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### **College Trustee Dr. Bonnie Stefan Awarded Fulfilling the Trust Award**

The Community College League of California recently recognized College of the Desert Trustee Dr. Bonnie Stefan for her service to the state's community college system.

Every year, the League recognizes the enduring dedication and service of California's community college trustees with the Fulfilling the Trust Award. The award honors trustees who have served twenty years on a community college district board and acknowledges their service again every ten years, thereafter. This year, the League honored eleven trustees who have achieved two or more decades of service.

Among the honorees was Desert Community College District Trustee, Dr. Bonnie Stefan, who has served as a trustee since 1999. A strong advocate for accessibility and transparency in education, she has been instrumental in the College's adoption of programs and initiatives that address some of the biggest issues facing community colleges today.

"Throughout her tenure at College of the Desert, Dr. Stefan has been an ardent supporter of our students and their success. She helped launch our nationally recognized EDGE/pLEDGE program, which has broken down barriers and increased degree/completion rates by more than 70 percent," said Superintendent/President Joel L. Kinnamon, Ed.D.

"With numerous charitable, community and social affiliations, her impact goes well beyond local levels. This past November, she was nominated by her peers to serve on the Member Communications and Education Committee for the Association of Community College Trustees, her work with this organization is helping to strengthen community colleges across the U.S."

To watch a special video commemorating this year's Fulfilling the Trust Awards, [click here.](#)

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