular in African Student Programs. She generously donates her time to represent ASP at all ASUCR senate meetings as the Ex-Officio. She also volunteers for events that ASP co-sponsors with other organizations and will be volunteering this summer to represent ASP at Highlander Orientation. We are excited to have Jasmine as part of the ASP family and look forward to seeing her in our department everyday next school year.

### **African Student Programs "Visionary" Award**

#### **Nella Juma**

Nella Juma has been at the forefront in event planning for AAUS. She has coordinated various events this year such as "Pizza with the Dean" which was an opportunity for students to discuss the critical issues facing African American students in CNAS. Nella coordinated a meeting with the Assistant Director of CNAS Undergraduate Academic Advising to address issues related to the TA's they encounter and is in the process of planning a fall 2011 T.A. meet & greet. In addition to the many events she has planned such as bridging the gap between African Americans in the Humanities and AAUS this year she is most proud of coordinating the very successful "An Evening with Dr. William A. Massey –Black Engineer of the Year. Nella was instrumental in hotel arrangements, soliciting funds and coordinating with dining services.

### **Chicano Student Programs**

#### **Estudiantes de Corazón**

**Antonio Sostenes Contreras**

Antonio's positivity, enthusiasm and dedication make him a great asset to the office. He is always one of the first to lend a hand with whatever needs to be done - No questions asked. Antonio's helpfulness goes beyond the office and extends to the various students and student organizations associated with CSP. He is the embodiment of the spirit of volunteerism.

### **Jessica Rojas Carrasco**

Jessica is someone who has bridged the connection between our office and Raza Assembly – the umbrella organization for Chicano/Latino Student Organizations. Whether doing programs in collaboration with the office or having events specific to the Chicano/Latino student population, Jessica is someone who gives her heart to ensure success of the programs and events. This was why she has been successful in her roles, especially in the fundraising and organizing efforts of the Chicano/Latino Youth Conference. Jessica is also involved with the Multi Greek Council and Latinic Societas Unitas.

### **Nelson Alexander Guevara**

Nelson is always available to help with office duties. His support of the office has made him virtually an adopted staff member – making CSP his office. He goes above and beyond to insure the success of our programs and the office in general. From giving office tours, to sitting on student panels, to being our resident DJ/Audio Tech, he adds a much needed component to all that we do. Nelson has been a viable part of our office since his early days in Mundo and has grown to be a staunch advocate of the ideals, values and principles of CSP.

### **Alfonso Ruiz**

Alfonso has actively participated in mobilizing students to participate in issues concerning education. His ability to connect, his determination and passion for social justice are eminent in his work and his life choices. He does this work out of the sincerity in his heart to actively make changes within the campus community. Alfonso has been a strong advocate for change. His involvement with Social Justice Alliance has been demanding yet instrumental in successfully working with others. Alfonso's participation in helping organize with students, faculty and staff has had a major impact to our office as well as the campus community. He unselfishly gives his time, dedication and commitment to a cause.

### **Joshua Vazquez**

For the past 4 years Joshua has been actively involved in Ballet Folklórico de UCR where he has been instrumental as a strong advocate for promoting cultural awareness both on campus and in the community. He has worked to promote Ballet Folklórico during his tenure at UCR and works to engage the youth within this work. He has also been involved in the Raza Grad Planning Committee and volunteers for various departmental programs. "Organizations that preserve educate and entertain la comunidad. "

## **VCSA Technology Services**

### **Student Affairs Awards**

#### **KEN CHONG**

#### **KEN (KUAN) CHONG**

VCSA Technology Services would like to give special recognition to Ken Chong, who we relied heavily upon in making the campus-wide email migration a success. Ken provided many hours of assistance in during the VCSA division migration from the old Webmail system to the new Exchange email system. The duties they performed included : Converting previous mail system accounts, backing up users data, reconfiguring profiles, and assisting users in the use of the new services as well as following up with the staff member on any issues after the migration. He was very professional in working with each staff member and gained valuable experience along the way by developing some great skills in contending with the problems they have encountered.

We are pleased to be able to bestow this award to each of them and wish them the best as they move forward.

#### **William Ibekwe**

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#### **Jacob Leung**

Developed approximately 13 SharePoint web forms for Student Life, that were used for their varies student organization awards. These SharePoint forms gives Student Life staff the flexibility to monitor and evaluate student and faculty participation when nominating organizations for an award, and helps in their decision process to select awards for particular organizations.

#### **Joseph Ng**

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## **Financial Aid**

### **Extraordinary Staff Achievement Award**

#### **Andrea Gonzalez**

Andrea joined the Financial Aid Office in late Fall to assist with the increased volume of Community Service employees. Her duties include answering phones, scheduling appointments for employment, conducting each appointment for hire and assisting with the monthly time sheets for approx. 1,000 off campus student employees. Andrea has a charming polite demeanor which has allowed her to successfully assist up to 40 students a week for off campus employment. Due to her outstanding work ethics and communication skills, she quickly became a valuable asset to our dept. and successfully assisted with 100's of timesheets each month. As a dedicated person she would schedule her classes in a manner to allow as much time as possible to assist our office. We'd like to thank Andrea for her dedication and hard work to the Financial Aid Office.

