Congratulations to all of our Academic Affairs 2009-2010 Star Performers.
Amber Rieder

Student Affairs Officer, History

“Not only does she bring a strong presence to campus academic events but she has also gone out of her way to secure department representation at recruitments specifically targeted to enhance campus diversity.”

~ Susan Bernal, Student Affairs Manager
Simeon Hernandez
Vivarium Manager,
Division of Biological Sciences

“He is known by his colleagues as a facilitator and problem solver. Sam's effective approach to all of these challenges includes professionalism with clear communications and follow-up.”

~ Pamela Daener, Assistant Dean
April Hunter-Smiley
Admin Asst, Undergrad Laboratories
Division of Biological Sciences

“It's rare that one person can have such a rapid positive effect on the atmosphere in a unit, but April did. She has thoroughly spoiled those of us she supports”

~ Mandy Butler, Lecturer
Joseph Stagg

Staff Research Associate, Division of Biological Sciences

“Joe not only performs his duties with the utmost efficiency and dedication, but he participates in activities that are beyond what is required of him.”

~ Aaron B. Coleman, Lecturer
Mary Anderson

*Foreign Languages Coordinator, Extension*

“She has also carefully laid the groundwork for the addition of professional internships to the program, providing students with real-world experience to add to their resumes.”

~ Daniel Atkinson, Director
Connie Castro

Student Services Coordinator, Extension

“Connie has an impressive track record of researching companies and individuals and unearthing and developing new marketing opportunities to promote our courses, current students, programs, alumni, internship opportunities, faculty, etc.”

~ Susan Varnum, Continuing Educator
Debra McAuliffe

Administrative Assistant, Supervisor, Extension

“It inspires me to see how Debbie works: diligently, tirelessly and passionately. Without ever saying so, I know that her life's philosophy is 'changing the world one student at a time.'”

~ Elizabeth A. Silva, Assistant Registrar
Michael Weber

UCSD-TV and UCTV Post-Production Manager, Extension

“Mike has been instrumental in managing this modernization effort, delegating and managing others as he formulated the workflow design that will carry us to the future.”

~ Lynn Burnstan, Director, UCSD-TV
Mary Elizabeth Ward
Graduate Admissions Work Lead, Office of Graduate Studies

“Marybeth's special strength is her ability to build relations and partnerships.”

~ April Bjornsen, Assistant Dean
Amanda Keckin

Development Assistant, 
Graduate School of IRPS

“She has continued to utilize her exceptional organizational skills and knowledge of university processes to simplify a convoluted system.”

~ Hillary Walker, Human Resources Manager
Teresa Olcomendy

Business Officer,
Graduate School of IRPS

“Ms. Olcomendy played a pivotal role in the creation of the Laboratory on International Law and Regulation (ILAR) here at IRPS.”

~ Deborah Morrison, Assistant Dean
Grace Osborne
Assistant Director, GLI
Graduate School of IRPS

“She has an uncanny ability to creatively analyze the educational needs of a delegation, develop an appropriate curriculum, and identify the professors and professionals suitable to serve as instructors.”

~ Darla Wilson, Director, GLI
Amy Robinson

Mgr, Communications & Research Programs, Graduate School of IRPS

“Because of Amy's extraordinary efforts coordinating the staff task force, planning and organization for the administrative design and implementation came together smoothly, and ILAR was up and running efficiently far ahead of schedule.”

~ Takeo Hoshi, Professor
Lisa Woinarski

Contracts & Grants Administrator, Graduate School of IRPS

“She has a very keen mind, is extremely detail oriented, and most important has a remarkable ability to synthesize the idea behind a research proposal with the requirements of the paperwork process.”

~ Craig McIntosh, Assistant Professor
Su-Yin Chang
Fund Manager, Chemistry and Biochemistry

“She is also a wonderful example to the other fund managers on the best practices for providing reports to the faculty, the campus and the funding agencies involved.”

