

L.A. County Deputy Probation Officers,
AFSCME Local 685

14TH Annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet



We Believe in Probation Heroes!

Thank you to those of you who joined us for the 14th Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet. This year, we boldly declared that, as a community, we believe in Probation heroes. Together, we honored the values and qualities of success in our profession. We are also proud to have honored educators, health care workers, fire fighters, law enforcement officers, and all those who keep our community safe.



AFSCME Local 685 was founded in 1945 by a group of World War II veterans who sought to create an outstanding Probation Department for the County of Los Angeles. Our new Union was granted a charter by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) that year, and in 1969 - under the strong leadership of John Seferian and Henry Fiering - our Union won an election that made Local 685 the recognized certified majority representative of all employees in the County Probation Series and, later on, in the Detention Series as well as selected employee in the County's Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

Local 685 has been charged with, and has always maintained, the responsibility of protecting the rights of our members. The Local 685 Executive Board, together with our rank and file bargaining committee, negotiates all matters concerning wages, hours, and working conditions, and we negotiate our fringe benefits in collaboration with our sister unions in the Coalition of County Unions. Since 1969, Local 685 has successfully negotiated every new contract with the County of Los Angeles, and our Union has provided effective day-to-day representation of members.

As Local 685's president, I am grateful for all of the support over the years and was again honored to celebrate with all participants at our 14th Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet.

In solidarity,

Ralph Miller

President, AFSCME Local 685

2017 AFSCME Local 685 Banquet Award Winners

- **Ray Marin Activist Award:** Deputy Probation Officer Melissa Carr
- **Clyde Longmire Award:** Judge Denise McLaughlin Bennett
- **William Sias Award:** Deputy Probation Officer Tara Fuller

- **Arnold Garcia Award:** Deputy Probation Officer Joe Esqueda
- **Miguel Contreras Award:** Velma Butler, President AFT College Staff Guild 1521a
- **James Lewis Medal Of Valor:** Deputy Probation Officer Alfred Burruel
- **Humanitarian Award:** Deputy Probation Officer Teresa Miller
- **Educator Of The Year:** Head Coach Azusa Pacifica Victor Santa Cruz
- **Rookie Of The Year:** Deputy Probation Officer Taylor Coleman
- **Leadership Award:** Judge Donna Groman
- **Legislative Leadership Award:** Assemblymember Ian Calderon
- **Business Foundation Award:** WBAT Insurance Company Rhonda Mumphrey, Karen Green And, Washington National Insurance Company, Todd Louer
- **Retiree Award:** Deputy Probation Officer Jimall Thrower

Special Recognition

- Kimberly Guillement, City of Los Angeles, Manager of the Office of Reentry
- Oscar Okeke, DPSS, Deputy District Director

Scholarship Winners 2017

The Henry Fiering Scholarship

- Jordan Burnett
- Kylan Biglow
- Jalen Harris
- Anali Cabrera

The Paul Higa Scholarship

- Nicholas Oliveras
- Nigal Keyes
- Daniel Fierro
- Jessandre Byrd

The Mary Ridgway Scholarship

- Taylor Askew
- Ashley Torres

The Sue Cline Heart of a Lioness Scholarship

- Carmen Noyola

Thank You AFSCME Local 685 Banquet Committee!

Chair: Cookie Lommel

Co-Chairs: Michael Davis Angela Noboa Thompson

Committee Members:

- Perry Berkowitz
- Alan Brown
- Jonathan Byrd
- Theodore Cha
- Eddie Chism
- Valerie Coleman
- Anthony Davis
- Stacy Ford

- Irene Gonzalez
- Carlos Leon
- Hans Liang
- Barbara Maynard
- Ralph Miller
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