

February 15, 2011

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Valencia Community College

FROM: SANFORD C. SHUGART
President

RE: 2010 VALENCIA EMERITI

The following individuals have been nominated and approved by the President to be named Valencia Emeriti. Recommendations are based on their outstanding performance and meritorious service as Valencia employees.

- **Kathy Adams** (*posthumous*)

- Kathy Adams served Valencia for 26 years, until she passed away in November 2010. At the time of her passing, she was an Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Chief Learning Officer. While at Valencia, she held several support positions, first in the Open Campus and later in the Division of Academic Affairs, including positions reporting directly to two Vice Presidents. Kathy is held in high regard by her colleagues college-wide for her spirit of service and her giving heart. She was always there to lend a hand in any project, and she provided instrumental support in advancing many of the initiatives for which Valencia is so highly respected nationally.

- **Mary Allen**

- Mary Allen began at Valencia as a student, and went on to an 18-year career at the college after raising her family and enjoying a successful career in food service. She was a tenured faculty member in Speech, and she remains a very active member of the Alumni Association. Mary was one of the first faculty to participate in the Learning in Community (LinC) courses, and she served as Director of Student Success. In retirement, she continues to volunteer for the Bridges program, which she also supported during her time of employment. Many have observed the collaboration and partnership that were hallmarks of Mary's work at Valencia.

- **Kusum (Rosy) Aneja**

- Rosy Aneja served the college as Cataloging Librarian for over 23 years, during which time she and her team catalogued over 195,000 items. Her expertise ensured meticulous attention to every item added to or deleted from the college library catalog. Her knowledge of the field made her a state and national resource. Always an innovator, she introduced the concept of the "P-card" to Valencia as a means of handling electronic invoicing of the nearly \$300,000 annual materials budget for the college libraries. Rosy

served on numerous college committees, and her joyful sense of humor made it a pleasure for all to work with her.

- **Philip Bishop** (*posthumous*)

- Dr. Philip Bishop was a Professor of Humanities on the East Campus for 21 years. Although he lost his battle with cancer in April 2010, he leaves a tremendous legacy in the community and at the college. He was Coordinator of the East Campus Humanities Department for ten years, and his textbook, *Adventures in the Human Spirit*, in its 5th edition, is used throughout the country as a core text in the humanities. His appreciation for the arts came alive in his courses and made the material accessible for students. In addition to teaching at Valencia as well as part-time at the University of Central Florida, Philip served as art critic for *The Orlando Sentinel*. Remarkably, he was on the campus until one week before his death, doing what he loved most -- teaching.

- **Joan Burry** (*posthumous*)

- Joan Burry came to Valencia's West Campus bookstore in 1991, after dedicating her life to the raising of her four children. Joan quickly advanced to become a bookstore supervisor when an opening occurred on East Campus. As a supervisor, she used her nurturing ways to support both students and employees. Joan made everyone feel welcome in her "home," the East Campus bookstore. Joan was also the care-giver to her aging parents who outlived her. She didn't quite make it to achieve a full 20 years of service at Valencia, because in the fall of 2009, she was stricken with cancer. In four months, she was gone, leaving a very distinct hole in the "heart" of the East Campus bookstore.

- **George Coyne**

- Dr. George Coyne served as a member of the East Campus faculty for 32 years as a Professor of Physics. George was known for his continuous involvement in curriculum and governance. A role model for all faculty, he served on Faculty Senate, and actively mentored many other faculty. In recognition of his efforts in the classroom, he was selected to receive the Valencia Outstanding Instructor Award. Notably, he was a leader in the use of technology in the learning environment, producing the first on-line class at Valencia.

- **Chuck Dome**

- Dr. Chuck Dome served as a faculty member on the East Campus for 32 years. He was very involved with the Social Science Department as the Campus grew from two buildings to eight. He served on Faculty Senate, and he was involved in many co-curricular and leadership activities. As the only full-time Sociology Professor on the East Campus, Chuck served as program chair and mentored many adjunct faculty as the program and the student enrollment grew.

- **Gayle Moody**

- Gayle Moody began her career at Valencia in 1992 as a part-time instructor, and became a tenure-track professor of Computer Programming and Analysis on East Campus in 2000. Gayle's dedication to program upgrades and student success were crucial to several college initiatives including the e-Business "New Horizons" grant, and the "IT Initiative." Serving as Program Chair for several years, she provided college-wide leadership. To remain up to date in a rapidly changing field, she pursued significant professional development opportunities, achieving Oracle certification at a time when it was much needed by the Department. She also led the way in promoting curriculum updates to remain in line with industry needs.

- **Barbara Peterson**

- Barbara Peterson was the founding leader of Valencia's Graphics Technology Program. As Program Chair and Professor, she single-handedly developed the curriculum, course content, and faculty, creating a program that caught the attention of local hiring professionals as well as other colleges across the nation, which modeled their programs on Valencia's. She actively pursued establishing campus student organizations and industry-focused extracurricular learning activities to provide additional opportunities to students. She also served as Education Program Chair for the Orlando Chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Artists. As a result of her efforts to provide quality learning opportunities, her students won many awards in local, regional and national graphic design competitions.

- **Carolyn Strandquest** (*posthumous*)

- Carolyn Strandquest passed away while serving as Director of Operations for Valencia Enterprises. Since joining the staff in 1996, she held several positions, including program manager for Information Technology and administrator of the Learning Management Center, now known as the Customer Service Center. She set high standards for her staff in being able to answer all questions posed by clients and providing personal service. As a leader, she was known for being available to anyone who needed her assistance, and her door was always open.

- **Silvia Zapico**

- Dr. Silvia Zapico served 25 years at Valencia, first as a tenured faculty member, then as a Dean, and ultimately as Provost of the Osceola Campus for 14 years. She served on numerous community boards, as well in the position of national chair of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). Through her leadership, the Osceola Campus received the Outstanding HACU Member Institution Award in 2009. Dr. Zapico is held in high regard by students, faculty and colleagues, not only at Valencia, but throughout the nation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The President recommends the Board of Trustees approve the individuals nominated to be Valencia Emeriti.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sanford C. Shugart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a long horizontal stroke at the end. It is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Sanford C. Shugart
President