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Citrus College Board President Named Woman of the Year for Monrovia

Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, was recently honored by Assembly Member Roger Hernandez.

A longtime resident and educator, Mrs. Montgomery was named the Woman of the Year for Monrovia at a special awards ceremony on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

Every year, Assemblymember Hernandez recognizes the work, service and commitment of exceptional women within the communities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, Monrovia, West Covina and the San Gabriel Valley unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County, including Bassett, Charter Oak, Citrus, East Arcadia, Ramona, Royal Oaks and Valinda.

Mrs. Montgomery was chosen as one of this year's honorees because of her ongoing service, leadership, advocacy, and commitment to the city in which she lives.

"Each individual's actions are invaluable to our community and will remain an essential component in ensuring brighter paths for future generations," Hernandez wrote in a letter announcing Montgomery's selection.

Mrs. Montgomery's involvement in the community spans several decades. For 32 years, she served the Monrovia Unified School District as an elementary school teacher, working specifically with the district's gifted and talented education program. She was also a master teacher for several universities and served on numerous school committees. Her many honors include a Teacher of the Year award.

In 1998, Mrs. Montgomery was appointed to the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy. She was later elected to the board in 1999, 2003, 2007, and 2011.

“Trustee Montgomery epitomizes all that this award represents,” said Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri. “Her long-standing commitment to student success has contributed greatly to Citrus College’s reputation as a national leader in higher education and her leadership has been instrumental to Citrus College’s legacy of academic excellence.”

“On behalf of the entire Citrus College community, I congratulate Trustee Montgomery on receiving this very special honor,” Dr. Perri added.

Mrs. Montgomery’s service to the community extends far beyond the field of education. She is a member of the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce Business Education and Community Outreach Network (BEACON), the Duarte Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, and represents the Board of Trustees on the Citrus College Foundation Board.

“It is an honor to be recognized by Assembly Member Hernandez,” Mrs. Montgomery said. “I have always been passionate about empowering others and making a difference in my community. Receiving this honor for doing something that means so much to me is especially gratifying.”

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