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California Community Colleges Board of Governors Honors Four Faculty Members with 2015-16 Gerald C. Hayward Award for Excellence in Education

Shasta College, Berkeley City College, Santa Barbara City College and MiraCosta College represented at ceremony

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Community Colleges Board of Governors today honored four professors with the 2015-16 Gerald C. Hayward Award for Excellence in Education. The winners are: Melinda Kashuba, Shasta College geography professor; Linda McAllister, Berkeley City College sociology professor; Kathy Molloy, Santa Barbara City College English and Developmental Reading/Writing professor; and Anjeanette Oberg, MiraCosta College psychology professor. Each winner received a commemorative plaque and \$1,250.

The Hayward Award for Excellence in Education was established in 1989 and is given periodically to community college faculty members who are selected by their peers for demonstrating the highest level of commitment to their students, college and profession. Award recipients are nominated by their respective college academic senates and then selected by representatives of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Winners must have a record of outstanding performance of professional activities, as well as a record of active participation on campus.

The 2015-16 Hayward Awards are supported through a grant from the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The award is named in honor of Gerald C. Hayward, who served as chancellor of the California Community Colleges system from 1980 to 1985.

Melinda Kashuba is a geography professor at Shasta College with more than 20 years of research experience. She empowers students of diverse backgrounds and experiences to achieve success both inside and outside the classroom. With tangible applications of her subject area, Kashuba demonstrates how geography is relevant in everyday life and in understanding world events. Kashuba's goal in the classroom is not to encourage all students to become geographers, but instead to use geographic information to enhance their lives and improve their personal decision-making judgments. She encourages discussion and engagement in current events with a hook in geography such as border issues, voting patterns, race, migration, and climate change. Kashuba consistently participates in professional and student activities on campus and is an active member of several committees. Because of her decades of experience and continued involvement in her field, she is also an often sought-after speaker and writer.

Linda McAllister is a sociology professor at Berkeley City College. She is committed to assisting students from diverse backgrounds meet their goals, find their voice and transform their own lives through education. Under her leadership, the Social Science department has been the largest non-English/non-mathematics department involved in college planning and student offerings to meet the challenges of access to our traditionally underserved, underperforming student populations. McAllister successfully piloted a program recruiting former community college students who recently graduated with their master's degree and are interested in teaching in a California community college.

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McAllister has also developed curriculum, scheduling and degree alignment so working adults could meet their degree goals, and served as an advisor to the first LGBTQ Club and Students for Sensible Drug Policy. She also mentors cross-discipline mentorship program and in the Faculty Diversity Internship Program.

Kathy Molloy is an English and Developmental Reading/Writing professor at Santa Barbara City College. In the words of one of her colleagues, Molloy “represents the true spirit and mission of the California Community College[s]. She works daily to assist students, most of whom would otherwise not be able to receive a college education...Hers is inspired work, and she inspires those she works with: staff, students, faculty, and administrators.” Over her 30 years of service, Molloy has worked not only as a faculty member, but as a leader, including serving as the local academic senate president for more than 16 years. Molloy’s passion has been recognized by many organizations; she’s earned several awards including Teacher of the Year; Extended Opportunity Programs and Services “Above and Beyond” Award; Exemplary Teaching Award; the Academic Senate for California Community College Stanback Stroud Diversity Award; and Faculty Lecturer Award.

Anjeanette Oberg is an associate psychology professor at MiraCosta College and a product of California community colleges. She was a high school drop-out, teen mom and first generation college student and builds on that experience to support all students’ success. Oberg is currently working to offer EOPS students leadership and empowerment coaching, including interviewing and job skills training. She has developed a learning community with ESL students to positively impact those in basic skills and works with all these students in helping them to become more employable. Oberg has also formed a student panel to participate in a high school outreach, hosted Safe Zone workshop for our Mental Health Peer Educators and Gender Equity Club to raise awareness and support for the LGBTQIA community, and led the charge on a regional grant aimed at creating intercollegiate Gender Equality and Sexual Assault Awareness events.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 113 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor’s Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges>, or <https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges>.

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