

## **H. Sanford Gum Service Award**

This award, commonly called simply “the Gum 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 this organization. This year’s recipient of the Gum award is Daniel Jenkins, Professor and Director of Cooperative Work Experience Education at Mendocino College.

Dan is a tenured professor at Mendocino College, in his 21st year as an instructor, he has been the Cooperative Work Experience Education director since 2005 and is also the coordinator of the college's Human Services programs.

Dan began his career in 1982 as a nurse and then a behavioral health counselor for Mendocino County's Public Health Department (Alcohol and Other Drug Programs). As a supervising therapist, he developed and oversaw an internship program for student interns from 1992-1999, and since 1996 he has been the field placement seminar and practicum (internship) instructor for both the Human Services and AOD Studies programs at Mendocino College.

Dan organized the first northern California CWEE coordinators meetings beginning in 2005, which provided an opportunity for the often-isolated practitioners and administrators to share best practices and receive updates from the California Community College Chancellor’s Office. He served on the Chancellor’s Statewide Advisory Committee for Work-Based Learning and Employment Services from 2006 to 2012, when the advisory committees were disbanded. During his tenure on the Advisory Committee he was actively and directly involved in revising Title 5 regulations, particularly the sections on College Credit and Repetition and exceptions to in-person site visits.

In 2014 Dan served on a State Academic Senate task force to address the repeatability of CWEE courses, addressing this issue with the Statewide Advisory Committee on Curriculum. As a result of the task force and committee’s actions, Title 5 language was revised to ensure CWEE course repeatability.

Dan served in several positions on this organization’s board, including president in 2008-2009 and past president in 2010-2011. He has been a presenter at many CIWEA professional development conferences, primarily providing Chancellor’s Office updates, and updates on legislation, regulations, and best practices.