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Citrus College Facilities Director Earns Prestigious Sustainability Award

Fred Diamond, director of facilities and construction at Citrus College, was recently presented with the California Community Colleges Board of Governors' 2015 Sustainability Champion award.

Every year, the Board of Governors honors community colleges throughout the state that promote energy efficiency and sustainability on their campuses. At the same time, they recognize one individual who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in these important areas.

Diamond was named the 2015 Sustainability Champion because he has led Citrus College's sustainability efforts, and has also served as an advisor and mentor to other districts throughout the community college system.

"I have always enjoyed my chosen field, and I dearly love being able to contribute in a positive manner in order to make things better for the people we serve," he said.

According to the Board of Governors, Diamond has been an integral member of the California Community College/Investor Owned Utilities energy efficiency partnership program. As such, he has assisted community college districts throughout the state in implementing projects funded by Proposition 39, the California Clean Energy Jobs Act. He has also been actively involved in implementing campus education reforms and participating in district outreach throughout the California Community College System.

Closer to home, Diamond has helped Citrus College receive \$298,228 in energy efficiency incentives and has assisted with the reduction of utility bills by \$131,424.

"Fred has been instrumental in establishing Citrus College as a forward-thinking, environmentally responsible institution. However, his commitment to sustainability expands far beyond our district's boundaries," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "California, as a whole, has benefitted from Fred's expertise and passion. His efforts to preserve natural resources and serve community college students are inspirational."

Another reason the Board of Governors selected Diamond for this honor is because of the role he played in creating a statewide sustainability template. In 2012, Diamond led Citrus College in developing the template, which is now available throughout the California Community College System. It creates a roadmap toward sustainability, while addressing California Global Warming Solutions Act mandates.

“Citrus College played a major leadership role in helping guide the state’s community colleges toward a greener future, and Fred Diamond was vital to these efforts,” said Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. “On behalf of the entire college community, I would like to thank Fred for his continued leadership and congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award. It is the hard work of employees like him that has made Citrus College the outstanding institution it is today.”



Fred Diamond, director of facilities and construction, Citrus College.