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**NEWS**

## **Thayer Named District Employee of the Year**

COSTA MESA, Calif.— Kathie Thayer, the District Information Systems Application Project Coordinator, was named Employee of the Year at the annual District Administrative Management Picnic held in June.

Chancellor Kenneth Yglesias presented a crystal vase to Thayer in appreciation of her hard work during the laborious DIS move. She was also instrumental during the implementation of the District's online registration and fiscal management system, Banner, and continues to update and improve the system.

"It is a great honor and I could not have accomplished so much without all my co-workers and the staff at the three colleges," Kathie said in response to the award.

Thayer had a hard time choosing a favorite memory from her 33 year of working at the District, she considers her coworkers an extended family and some of her closest friends. One of Thayer's best memories was three days in 1989 with Don Cock converting the data from the old system (E/1) to the DSK system.

Despite the arduous tasks and long hours associated with her work, Kathie notes that one of the best qualities of her job is that "the district is a community of friends— after all, we do spend a good number of our waking hours here. Everyone pulls together to accomplish the goals of the district and makes this a pleasant place to work."

Aside from her work at the district, Kathie, a long-time Costa Mesa resident, has many hobbies including horseback riding, skiing, gardening, and sailing. She particularly enjoys taking photographs of locals who participate in Surf Camps held at San Onofre.

The other nominees for Employee of the Year were Steve Webster, Annie Han and Paula Fullerton.

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*The Coast Community College District is the ninth largest community college district in the state in credit enrollment, serving 60,000 students each semester. The district is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.*