~ Shanley Miller, Financial Manager
Julia Guevara

Financial Manager,
Dean’s Office, Physical Sciences

“There is never a time in which when faced with a major project, a short deadline, or a difficult topic that Julia isn’t front and center doing all humanly possible to succeed and get the job done.”

~ Barbara Seipel, Assistant Dean
Natalia Kornoukhova

Contracts & Grants Manager, Chemistry and Biochemistry

“Her exemplary handling of financial administration attests to her professional knowledge, willingness to accept responsibility, attention to detail and the ability to adapt to new challenges.”

~ Michael Sailor, Professor
A. Sabrina Leitner
Fiscal/Personnel Specialist, Mathematics

“She has already had a profound and crucial impact on the efficiency and funding of the Center of Computational Mathematics. This impact is far beyond what is expected of someone in her position.”

~ Philip Gill, Professor
Molly Love

Fiscal Officer, Mathematics

“In each of her past jobs she has been praised as an extremely dedicated, creative, and productive employee, consistently identifying improvements to policies, practices and/or program designs”

~ Nancy Hartley, Business Officer
Saul Molina

Systems Administrator, Mathematics

“Saul Molina has been invaluable in assisting department personnel and also keeping everyone in high spirits. People always seem to be leaving his office in a brighter mood or even in jovial laughter than when they first arrived.”

~ Wilson Cheung, Programmer Analyst
Juniper Pennypacker

Lab Manager,
Chemistry and Biochemistry

“She is the one whom everyone, including myself, turns to for advice and guidance... she oversees all aspects of this large and busy lab and manages at all times to maintain a positive, professional, and constructive environment where everyone can prosper and thrive.”

~ Susan Taylor, Professor
Jeffrey Rances

Masters Program Admissions Coordinator, Chemistry and Biochemistry

“He has a vested commitment to diversity and he has shown this through his outreach and recruitment efforts to bring underrepresented students to UCSD.”

~ Irene Jacobo, Director of Student Affairs
Diane Richards

Academic Affairs Coordinator, Mathematics

“She is a shining example of proactive leadership as well as fostering partnerships that contribute constructively to overall effectiveness and morale.”

~ Molly Love, Fiscal Officer
Marijana Vukovic

Staff Research Associate, Chemistry and Biochemistry

“Marijana is a natural leader and has inspired others to collaborate in a team fashion to contribute to the universities teaching mission.”

~ Suzanne Anderson, Director
Emmanuel dela Paz
Graduate Coordinator,
Sociology

“Manny is a natural leader who sees a need and does something about it. His enthusiasm, drive and innovation are an example to all who come in contact with him.”

~ Stephanie Navrides, Business Officer
Corie Gochicoa

*Student Affairs Coordinator, Linguistics*

“Her ideas are insightful, creative, and probing. Corie masterfully executes all aspects of her job and she does so with a sharp analytic mind, identifying problems and issues before they arise.”

~ Eric Bakovic, Associate Professor
Vicki King

Asst Director, Linguistics Language Program, Linguistics

“Vicki's fairness and even-handedness are legendary, and she manages to keep the communal ship sailing smoothly no matter how rough the waters.”

~ Grant Goodall, Director LLP
Sarah Moulton

*Academic Personnel Coordinator, Education Studies*

“Her excellent knowledge and writing skills, combined with over a decade of UC experience, make her an invaluable asset for Education Studies.”

~ Paula Levin, Lecturer
Erica Twining

Student Affairs Manager, Psychology

“I have had no other employee that has done more collectively for the staff, department, and community as has Erica in her 3 years here...her efforts border on the superhuman...She's that good.”

~ Peter Hinkley, Business Officer
Ezra Van Everbroeck

Department Network Manager, Linguistics

“Ezra is in all aspects a model employee: he displays great initiative, and is dedicated, reliable, resourceful, responsible, and dependable.”

