California Community College
Distinguished Alumni Awards

Selection Process

Early May Nomination notice emailed to all district and college presidents, public information officers, alumni association and foundation directors.

June 15 Deadline date to submit Distinguished Alumni Nominations. Nominations verified for eligibility (no exceptions)

Late June All nominations sent to selection committee comprised of League Board Officers

Early August Winning district/college and candidate notified

Mid August Winning nomination posted to League Convention webpage.

November 16 League Annual Convention. Awards will be presented Friday, November 16, at the general session/luncheon. The award presentation includes a three minute introduction by college president or college representative and five minute acceptance speech by the alumnus/alumnae. If the winning nominee is unable to attend to receive the award, a 5 minute video will be acceptable. A personalized plaque is awarded to the Distinguished Alumnus/Alumnae.

Selection Criteria

A. Primary Criteria (60 points)
   1. Career achievement and professional standing
   2. Contributions to community that transcend the norm

B. Supportive Criteria (35 points)
   1. Number of years of professional excellence and community service
   2. Service to their community college

C. Related Considerations (5 points)
   1. The award recipients represent diverse fields of accomplishment
   2. Districts and colleges are widely represented over the years
   3. Award recipients are representative of the community college demography

D. Eligibility (League staff will assess eligibility)
   1. Nominees must have earned at least 24 units at the community college
   2. Individuals directly associated with the California community colleges (trustees, faculty, staff and current students) are not eligible for nomination.
   3. Individuals may not nominate themselves.
   4. Individual has not previously been recognized as a California Community College Distinguished Alumni.