

Gifts

Fall 2005 Professional Development Day

“Think of someone at SMC who gives something special to the campus environment.”

Adams, Robert (Student Affairs administrator) 9 mentions	Committed to student success. Coordinates several departments; professional leader; positive; helps students at large. He has facilitated communication between staff and faculty and admin and students. Inclusive, thinks outside of the box; loves students. Passion, devotion to college and to students. Student confidence. Supportive of staff and genuinely cares about all students. Tries to see all points of view - He is fair.
Adler, Marilyn (Health Science faculty)	
All Professors	Because they care about the students.
Amanoff, Susan (Board of Trustees)	Provides leadership on the BOT; is an instructor at LACCD and therefore provides a unique faculty insight into decision-making by the BOT. Is an expert on benefits and retirement issues.
Anderson, Jaime (Chemistry faculty)	Conducts self-directed lab time for students so inclined.
Arnold, Merle (Chemistry faculty) 4 mentions	Dedicated, enthusiastic scientist, laughter ringing through hallways. Hired more people; knows how to delegate. Oversees department, sets priorities and goals, and resolves disputes. Stability and strength!
Avila, Luz (AET classified staff) 2 mentions	Greets students with a smile, attempts to solve problems or give students information.
Baird, Barbara (Communications faculty)	Dept. Chair. Gift: Patience, calmness.
Banders, Lenore (Health Office classified staff)	Always kind, helpful, comforting, professional.
Barattucci, Maurizio (Art faculty) 2 mentions	Fair, easygoing, runs a department in which it is fun to work and one can actually look forward to coming to work; has done great things for the Art Dept; working with Maurizio has changed my life. Outstanding leader, highly diplomatic, superb artist.
Barker, Johanna (Earth Science faculty)	Student awareness; outstanding rapport with her students; overwhelming presence before class.
Barragan, Valentine (Operations classified staff)	Always positive. Lets me in to Drescher early AM with a smile.
Bauman, Georgia (Academic Affairs administrator)	Stability.

Benson, Brenda (Counseling administrator) 7 mentions	Always willing to hear and understand your problems and situations to work them out. Caring, devoted, advocate for student services, gets along with everyone, listens, counselor. Caring, totally "student" friendly. Helpful to all, fair, gives the benefit of doubt to everyone. Positive team player. Excellent leadership of counseling and student retention. Hard worker, excellent communicator, great manager, supportive of staff, counselors and students, kind, generous. Her contributions have been many; most of all she's a student advocate and can try to solve issues. Oversees all counseling; helps students immensely.
Blaydes, Benny (EOP & S faculty)	An enthusiasm to provide great counseling service to students.
Bonvenuto, Chris (Fiscal Services manager) 3 mentions	Gives timely responses and positive notes. Goes above and beyond for students, gives timely responses. Goes above and beyond his job description.
Bradford, Sherri (Counseling faculty) 4 mentions	Leader. Mrs. Bradford gives her students the challenge to think for themselves. She empowers the students to want to do more in their communities and on campus. She pushes the students toward success and away from failure. She is a gift herself. Patience and gives quality information to all students. Tenacity and commitment in advocating for students, and demanding excellence and responsibility from them.
Brodie, Madeline (Facilities classified staff)	Fantastically warm and caring, helps conserve campus resources.
Brown, Patricia (Human Resources administrator)	Always has a smile, goes beyond her duties in the best interests of students and SMC at large.
Brunell, Gina (Mathematics classified staff)	
Buchanan, Al (Life Science faculty)	His gift is teaching: he loves his students and is tough at the same time. He is honest, and a true gift to the college.
Buckley, Alan (Social Sciences faculty)	A great source of information, creative thinking, technical help, and human relations perspective.
Burnett, Sandi (Disabled Students Center faculty) 2 mentions	ADA compliance officer disabled students program. Gives students with disabilities the belief that they can succeed, rehabilitate, and lead meaningful lives.
Caffery, Jeff (Media Services classified staff)	Great support for anything I need.
Campbell, Laura (English faculty)	Patient, listening, humor, understanding, enthusiasm.
Canality, Lydia (Physical Science faculty)	Very helpful.