~ Andrew Kehler, Department Chair
Giselle Van Luit

Student Affairs Officer, Education Studies

“I am witness to Giselle's extraordinary professional acumen coupled with an attention to detail that rivals most scientists... She inspires and brings out the best in those around her.”

~ Pamela Fruge, Business Officer

~ Melissa Wolf, Asst SAO
Lucie Wiseman
Fiscal Coordinator,
Linguistics

“She is very thoughtful and analytical in performing her job duties and regardless of how complicated processes get, she is great about follow up with others and getting the best result possible.”

~ Gris Arellano-Ramirez, Business Officer
Melissa Wolf

Assistant Student Affairs Officer, Education Studies

“Melissa is not only competent and efficient, she's one step ahead... Melissa is able to resolve anything... She's a big picture person and detail-orientated at the same time. We are really lucky to have her.”

~ Giselle Van Luit, Student Affairs Officer
Marjorie Donnett

Executive Assistant,
Rady School of Management

“The motto she seems to go by is, ‘Just let me know when you need me and I'll be there.’ Marge is an angel, she is a selfless and trustworthy colleague.”

~ Christine McMahan, Dean's Calendaring Assistant
Sara Gonzalez

Development Assistant,
Rady School of Management

“She is a true professional whose moral compass consistently guides her to make the most effective and sound business decisions.”

~ Claudia Ehrlich, Interim Director of Development
Manisha Kanodia

Senior Web Applications Developer,
Rady School of Management

“As a mentor to the other members of the team, she provides leadership that goes beyond merely the technical, but also bridges the gap to the individual’s personal well-being.”

~ Dean Olsen, Director, Computing Tech Services
Christine McMahan

Dean’s Calendaring Assistant,
Rady School of Management

She has exhibited innovative and proactive leadership, concern for cost-effectiveness to the school, helped build stronger relationships within the school, all while supporting the University's practices, procedures, and policies.”

~ Gladys Selfridge, Dean’s Executive Assistant
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Dean's Executive Assistant,
Rady School of Management

“Gladys handles this task with the precision of a brain surgeon, the tactical skills of a military general, and the diplomacy of seasoned ambassador.”

~ Maria Lofstus, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs
Stacy Skubic

Development & Ext Aff Events Planner, Rady School of Management

“Her energy, dedication and thoroughness inspire those around her to emulate these qualities.”

~ Lisa Kellogg, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations
Ashley Somers

Faculty Assistant,
Rady School of Management

“Ashley’s peers have noticed her work ethic, attention to detail, and been positively influenced by her as a colleague.”

~ Terrence August, Assistant Professor
Laurie Tanjuaquio

MBA Student Services Coordinator, Rady School of Management

“Laurie is unfailingly cheerful and professional with students, faculty, visitors, and staff throughout the university community, providing a high level of service while being mindful of policies and procedures to which we need to adhere.”

~ Laurel Nelson, Director of Graduate Student Services
Michelle Viernes

MBA Program Curricular Support Professional,
Rady School of Management

“She plans ahead, helps faculty foresee possible problems and goes well beyond her duties to provide assistance, even where this is not explicitly asked of her.”

~ Allan Timmermann, Professor
Christina Wood

Faculty Assistant,
Rady School of Management

“The faculty nominating Christina, as well as several others at Rady, agree that Christina is the best faculty assistant they have ever had...she does many jobs we would not trust to anyone else.”

~ Uri Gneezy, Professor
Kathleen Garvey-Clasby
Copy Cataloger & File Processor, Libraries

"Her work directly increased access to the resources that support the teaching and research needs of every UC student, faculty, and staff."

~ Adolfo Tarango, Head-Serials/Shared Cataloging
Donal O’Sullivan

Electronic Resources Cataloger,
Libraries

“Despite the fact that he is one of the newest catalogers, through his work he has influenced the work lives of his UCSD cataloging colleagues in a positive and productive way.”

~ Linda Barnhart, Head-Metadata Services
Bessie Thompson

Library Assistant IV, Libraries

“Ms. Thompson's dedication, flexibility and interest in learning her field make her an invaluable asset to the Libraries and to the University.”

