

Stars of Excellence

(County of Sacramento Employee Recognition Program)

Awarded to Voter Registration and Elections

This recognition program was instituted by the County Executive's office as a way to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of county employees. Awards are given to employees who go above and beyond their required job duties to ensure county residents receive the highest level of service possible.

The Stars of Excellence was awarded to Voter Registration and Elections on May 26, 2005 for outstanding employee contributions to the County of Sacramento.

The Voting System Team collaborated to replace the County's 30 year-old voting system with the new optical scan method which meets new State and Federal requirements for accessibility and second change voting. This team also implemented a new ballot format for Sacramento County, placing all the candidates and questions directly on the ballot in both English and Spanish. In only four months, this hard-working team researched, selected and implemented the new system as well as trained poll staff and the public on its use. So successful was this conversion that a 50% increase in voter turnout over the past election was handled efficiently and accurately. Over 80% of 11,000 voters surveyed found the ballot and process easy to understand, a testament to the accomplishments of this team.

“Today, television is emphasizing reality shows such as American Idol, Dancing with Stars and Skating with the stars. The people that we are honoring are the Stars of Excellence for the County Sacramento. They have excelled and gone beyond the norm to provide superior services to our citizens. Thanks to those involved in creating this wonderful event.” - Terry Schutten