Cancilla, Warren (Reprographics classified staff) 5 mentions	Always positive, warm, and helpful. Friendly, helpful, and unflappable; best support on campus; facilitates materials production for students with a good smile. Good humor and great job! He always makes me laugh and tires to take care of my printing request immediately. He is truly the soul and humanity of this college. He always has a ready hug and greeting. He networks folks who don't know each other and he does his job with professionalism, humor, and integrity. In short, a good man, a kind person, and an SMC asset.
Cardwell, Ingrid (Life and Physical Science Depts. classified staff) 5 mentions	Brings patience of knowledge of how the campus works. Has an answer to everything. She knows the campus and can get things done; she is also a good sounding board. Stability and Organization. Why: Ingrid is always helpful and full of resources. When I arrived to SMC seven years ago, she gave me a tutorial session on how the system runs.
Carroll, Ann (Mathematics faculty)	Genuine concern for students.
Cervantes, Dina (Associated Students student)	Motivated student leader whether heading the club council or in classroom.
Chandler, Fran (Business faculty)	In the trenches with the faculty, adding great creativity to the teaching process.
Chong, Jocelyn (Information Technology administrator) 2 mentions	Always tries to give people the benefit of the doubt and a chance to right or correct problems. Jocelyn is amazing in her ability to hear all sides to a conflict and then find a resolution that is fair and logical.
Colavito, Mary (Life Science faculty) 3 mentions	Exceptional dedication to her students and integrity to her profession. Gift of promoting student success through compassion. Positive attitude, student advocate, support of fellow faculty.
Collier, Anna (KDR faculty)	Wit, enthusiasm, inspiration, organization, ease, good challenges.
Cutler, Ellen (Disabled Students Center faculty)	High Tech specialist: provides and researches needs of disabled students. Whatever she can do to help, she does it.
Danzey, Ida (Health Science administrator)	She always works toward coming together.
Daughtry, Philip (English faculty)	Rebellion, radicalism, the respectful opposition.
Davis, Linda (Counseling classified staff) 4 mentions	Always taking care of students and their needs as well as counselors, faculty, and deans. Ever-positive, joyful spirit. Helps students and faculty. Keeps her cool and stays calm under such a hectic environment.
Davis, Ron (Art faculty)	Takes direct interest in students lives at SMC, helps get them to their post-SMC goals.
Dehhoda, Abbas (CSIS faculty) 2 mentions	Experience, wisdom, energy, positive attitude; encouraging. Good role model for international students.
DeSalles, Al (Media Center manager)	Fosters service for the staff.

Dever, David (Bookstore manager)	His ability to communicate and have a free-flowing spirited interaction with those whom he comes in contact with.
Diaz, Veronica (Accounting classified staff)	Her gift is listening, attention to detail, accuracy!
Dodge, Dick (English faculty)	He's great and he has enthusiasm for teaching.
Donaldson, Charlie (English faculty) 2 mentions	His love for SMC, especially students. Willing to give time and energy to students, staff, and faculty. Willing to fight for the good of the college. Active on committees, union, senate, etc. Sense of available history, approachable and he knows and cares so much. He shares what he knows and you want to hear more.
Donner, Tom (Interim President administrator) 5 mentions	A positive direction for all staff members. Ability to position the college to take advantage of the local, state and federal dollars available for community colleges. His gift is his strong leadership qualities. Interim president that all groups accept. Holding the College together in a time of recovery. Willingness to work with all groups on campus. Positive attitude and openness.
Dossett, Gordon (English faculty) 2 mentions	Attention to shared governance. Coordinated and designed an experimental course involving high school and college composition teachers. Enhanced articulation between secondary and post-secondary composition strategies. One of the most important classes I ever took.
Duran, Francine (Athletics classified staff)	
Dwan, Peter (Former student)	He contributed \$10,000 toward the glass studio. He also contributed one year of his own time in helping construct studio equipment.
Emeritus College	Providing a resource for lifelong learning and bringing people together and getting them involved.
Erickson, Maria (Modern Languages faculty) 4 mentions	Always teaching us new computer applications. Good nature, love for her field, developing new methods, gives direction to her students, innovative. Makes learning language (Spanish) and professional development in computer skills seem attainable. Runs the Language Lab for no extra pay or time off. Worked all night to get it up and running on time.
ESL Department (faculty and classified staff)	Numerous individuals in the ESL department.
Every person	Every person who shows up and does their job with honor and integrity brings a special gift to the campus. I can't single out one.
Feiger, Tina (Ombudsperson faculty) 2 mentions	Great listener, non-judgmental, hears all sides, share resources. Solves student problems as ombudsperson.
Fierro, Marcia (Scholarship classified staff) 2 mentions	Very helpful - great energy - Very friendly.
Finch, Lee (Counseling faculty)	Always greets everyone with a smile and has a genuine interest in students' lives at SMC and in his volunteer activities.
Flores, Edna (AET classified staff)	Facilitates communication among faculty and staff. Helpful, sense of humor.

