

**Faculty Service Awards—Fall Convocation—Wednesday,
August 8, 2012**

10 Year Service Award

- **Jeffrey Harlow**
 - PE/Athletics Professor
- **Tracy Hegeman**
 - Computer Information Systems (CIS) Professor
- **Cheryl Hodge**
 - Nursing Professor
- **Larry Hultgren**
 - Aeronautics Professor
- **Daniel Jacobo**
 - Broadcasting Professor
- **Michele Jenkins**
 - Dance Professor
- **Tamari Jenkins**
 - Spanish Professor
- **Angela Sadowski**
 - Psychology Professor
- **Vanessa Thomas**
 - Business Administration Professor
- **Melissa Utsler**
 - English Professor
- **Katherine Wilson**
 - Counseling Professor

30 Year Service Award

➤ **Rose Ann Cobos**

- Biology Professor
- Attended Chaffey College as a biology major from 1973-1976 transferring to UC Santa Barbara, where she completed her B.S. in Biology and earned an M.S. degree – working in botany – from Cal State Fullerton.
- Hired as a tenure-track professor at Chaffey in 1982 – right out of graduate school – to replace retiring botany professor, Dick Beeks. Those were also bad-budget times, and junior faculty members faced annual layoff notices and continual job uncertainty.
- Nevertheless, Rose Ann maintained the botany lab for nearly 30 years (single-handedly for nearly 20 years). Besides Botany, Rose Ann has also taught Population Biology, Core Biology, and General Biology. She has taught Microbiology for as long as she has been at Chaffey.
- Served on a number of committees over the years. Most notably, she served on the task force that examined the organization of the instructional departments, and recommended the switch from Department Chairs to Coordinators and Deans. Served as Chairperson of Tree Committee for 8 years – during the most challenging time (for trees and those who care about them) in the college's

history. Rose Ann continues to serve on the Tree Committee, where her knowledge and experience are deeply valued. Rose Ann's enthusiasm for plants is unmatched!

- Rose Ann has shown herself to be an adaptable and hard-working leader in the Biology Department. She has served as Coordinator of the Biology Department from 2009 to the present, doing a yeoman's effort under trying circumstances. As Coordinator, she led the department's effort to remodel the curriculum for the majors program, she spearheaded the department's first self-study under the new PSR system, and she has helped the department develop its proficiency in the SLO process.

➤ **DE Creasy-Valdez**

- Counseling Professor in DPS, Athletics & Counseling
- Coordinator, Counseling, DPS
- Faculty negotiator (at least twice)
- Instrumental in revamping the DPS Department
- Outstanding mentor for new counselors
- Served on the Commencement Committee for the past 15 years and is still a member
- Served on the Faculty Advisory Board for ASCC/Student Activities from 1995 to May 2011

- A generous donor to all outreach programs of Office of Student Activities has hosted
- Is a valued colleague and a wonderful friend
- Delightful sense of humor, knowledgeable, supportive and kind
- Mother to Milari, beautiful 6-year old daughter

➤ **Vera Dunwoody**

- Psychology Professor
- Curriculum Chair
- Interim Dean Visual, Performing, & Communication Arts
- 2011-12 Faculty Lecturer of the Year
- Served on various campus committees such as Faculty Senate, Curriculum, Program & Services Review, Calendar, and Honors to name a few, along with numerous hiring committees
- First person in her family to attend college
- Received her BA in Psychology in 1978 and her Masters degree in Experimental Psychology in 1979 from CSUSB graduating with honors
- Vera also earned a degree in Fashion Design from FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising) in Los Angeles
- Vera's passions outside of Chaffey include anything Italian, especially the Grand Canal in Venice
- Revels in great vintage finds

- Loves reading Brazilian lyricist and novelist, Paulo Coelho, a great cup of espresso, and the artwork of Frida Kahlo
- Danced on Soul Train from 1987-1992
- Quote from Eva: “When I first heard of Vera it was from one of my public speaking students that fainted in my class and the first words that came out of her mouth were "I need Vera". At the time I did not know who Vera Dunwoody was, but I soon learned that she is a "teacher extraordinaire". After 30 years Vera still inspires students, and her waiting list is still full every semester.”
- Vera was my dean for a year and she got more done than most of the deans that I've had. It's thanks to her that communication studies classrooms have carpet, white boards and an up-to-date computer system.
- Vera is also an inspirational colleague who helps you become a better teacher because of her being a great role model.

➤ **Vince Nobile**

- History Professor

➤ **Kipp Preble**

- Communication Studies Professor
- Hired fall of 1984
- Received his BA in Communication Studies, English, & Theatre in 1979 from CSUN (Northridge)

and his Masters in Communication Studies in 1981 (CSUN)

- Vice President of Faculty Senate from 1983-84 and President of Faculty Senate 1984-1986
- First Director of Faculty & Staff Professional Development; initiated the first Professional Development Conference which was recognized as a national model for professional development programs from the state of California and the University of Texas
- Served as Faculty on Special Assignment and/or Coordinator for 8 different departments over a nearly 20-year period
- Served on every committee in the college with the exception of the Curriculum Committee
- Served as Chair of Task Force on Learning and Chair of the First and Second College Convocation Committee
- Served as Faculty Tri-Chair of Accreditation Steering Committee
- Currently serving on the CCFA Negotiating Team and the Faculty Tri-Chair of the GEM Committee
- Loving father of two amazing daughters. Chelsea, 24, will begin her PhD program of study in Environmental Engineering at Cal Berkeley in a week after having graduated from Cal in 2010 and working at the Lawrence Berkeley Labs the last two years, and Mackenzie, 20, who will begin her junior

year at UC Santa Cruz in September majoring in Marine Biology, and who also plays a mean electric guitar.

- Loves to play golf, camping, and as everyone on campus knows is an avid follower of University of Oregon Ducks football and basketball.
- Was once kicked out of a John Denver concert for yelling "Far Out, John!" one too many times.