



The sculptured triangles near the Conley Art Building was the setting of a "photo shoot" that included Staff Assembly Executive Committee members: (front, from left) Donald Miyasaki, Becky Youngs, Sally Cardell, (second row, from left) Wanda Patton, Vicki Veen, (third row, from left) Carolyn Odums and Doris Payne, (last row) Michael Feist.

... Reaching out to EACH OTHER



When I received the Outstanding Female Employee of the Year Award, I was totally shocked. Every public employee makes a commitment to put part of themselves into their job. When people realize what you have done to receive such an award, that makes it very special. I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges and the excitement of working in the Division of Graduate Studies and Research. As I have grown, so have the Division, the students and the faculty it serves. While this is reward enough for my accomplishments, this award brings special meaning to me in that it represents the collective efforts of an outstanding institution and its dedicated employees.

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Who better reaches out to the university community than the ever-dependable men and women who comprise the CSUF Staff Assembly? Yes, they are part of this community — a large and important group of staff members whose efforts reflect more than just service and support. It's service and support with dedication and a commitment to making this university function as a cohesive entity.

"We are here to serve as a linkage among university staff members and to enhance relationships with students and faculty," says Becky Youngs, chair of the Assembly. "That's what we're all about. The Staff Assembly enables us to have a better relationship with the members of this community."

Contributing their share toward this end are the Assembly's members — more than a thousand full- and part-time employees — guided and prompted into action by an eight-member executive committee. In all of their activities, students and faculty alike are welcomed to participate, making the Staff Assembly an organization that exists not in isolation from but in partnership with the rest of the university community it belongs to.

Its establishment in 1983 paved the way for staff employees to participate more actively in university-related activities. Youngs says that belonging to this organization has made staff members more aware of the community they serve and support, resulting in better relationships with faculty members and the student body.

"Our varied activities have boosted morale among members because the Assembly enables us to feel that we are an important part of the community," she adds. Such activities include participating in university committee assignments, acquainting new staff members with the campus, and organizing social and fund-raising activities.

Reaching out to others has become a key element in the Staff Assembly's activities. Beneficiaries of its blood drives, for example, include not only the University Health Services but the Fresno Blood Bank as well. Moreover, the Assembly has addressed the interests of the staff in personal and professional affairs by encouraging camaraderie and providing peer support services. One of their annual activities that has attracted much attention is the search for two outstanding employees. Last year's honorees were Shirlee Fulton of the Division of Graduate Studies and Research and Neil L. Kuykendall of the Biology Department.