



## News Release

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# Cuesta College Seeking Nominations for Women of Distinction Awards

Cuesta College is now seeking nominations for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of Distinction Awards, honoring women from San Luis Obispo County for their outstanding achievement and contributions.

The deadline for applications is March 7 and applications are available at [www.communityprograms.net](http://www.communityprograms.net), county Chamber of Commerce offices and the Cuesta College Community Programs office. Women who live or work in San Luis Obispo County are eligible for Women of Distinction Awards and can be nominated in a single category. Awards will be given at an afternoon celebration on Thursday, April 24.

San Luis Obispo County Women of Distinction Awards are given in the following nine categories:

**PROGRESS FOR WOMEN AWARD:** Awarded to a woman whose commitment to a particular program or issue of special relevance to women has helped to improve the quality of life for women.

**COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD, PROFESSIONAL:** Awarded to a woman who has, by virtues of her profession, distinguished herself by outstanding professional service to the community.

**COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD, YOUNG PROFESSIONAL:** Awarded to a young woman, under the age of 35, who has, by virtue of her profession, distinguished herself by outstanding professional service to the community.

**COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD, VOLUNTEER:** Awarded to a woman who has distinguished herself as a volunteer by providing outstanding service to the community.

**COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD, YOUNG VOLUNTEER:** Awarded to a young woman, under the age of 35, who has distinguished herself as a volunteer by providing outstanding service to the community.

**WOMEN IN EDUCATION:** Awarded to a woman with distinctive achievement in education, training and development, continuing education or alternative learning programs and improvement to the quality of education.

**BARBARA GEORGE WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD:** Awarded to a woman who is a professional in philanthropy leadership and has provided outstanding and sustained work for nonprofit 501c3 organizations by leading, modeling and promoting charitable giving with one or more organizations. Not intended for recognition of a philanthropic gift but instead the leadership of and service to philanthropic causes that has made a substantive and positive difference.

**SUSAN DRESSLER WOMEN IN ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD:** Awarded to a woman who has distinguished herself as an administrative, managerial, executive leader for a sustained period of time. Intended for a woman who has made substantive improvements in an organization, demonstrated effective leadership and management, improved the quality of an organization, and helped both men and women develop their leadership skills.

**GRACE N. MITCHELL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** Awarded to a woman with distinguished service and dedication to women in more than one of the four categories, and over an extended length of time throughout her professional or voluntary career.

For more information, please contact the Cuesta College Community Programs Office at 546-3132.

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