Fouts, Gary (Earth Science faculty)	Devoted to Morro Bay trips. Excellent lecturer.
Frederic, Laurie (Counseling faculty) 2 mentions	Friendliest person I know; caring, student centered. Positive, upbeat, friendly but also relentless and gets things done quickly.
Galligan, Jim (Facilities classified staff)	Always willing to help - Very positive attitude - Is gracious whenever asked to do anything.
Gaspar, Beatris (Grounds classified staff) 3 mentions	Friendly and keeping grounds beautiful for us; hard working, a great role model, wise, honest and always helpful. When we moved to DSC to our new offices she brought plants and flowers to the patio on her own and put some of them in so we'd have them. She always has a smile, and seems happy at her job. She goes the extra mile for us and my guess is that she is just like that in her jobs all over campus.
Geltner, Peter (Mathematics faculty)	Mentor and friend; a person I can discuss math problems and questions
Gelvin, Dot (Human Resources administrator) 2 mentions	Finest HR administrator I have known. Made me feel comfortable from beginning, improving my ability to work with students. Many gifts.
Girard, Don (Marketing manager)	Crucial participation in over 300 million of proposition \$ over past 18 years.
Godbold, Cecil (Reprographics classified staff) 9 mentions	A unique blend of professionalism and genuine kindness. Always friendly, caring, willing to go one step further, cheerful even under tremendous pressure. Friendly, helpful, and unflappable; best support on campus; facilitates materials production for students with a good smile. Good humor makes coming to Reprographics a pleasure. He learns everyone's name. Helpful, friendly, responsive, and a great smile. His contribution - Always supportive to staff needs. Fair and consistently pleasant in spite of the many challenges he has had to face.
Goldberg, Earl (Maintenance classified staff)	An unstoppable stream of jokes.
Goodman, David (Music faculty)	High enthusiasm. Knowledge of subject. Ability to inspire students and achieve best efforts from them.
Graham, Carmen (Trio Program classified staff)	A magnet for students such that her interaction with them must be supportive of their success.
Green, Chuck (Emeritus College faculty)	Supportive of all efforts to bring acting students to take risks, to be generous and to understand diversity.
Green, Terry (Mathematics faculty) 7 mentions	Always positive-minded, never says no, takes the fear out of learning math, great academic and personal motivator, highly believes in student success, gives a lot of his personal time in study groups and individual tutoring outside of office hours; faculty advisor for AGS for 15 years. As a leader of student club AGS; best at integrating foreign students with the American students. Fun and less intimidating. He helps with math for low-level performing students and makes them feel successful. He promotes education through community services. He encourages to give the best to all his students. Service to his students. So caring, encouraging and compassionate, extremely generous with his time, so approachable - a gem (and funny too)

Greenberg, Ana (Career Services classified staff) 2 mentions	Asset to her Dept. and to all students. Tuned in, knowledgeable help for special needs students.
Groundskeepers (Grounds classified staff)	Hard workers.
Guercio, Joanne (Counseling classified staff)	Helps all folks feel as if they belong; has trained/supported the last 7 dept. deans!
Guglielmo, Laurie (Counseling faculty)	
Halcomb, Sheila (Disabled Students Center faculty)	Helpful with students needs.
Hall, Maggie (Emeritus College administrator) 5 mentions	A truly dedicated, imaginative administrative leader. She created a home for Emeritus College. Very helpful. Won't use Styrofoam cups because of ocean pollution, "environment."
Hall, Teresa (Counseling faculty)	Confident, detail oriented and helpful.
Hanrahan, Cecile (Student Life faculty) 4 mentions	A person to share problems/situations with students, what's happening, hardworking, smile, positive. Organizing student club activities and being supportive and upbeat. She has been devoted to student success in the most humanistic way and has been a valuable liaison between club advisors and the A.S. and ICC and helped cut through AS in ways that have been so important. Works with student groups, always. Willing to lend a helpful hand, 110% effort and pleasant, dedicated to students.
Hanson, Nancy (Counseling faculty) 5 mentions	Caring, gentleness and a sweet presence. Teaches Counseling 20. Warm, friendly, inspirational. Counseling 20, Student Success seminars, organization skills. Public speaking, note taking. How to combat procrastination. How to determine future goals. Well-organized, open-minded, optimistic and enthusiastic.
Harclerode, Janet (ESL faculty) 4 mentions	Committed to students, committed to collaboration for student success. Dedicated and committed to the department and institution. Extremely competent, yet kind, thoughtful, humble, uses position well - enhances all, open (truly) for change - teamwork, win/win for all, integrity. She is a tireless worker, serving on numerous committees, chair of Program Review, devoting a great deal of time to the college, looking forward to good things as new Chair in ESL.
Hart, Christian (Psychology faculty)	Brings a gift for helping students to believe in themselves and to find the good in themselves.
Hartman, Donald (Art faculty)	Used his own money to install better ventilation for the glassblowing class in sculpture; He is of course an excellent instructor.
Hearn, Deyna (Student Life administrator) 3 mentions	Role model for African-American Students. She has helped me focus my goals and show me that truly everything you work at is attainable. Started the Black Collegians Program. Contributes via leadership, enthusiasm, work ethic, creativity. Not afraid to take on a difficult task.

