

2015 H. Sanford Gum Service Award

Beverly Henningsen – Santa Rosa Junior College

The H. Sanford Gum Service Award recognizes outstanding professionals who have been in the internship and work experience field for 20 years or more, who are active members of CIWEA, and who are recognized mentors and contributors in our field.

The award was created in honor of Dr. H. Sanford Gum, or “Sandy,” who was one of the founders of CIWEA. During his 36-year teaching career at the College of San Mateo and Foothill College, Sandy was actively involved in many organizations related to work experience as well as in community service organizations. He firmly believed in service to his community and profession, and maintained his active membership in CIWEA continuously until retiring in 2009.

This year’s recipient of the Gum award, Bev Henningsen, has been a fulltime member of the work experience faculty at Santa Rosa Junior College since 1986. She has been an active member of CIWEA since 1985 and served on the Board of Directors as Treasurer for 2 years. She has a long list of accomplishments and honors including:

- Serving as coordinator of the SRJC internship program.
- Serving as Coordinator of the Cooperative Work Experience Statewide Advisory Committee sponsored by the Chancellor’s office for four years.
- Serving on the CIWEA conference committee when SRJC hosted the conference in 2011.

Additionally, Bev was recognized by the Santa Rosa Police Department for community service for development of their intern program, by the SRJC Academic Senate as Unsung Heroine in 2014, and recently received the SRJC Elizabeth Carlson Award for her dedication to college and community leadership; for serving as a role model to women students, faculty and staff; and for her overall positive energy.

In addition to Bev’s personal accomplishments and recognition, the SRJC work experience program was recognized by CIWEA as the outstanding two-year college program in 1987, 1994, and 2013.