~ Roger Smith, Preservation Officer
Joni Ciarletta
Fiscal Manager, Electrical & Computer Engineering

“For 15 years Joni has given tirelessly without thought of anything but doing the job right and benefiting her department and the University.”

~ Robert Rome, Business Officer
Laura Gracia

Graduate Coordinator, Bioengineering

“Laura Gracia is the best Graduate Coordinator that the Program has ever had, going far beyond what we expect in terms of mastery, effort, or results. Her knowledge, sense of purpose, dedication, and consistency are amazing.”

~ Pavel Pevzner, Professor
Marina Robenko

Administrative Assistant, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

“She is an outstanding problem solver, with a great initiative and a meticulous attention to detail.”

~ Miroslav Krstic, Professor
Nate Burke

Administrative Assistant, Office of the SVCAA

“He never bats an eye when a new task or responsibility lands in his lap... even when it is clear that his plate is overflowing. Nate approaches each day with enthusiasm, diplomacy and an incredible work ethic.”

~ Gillian Hemingway, Chief of Staff
Linda Thai Schlossman

Program Coordinator,
Office of the SVCAA

“Linda’s efforts provide employees with the encouragement and support to make UCSD their home for their entire career... I honestly believe that the work that she does has an impact on the long-term stability of the campus.”

~ Bobb Barile, Director, Staff HR & Org Development
Jonathan Welch

Director, OADEO, Office of the SVCAA

“Jon has brought about a significant positive improvement to the University, one that supports the University’s mission of hiring the best faculty possible.”

~Kristina Larsen, AVC, Academic Personnel Services
Lynne Bush
Senior Editor, IGCC

“People on campus who know Lynne admire her for her insight, values, commitment, keen organizational abilities, and, most importantly, sense of humor and heart.”

~ Angela Lintz, Grants Development Officer
Lane Carlson

Associate Development Engineer, Center for Energy Research

“...[H]e has been a model employee, surpassing expectations in the performance of his duties and contributing above and beyond the normal scope of duties through service to the university and the local community.”

~Mark Tillack, Research Scientist
Stacy Lam
Fiscal Specialist, IGCC

“I can't capture her value to us in a single word, as her energy, desire to learn, productivity, reliability, and overall devotion to producing a high volume of high quality work for IGCC are all exceptional.”

~ Bari Weick, Financial/HR Manager
Angela Lintz
Grants Development Officer, IGCC

“She is our ‘can-do’ person who continues to be enthusiastic, energetic, and emphatic in her role to increase IGCC's mission and goals.”

~ Helen Olow, Business Officer
Laura Martin
Conference Coordinator, IGCC

“She is outstanding at providing professional assistance to all of our guests, making them feel that their satisfaction is a top priority to IGCC and UCSD.”

~ Heidi Serochi, Project Manager
Andrew Prudhomme

Programmer Analyst, Calit2

“His very practical way of thinking has often put us back on the ground when we tried to do too much in too little time.”

~ Jurgen Schulze, Assistant Research Scientist
Samantha Romanin

Project Support Coordinator, Calit2

“Sammie is an energizing force and contributes positively to the morale of the organization. She approaches problems with vigor and creativity and is the most vocal proponent of a solution that works for everyone.”

~ Lovella Cacho, Program Representative-Supervisor
Kirsten Tripes

Finance Manager, Animal Care Program

“She has been successful in both learning the necessary technical aspects of the software involved as well as accelerating the productivity of the working group by inspiring and motivating all employees involved.”

~ Marisa Jolstead, Business Officer
Cynthia Muylle

Business Officer, Marshall College

“Ms. Muylle brings to the table quintessential competence, sophisticated reflection, institutional finesse, an intuitive sense of proportion and scale, genuine humanity, and inclusive good humor for our college team.”

~ Julie Morris, Executive Assistant to the Provost