Hernandez, Linda (Campus Police classified staff)	Friendly and outgoing - Treats students with respect.
Hodge, John (Earth Science faculty)	
Hugo, Esther (Counseling faculty)	Outside/off campus champion, connections, representations, presentations, cheerleader for the campus, always upbeat.
Hyeler, Maral (Dual Enrollment manager)	Helps to manage the Dual Enrollment program and is essential in meeting all the college's requirements.
Jerry, Gina (CSIS faculty) 3 mentions	Open-minded, creative, fair, and motivating. Personable, communicates well, easy to approach. She has a positive attitude and is smart and kind.
Johnson, Joyce (Human Resources classified staff) 5 mentions	Always has a smile and has a clear concern for SMC. Boundless enthusiasm for her job and an acute awareness that the students are the heart of SMC, and that we're all here to serve them. Also, she's warm and hilarious and makes working with her a joy. Gives inspiration and love to others in need, never turns away from giving a helpful hand. Took the time to explain the deductions I had to have off my paycheck.
Jones, Larry (Photography faculty)	Through his hard work over the years, has brought the Photo Dept. to the level of 10 best Photo Depts. in the nation.
Jones, Tia (Student Life classified staff) 3 mentions	Always helpful, positive, and supportive. She focuses on the students needs and tries to make sure that she thinks about that first. She is very caring, committed to her job. She makes the Associated Students office feel like home while handling everything for everyone.
Kafka, Miriam (Emeritus College volunteer)	Always waves and smiles when I see her.
Katherine, Amber (Social Sciences faculty)	Open-mindedness and willingness to question.
Kawaguchi, Lesley (History faculty)	Worked through a difficult time at SMC and remained positive.
Kelly, Marce (Business faculty)	Generous in her help and support of new faculty. Always willing to share experiences and resources.
Kennedy, John (Mathematics faculty)	Writes terrific software that helps college level math students, has written a program that turns a PC into a graphing calculator, e.g. All the software is free at his website.
Kidd, Jo (KDR faculty)	Organized the table tennis program; many years of dedication to teaching; great person.
Kluckhohn, Lucy (Ombudsperson faculty) 4 mentions	Listener, counselor, conciliator/mediator, professional, warm human being, immense moral depth. Provides support to faculty and students during stressful times. Objective and calm. Very objective.
Kretschmer, Janet (Faculty Association)	Service and dedication to the faculty.
Kurokawa, Johnny (Life Science classified staff)	Lead tech: instrumental in making course offerings possible; good-natured, flexible, collegial.