### **Extraordinary Staff Achievement Award**

#### **Cassandra Rodgers**

Cassie is a delight to have as a staff member. Duties include answering phones, scheduling appointments for employment, conducting each appointment for hire and assisting with the monthly time sheets for approx. 1,000 off campus student employees. Due to her outstanding work ethics and communication skills, she quickly became a valuable asset to our dept. This year was extremely busy for the office due to the high volume of students working off campus, doubling from prior year. With her energetic and polite personality she was able to assist up to 40 hires a week, in addition to the numerous time sheets processed each month. As a dedicated person she would extend her work hours if needed and would always step in to assist when possible. We'd like to thank Cassie for her dedication and hard work to the Financial Aid Office.

### **Financial Aid Student Assistant of the Year**

#### **Sebastian Pena**

I have worked with many student workers and Sebastian stands out as one of the very, very best. In fact, staff views him more as a professional colleague than a student worker and have assigned him complex and responsible tasks. These tasks include responsibility for our document imaging projects, which has a complex structure. Sebastian

originally began working in the financial aid department in 2007, due to his strong interpersonal and communication skills. Sebastian's consistently positive attitude and air of calm confidence enabled him to comfortably interface with students, and other staff. Sebastian has been a superb performer in each role which he has played with the office and has far exceeded expectations for productivity. We have sincerely enjoyed working with Sebastian and with him graduating this June with his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, we are truly proud of him and his accomplishments!

### **Early Academic Outreach Program**

#### **UCR Legacy Partnership Award**

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Obinna Emenalom  
Uchenna kpaduwa  
Abimola Oshinuga**

The Legacy Roundtable is a collaboration of parents, UCR staff, and other educational institutions aiming to increase the math skills of African American males to better prepare them for college access and success. Recognizing the critical need to educate and increase the college going rates in the Inland Empire, each Saturday Legacy provides math tutoring to young African American men from local high schools. On behalf of UC Riverside, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, James Sandoval, we express our greatest appreciation for the extra time and effort you provided to the Legacy Tutorial. Your generosity to this partnership ensures a brighter academic future for the young men you served.

## **Undergraduate Admissions**

### **Highlander of the Year Award**

**John Faheem**

**/John Fa-hee-m/**

John is an unselfish contributor to this institution. He exemplifies what it means to be a role model Highlander every day. He excels in his studies as well as in his role as a Campus Tour Guide. John gives tours to VIP visitors and makes it seem effortless. He truly helps individuals believe that this campus is the best place for each of them. He is a positive role model amongst his peers. John's time management skills are outstanding as well as his leadership on campus and in his community. He always aims to be perceived to be a doer amongst his class.

### **Outstanding New Staff Award**

**Cynthia Torres**

**/Sin-thea Tor-res/**

Since she was hired last summer, she has become an asset to the Transfer Resource Center in the various positions she has held. Cynthia's primary role is being a part of the TLM team as the Lead Mentor. I know that when in a tight situation, I can always call Cynthia to cover a last minute college fair or front desk shift. She is always very professional, not only with the students we service out in the field and in the TRC, but with the other mentors and the professional staff as well. I have received nothing but positive comments regarding her professionalism and public speaking abilities from other staff members and instructors at the community colleges. Even though she is a student employee, Cynthia acts and has the maturity of a full-time, professional staff member.

### **3D's Award**

**Kisa Fulbright**

**/Key-sa Fal-bright/**

Kisa worked closely and diligently in the Transfer Resource Center and gave special attention to the STEM grant initiatives. She will be hard to replace

### **Green Person Award**

**Evgen Gavryushkin**

**/Ev-gen Gav-ry-ush-kin/**

Evgen shows up to work eager and ready to take on any assigned task. No matter what the circumstances, Evgen is innovative in his approach to handle everyday challenges. He is courteous and respectful of everyone he interacts with. He is tactful and mindful of each conversation he has with visitors as well and co-workers. His work quality is always in line with the University's standards and expectations to become more efficient and effective.

**Graduating Senior Award****Christina Diaz****/Cris-tina Dee-az/**

Christina has been an amazing student assistant and invaluable asset to the Undergraduate Admissions. She has diligently worked in a stressful, but rewarding and fast paced environment and has always been the first to take on and prioritize projects on top of her hectic work and school day. She has given as much dedication to the undergraduate Admissions office as she has her academic career, 110% and never less.

**Graduating Senior Award****\*\*\*Rocio Gamez**

Rocio has been with Undergraduate Admissions for 3 years and we are very pleased to present her with the Marketing Intern of the Year award. In a group of 9 Marketing Interns, Rocio has stood out amongst the group as someone who is willing and eager to learn, dedicated to UCR, and dedicated to her colleagues in the office. Rocio isn't timid to step up to the plate to take on a new challenge and take charge when needed.

**Vice Chancellor- Student Affairs****Bayless Group Leadership Award****Circle K International****Bayless Student Leadership Award****Lisa Toban****Steven Wang****Vice Del Pizzo Award****Vincent La****UCR Campus Store****UCR Campus Store Student Employee of The Year Award for 2010-2011****\*\*\*Adrien A. Tamayo**

The award is given to the student employee who has work for the store more than two years, has demonstrated an above average performance in all assigned job duties and has a desire to provide superior customer service. Adrien has worked in the Textbook Department for the past four years and has been an exceptional employees. She has exhibited an amazing willingness to learn all aspects of the job, help customers and perform any task requested of her. This past year, with reductions in departmental staffing level, Adrien stepped up and provided additional assistant that helped maintain the department's service level. She has become a very important member of the Campus Store Staff.



\*\*\*Students not included in the program.