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Cuesta College Alum Earns CA Distinguished Alumni Award



Cuesta College alum and Fourth District Supervisor, Khatchik H. "Katcho" Achadjian, has earned the prestigious California Community College Distinguished Alumni Award presented by the Community College League of California.

"Katcho has done so much for Cuesta College and we are thrilled that his accomplishments have achieved state-wide recognition through this prestigious award," said June Stephens, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and the Cuesta College Foundation.

Recipients are nominated by community college representatives throughout California and selected based on criteria that evaluate career achievements, professional standing and contributions to the local community. Nominees must also have earned at least 24 units at a community college. This year, Achadjian was one of five recipients honored with a 2008 California Community College Distinguished Alumni Award.

"I am very honored to receive this award, and as always I credit Cuesta College for helping me achieve my goals," Achadjian said.

Achadjian graduated from Cuesta College in 1973 before earning a degree in business administration from Cal Poly. He has been a local business owner since 1978 and has served as the Fourth District Supervisor since 1999. In 2006, he was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to serve as a Commissioner for the California Coastal Commission. In addition to these commitments, he also serves as a board member for several civic organizations, including the San Luis Obispo Literacy Council, Partnership for the Children of San Luis Obispo, Latino Outreach Council and the Special Olympics of San Luis Obispo County.

Achadjian will formally receive the award in late November at the Community College League of California's annual convention.

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