Laurance, Joanne (English classified staff) 2 mentions	Secretary, English Dept. The gift of patience, understanding and knowledge. Especially with/for confused students.
Lawson, Randy (Academic Affairs administrator) 4 mentions	A steady, fair, non-egotistic, productive leader, tireless dedication; works all the time, works behind the scene. An example of passionate commitment to student success & the institution. He is open, balances and diplomatic in all he does and a supportive colleague and mentor. Genuine love for SMC and desire for it to be the best! Great visionary, loves the arts and supports it, very accessible/helpful, good judgment, very flexible but not a pushover.
Le Duc, Maggie (Athletics faculty)	Her involvement and supportive teaching style is inspirational.
LeBlanc, Erica (Continuing Education administrator)	Expertise and infinite energy.
Lee-Lewis, Sherri (Human Resources administrator) 4 mentions	Always helpful and upbeat and professional. Always positive and helpful. Consistently pleasant, positive always. Sherri is always responsive, returns calls, stays upbeat in a challenging environment of HR issues.
Lewis, Marcia (Career Services classified staff)	Contributes time, clothes, and advice to many students in need.
Lipta, Joyce (English faculty)	My English I instructor in the late 70's who convinced me to go back to school and get a teaching degree.
Lodmer, Emily (ESL faculty)	Cares for students; gives time generously with extra effort.
Lopez, Gloria (Health Office faculty) 3 mentions	Excellent leadership abilities, clinical expertise, supportive of students. Ordered pedometers for us, encourages us to GET HEALTHY. Wonderful sense of humor, caring, follows through, available to all segments.
Manion, Fran (Mathematics faculty) 10 mentions	Excellent "administrator" always up to date, very accommodating. Good communicator, very responsible. For being a terrific Math Dept. Chair, for her dedication and hard work and patience in doing her job. Fran has given time, help and patience for well being of students and teachers. Gives her time to our math dept. Great person to converse with. Very knowledgeable. She is an excellent chairperson. Has devoted her whole life to the College Department. She supports all the teachers, gives her time over and beyond. Most dedicated person. She has a vision for the future of SMC, she is open to positive changes. She is very helpful, caring, easy to approach, professional. She works above and beyond as department chair, teacher, and professional development. The patience & enthusiasm to be Chair of Math Dept. Very dedicated to serving our college for many years.
Mark-Walker, Charles (Marketing classified staff)	Graphic art skills design to my programs.
Masada, Dick (Physical Science faculty)	He shows gentleness and professionalism and passion with teaching. Encouraged me to exercise.

Mason, Ken (History faculty) 2 mentions	A tremendous enthusiasm for and open and welcoming of new staff; very upbeat. Extremely amiable, professional and well-grounded; his academic work, teaching and activism. I see him as a representative component of SMC's good reputation as a college.
Mason, Sheila (Mathematics faculty)	Extremely bright and positive; committed to student learning (success)
Media Center Staff 2 mentions	Always service with a smile. The Media Center rocks!
Meyer, Walter (Art faculty)	Fresh!! The future for SMC.
Meza, Ofelia (Auxiliary Services classified staff)	She is always ready to answer any questions to students and staff.
Miller, Eileen (Campus Police manager)	Keeps campus safe for us.
Moassesi, Mitra (Mathematics faculty)	Negotiates contracts that show steadily increasing respect for all faculty.
Morris, Jake (Physical Science faculty)	
Morse, Peter (Physical Science faculty) 2 mentions	Humorous, committed, impressed me with brief contacts. Makes us think about new teaching ideas and methods.
Mottler, Gloria (AET classified staff)	Very helpful and always accommodating to students-great personality.
Muhammad, La Rue (Comm. and Psych Depts. classified staff) 11 mentions	A sensible and efficient; great professional attitude in running the departments (Psychology & Communications) She is caring and professional in all her interaction with staff, faculty, and students. As secretary in the LS Bldg. she runs several departments with professionalism and kindness, and her office is beautiful. As the administrative assistant for Psychology and Communications she brings a very positive, calm and organized persona to a very busy office. Great person, positive attitude, humor, go getter. Great support for all in Communications Dept. Selfless problem solver. Organizational guru, full of knowledge, priceless smile. Positive energy, great smile. She knows everything! She will find out whatever you need to know to function at your highest level. Is warm and has a spiritual personality. Committed to staff and students. Nurturing role model, particularly for African American Students. Supports faculty.
Muller, Katharine (External Programs administrator) 2 mentions	Great organizer, giving, open and encouraging and helpful to teachers and students. She is deeply concerned about the well-being of students and about her staff.
Munoz, Angela (Admissions classified staff) 2 mentions	Helpful and warm towards students and staff/faculty.
Myrow, Steve (Financial Aid manager)	Revamping Financial Aid Dept, the process for students by making it student friendly. He is accessible, open to new ideas and pro-student!

