

## Exemplary Program Award

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The Academic Senate is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Exemplary Program Award. Sponsored annually by the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the Board of Governors established the Exemplary Program Award in 1991 to recognize outstanding community college programs.

The Academic Senate selects annual themes related to the award's traditions and statewide trends. Recognizing the importance of contextualized learning to enhance student achievement, the theme for 2016 – 17 is “*Contextualized Teaching and Learning*”. Contextualized teaching and learning is identified as a promising strategy that actively engages students and promotes improved learning and skills development<sup>a</sup>. Programs that provide innovative strategies for improving student learning through the use of contextualized pedagogy and embedded basic skills delivery relevant to the program of study are just some of the possible emphases of eligible programs. Scalable programs are of heightened interest.

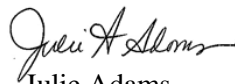
### Basic Information

- The 2016-2017 award is focused on contextualized teaching and learning.
- Each college may nominate one program.
- Up to two California community college programs will receive cash awards of \$4,000
- Up to four California community college programs will receive honorable mention plaques.
- **Completed applications must be received in the Academic Senate Office by 5:00 p.m. on November 8, 2016.**

Please submit one original and one copy of your entire application via email or mail. FAX applications will not be accepted. Submit mail applications to: One Capitol Mall, Suite 340, Sacramento, CA 95814. Scanned applications must have the appropriate signatures and be emailed to [awards@asccc.org](mailto:awards@asccc.org). The Senate Office will notify you via email that your application has been received.

Exemplary Program Award recipients are selected from throughout the state with no more than two from any single Academic Senate area. Recipients will be notified when the selection process is completed. A minimum of three nominations statewide must be received for the selection process to proceed. The selection committee will complete the review process by early December. Winners of this prestigious award will be honored at the January 17, 2017 Board of Governors' meeting. Please contact the Academic Senate Office with any questions.

Sincerely,



Julie Adams  
Executive Director

Enclosures (4)

<sup>a</sup> Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (2009). Contextualized Teaching and Learning: A Faculty Primer. Sacramento, CA. Retrieved August 25, 2015, from [http://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/publications/CTL\\_0.pdf](http://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/publications/CTL_0.pdf)