Nagatsuka, Jacqueline (Planning and Development administrator)	Helpful, kind, hardworking.
Nakamura, Leroy (Media Services classified staff)	Friendly, helpful, always willing to provide assistance.
Nakao, Patti (Counseling faculty)	So supportive and helpful
Nanini, Dan (Transfer Center faculty) 3 mentions	Helped me immensely when I was a student in 1994, and continues to assure success and a future for so many students who enter & leave SMC. A guide to students who want to transfer. Outstanding leader of Transfer Center.
Nemeth, Pamela (ESL classified staff)	Works with students with patience and kindness. Supports some faculty members.
Neveau, Judy (Community Relations manager)	Has always been helpful and supportive of the Art Gallery. Giving support in the form of visiting artists' guest lectures and exhibit support in the art gallery.
Numerous individuals	
Ortiz, Joann (SMC Foundation manager) 2 mentions	Positive; cheerleader for the campus. Raises \$ for scholarships and professors.
Ota, Nathan (Art faculty)	A gifted, dedicated, hard-working instructor who is passionate about his students' progress.
Ozaeta, Miguel (Reprographics classified staff)	Friendly, helpful, and unflappable; best support on campus; facilitates materials production for students with a good smile.
Pena, Cherie (Academic Computing classified staff) 2 mentions	Cheerful smile. She gives a lot of her time helping faculty and students with computer problems. Always smiling, never loses her cool, regardless how complex the problem to fix.
Penchansky, Judith (Student Services administrator) 6 mentions	A Rock of helpfulness. Demonstrates an even-handedness and fairness that is so essential to a public institution. Also, she is an excellent listener who does not project her own issues onto difficult situations. Sense and sensibility; fairness. Counselor, advocate for students, always fair and impartial. Guides faculty in handling difficult students. Invaluable in helping faculty as a disciplinarian; helpful, professional and fair, best I have met here in 28 years. Mentoring ability. Clear thinker. Kind. Generous with her time and expertise. Great student advocate and friend.
Perry, Rosa (Telecom classified staff)	Wonderful front line of the college assisting students and staff.
Peterson, Darrell (Mathematics faculty) 2 mentions	Friendly, low-key demeanor, made people feel comfortable talking to him. Time and desire to interact personally with students and fellow faculty.
Peterson, Lee (Academic Computing classified staff)	Very knowledgeable and well informed.

Phillips, Dave (Psychology faculty) 2 mentions	Founder of Center for Environmental Studies; Leader and mentor; excels at integrating environmental issues into curriculum and campus as a whole. Humanity.
Powers, Anne (Library faculty)	Shared and shares valuable library treasures with colleagues and is a great person to talk to anytime!
Preciado, Christina (Social Sciences faculty) 4 mentions	Assists young women in finding their direction in college life. Committed to students, optimistic, makes one feel important, includes contributions, however small. Individual interaction with students based on their and her social reality. One of the best professors here or anywhere. Epitomizes genuine care about her students - who often go on to succeed after SMC.
Quinn, William (Bill) (Operations classified staff)	Very knowledgeable, honest, fun to be around, he knows a lot about sports.
Rankin-Scales, Vivian (Emeritus College classified staff) 4 mentions	Cooperation and interaction with a positive attitude. Coordinates, facilitates multiple details in scheduling spaces for classes. Great sense of humor in times of stress, great student relations person. She is positive, charming, efficient and accessible.
Redd-Walker, Beverly (Airport classified staff)	On the job, keeps the satellites running smoothly; any request cheerfully carried out; accessible to students, staff and faculty.
Redhead, Eva (Health Office classified staff)	Compassionate and caring, there for the students, first to volunteer for classroom or campus emergencies.
Remmes, Judith (English faculty)	
Reprographics 3 mentions	Great staff; I am dependent on them, especially the late evening personnel! The guys who work in the Reprographics Department - because they are always smiling! They are SO helpful- they really help the rest of us to be successful. They are #1 at customer service - and they ALWAYS deliver. They are exemplary: wish every Dept. worked that well.
Riojas, Tomas (Trio Program faculty)	Fine example of a student advocate. Accessible to all services: Financial Aid, etc. Good communicator.
Roche, Audrey (Business faculty)	Unbounded energy; problem solver; commitment.
Rodas, Brian (Mathematics faculty)	Our 2nd newest math faculty, is open, energetic, positive and engaging.
Rodriguez, Rogelio (Grounds classified staff)	Is a special employee because he cares very well for the green areas without sprinklers.
Rodriguez, Teresita (Admissions administrator) 3 mentions	Brilliance in management, technology and PC. She eliminated lines and streamlined the admissions process through technological advances. She has automated and simplified the online application process, as well as streamlined a majority of the admissions procedures. This has truly benefited our student population.
Rojas, Dan (Network Services manager)	Always helps us stay in touch.
Romano, Jere (Campus Police classified staff)	Listens, works hard, knowledgeable - Great integrity.

Roney, Herb (Board of Trustees)	Passion, devotion to students and to SMC.
Roque, Elaine (KDR faculty) 2 mentions	Experience in athletics plus her dedication to making the students prepared for the future, academically and emotionally. Inspirational and sincere.
Rubin, Saul (Journalism faculty)	He uses innovative techniques in the classroom. He creates a fun environment.
Sakai, Walter (Life Science faculty) 2 mentions	For his wonderful field programs. Lots of unpaid weekend hours conducting field biology courses on weekends and holidays.
Sawoski, Perviz (Theatre Arts faculty)	Chair. Student achievements. Multi-cultural work. Excellence. Very helpful in making my transition into the department as a new instructor easy. Gave me really good advice.
Schultz, Christine (Social Sciences faculty)	Very helpful. Makes us welcome on campus. She is very kind.
Schwarz, Judy (Disabled Students Center faculty) 2 mentions	Creative, practical discussion making; helps all colleagues do their job better. She keeps the disabled students' program up and running; head of DSPS; answers my questions so I can help the student when they come into our office.
Schwarzenegger, Arnold	Look how far he went with SMC education. He has great courage to challenge public unions.
Selby, Bill (Earth Science faculty)	Expresses gratitude; positive attitude; engages faculty, staff, students and community; willing to think outside the box; visionary.
Seldon, Stuart (AET classified staff)	Very helpful.
Semere, Mario (Art faculty) 3 mentions	Fun to be around. Remarkable lectures. Is it the Jesuit training? The multi-faceted curiosity? Beautiful lecture technique? Sacred and profane balance? The life experience? He stimulates me.
Serikawa, Jim (Media Services classified staff) 2 mentions	Always willing to help in any area he is needed. (Science, Reprographics, Media Services, etc.) He honestly cares about people and goes out of his way to help them.
Shimizu, Jeff (Academic Affairs administrator) 5 mentions	Always listens, available, cheerful. Always positive, always friendly; cares; has great ideas; helpful; relates to each discipline; professional. Jeff is an extremely gifted administrator. He works efficiently, fairly, and with a great consideration for faculty. Positive, encouraging, support for counseling as well as teaching faculty. Works very hard always, really cares, closest person here to a "Rocky Young."
Shishido, Lynnette (Business faculty)	She is a supportive friend to colleagues and a dedicated student leader.
Simpson, Lantz (English faculty)	Faculty Association President. Preserves rights of faculty.
SMC Telephone Operators (Telecom classified staff)	They are the first impression the public has of SMC and they deal with at times angry people and our operators do it with grace and charm and efficiency.

Smith, Bruce (Public Information manager) 3 mentions	Creative, fun, positive; always makes me feel happy when I see him; provides an important contribution to the college. Generates positive publicity - keeps us informed thru his e-mails. Great with dispensing information to the campus.
Smith, James (Music faculty) 2 mentions	Gift of leadership and passion for music. Pleasant, "can do"
Smith, Joseph (Joe) (Bookstore classified staff)	Giving Guidance to young kid that take student jobs; most of these kids it is their first job so they don't know how to function in a job and adult environment; he also encourages them to take their education seriously.
Smith, Toni (Modern Languages classified staff) 4 mentions	She is efficient, gets me information that I need, returns calls ASAP. She is friendly, knowledgeable, and warm. Works well with everyone, accommodating, helpful, warm and friendly to all. Very knowledgeable and hospitable.
Sophos, Patty (Library faculty)	She brings a wonderful energy and enthusiasm to her library classes and reference work.
Sorsino, Carla (Fresh & Natural)	She is a worker in the cafeteria . She is special because she helps every night.
Sterr, Susan (English faculty) 8 mentions	Ability to genuinely relate to everyone in our department and to run it effectively. Drives the unwieldy battleship of the English department with grace and patience. Gives tirelessly of her persona, energy, and strength. Graciously accepts different teaching styles of various faculty members. Listens, works hard, intelligent, earns cooperation, knowledgeable, keeps diverse opinions, team builder, generous spirit. Recognized my experience and made me feel very valuable in their department immediately even as a new part-time faculty member. She is an outstanding department chair. She makes my job as an adjunct instructor easier by being accessible, patient, an professional. Very supportive of her teachers and inspires them; she is always available.
Stewart, Ruth (History & Social Sciences classified staff) 2 mentions	Always greets with a smile. Eliminates potential problems and makes teaching easier.
Stiles, Christopher (History faculty)	Professor Stiles is an outstanding mentor; one of the most positive individuals I know. Student success is his number "1" goal.
Strammel, Jim (Social Sciences faculty)	Teaches ethics and chairs the committee on ethics.
Students	My Students: Always a fresh new energy.
Tahlvidaran-Jesswein, Richard (Social Sciences faculty) 5 mentions	Treats everyone respectfully and really "embraces diversity" in his actions. Exudes caring. Gift is that he is respectful and has a positive approach to problem solving, along with willingness to give his time without condition. Great enthusiasm. He gives his vision of positive change through democratic process. Helpful in organizing and getting groups to cooperate in deliberative democracy. Inspiring leadership and a positive attitude toward promoting a collegial atmosphere.
Tarvyd, Ed (Life Science faculty) 2 mentions	Brings us to the world and the world to us! Morro Bay field trips. Only community college professor a member of SEITES.

Tesdahl, Eydie (Business classified staff) 9 mentions	Goes beyond the duties of her position. Works behind the scenes (i.e. Makes sure refrigerator is clean) Lively, caring, helpful office person. She is always smiling and positive and helpful to the faculty and students! She makes sure every one in the department is taken care of in spite of all the workload. Someone special. Treats students so wonderfully; bends over backward for all faculty-full and part-time; every morning her positive personality and immediacy in wanting to make professors' jobs smooth; makes students life better.
Theiss, Nina (English faculty) 2 mentions	For the spirit of creativity and tolerance she has given to the English Dept. There are two kinds of people: Those who see life as a tragedy, and those who see it as a comedy.
Thomas, Tamorah (Academic Senate classified staff)	Hard-working, supportive, enthusiastic person.
Todd, Gary (TCBY)	The coffee guy at TCBY (Starbucks)
Tovar, Esau (Counseling faculty)	Bringing honor code to SMC.
Travis, Denise (Design Tech faculty)	One of the only people I know so far on campus. I thank her for giving a newbie like myself a chance at education.
Trejo, Amelia (Student Life classified staff)	Laughter, bends over backwards for the students.
Trombetta, Giovanni (Modern Languages faculty)	Patience, expertise, personal connection, humor, clarity, warmth, and inspirational.
Turner, Frank (Music faculty)	Very experienced, very upbeat, gives students enthusiasm and participation, excellent musician and theatre arts.
Urmston, James (Art faculty)	Great with fundraising for students needs.
Vazquez, Nati (Pico Partnership classified staff)	I don't know him well, but he seems always engaged with students on and off campus in a genuine way. To me he's a person who's succeeding in our mission to encourage student success.
Veas, Sal (Business faculty) 3 mentions	A fellow teacher with an open mind who likes hearing new ideas. Enthusiasm, knowledgeable, dedicated, motivational, mentoring, enjoyable. Honest, optimistic, willing to put all aspects of a problem on the table and build a group to do things differently; listens incredibly well; acknowledges strengths; not afraid to make mistakes.
Walker-Waugh, Muriel (Physical Science faculty) 4 mentions	Has shown great leadership in developing Chem 10 into a stellar course. Her enthusiasm. She is an excellent representative for students who do not have a family history of college work. She is one of the most student friendly faculty I have ever met because although she is a tough instructor, her manner lets students know they are not alone or without help.
Webster, Linda (Counseling faculty)	Focused teaching.
Weil, Mary-Jane (Disabled Students Center faculty)	She changes her students' lives. She is the heart and soul of the Disabled Students Program. She works an enormous amount of hours (even weekends) to serve the students. She always goes above and beyond.

Windish, Marge (Music classified staff)	
Wolin-Manker, Roberta (KDR faculty)	Extra attentive and welcoming and nurturing to students.
Yancey, Richard (Reprographics classified staff) 2 mentions	Coping politely with impatient faculty. Friendly, helpful, and unflappable; best support on campus; facilitates materials production for students with a good smile.
Yarrish, Julie (Distance Ed manager) 3 mentions	A very responsive and helpful administrator, whose warmth encourages online faculty. Humane, student-centered, gets it done. Positive, encouraging, supportive.
Ybarra, Robert (Operations classified staff) 9 mentions	Always ready and willing to help out beyond what the "work order" says. Cuts through a lot of red tape to help keep the facility running. Friendly, helpful, knowledgeable--always "Johnny on the Spot." Furniture finder and problem fixer extraordinaire (responsive). He does everything. He enriches the lives of others. He helps everyone, from finding pieces of furniture to cleaning your work area. Uses common sense, uses good discretion and isn't caught up in politics. When you need something done, Robert is the go-to person, friendly, and helpful.
Zacky, Justin (Earth Science faculty)	Has great experiences in living in different cultures, like China. Very adventurous.
Zehr, David (English faculty) 2 mentions	Listens, works hard, knowledgeable - Great integrity. The great communicator.
Zeigler, Paul (Emeritus College faculty)	Acting instructor who makes life more enjoyable for our retired.