

Of the Year Nomination!

Please select the category of the nomination (click on the box and type an X). Please submit a separate form for each nomination.



Name of Nominee: Meridyth McLaren

Nominee Department/Area: Child Development

Please provide ALL of the following information about the person being nominated.

1. Outstanding service and contributions to the college community.

Meridyth serves as Department Chair, Secretary of Academic Senate, and SBCCDTA President.

In all these roles, she has shown—not just capable leadership—but an enthusiastic, heartfelt commitment to the betterment of all faculty. She is a consistent and positive voice for faculty. Her humor and tenacity are an inspiration to those who work closely with her.

In her role as SBCCDTA President, her abilities to reason and seek compromise among a variety of constituents have helped enable historical progress in negotiations and improved the sometimes-contentious relationships within our district. Her clear

vision for our local union has helped produce a highly active and empowered Executive Board and General Membership.

In a particularly trying and exhausting year, Meridyth has worked to bolster and uplift all those with whom she interacts. Her positivity helps keep us going through all the ups and the crazy downs, turns, and loops of 2019/2020.

2. Outstanding support of student success.

Meridyth's work in her varied roles allows faculty the freedom to focus on their students, as they can be confident that they always have someone advocating for them. As faculty, we know that without strong leadership in the campus community, it is all too easy to become stretched too thin and lose focus on our students. Meridyth's dedication to successful leadership allows faculty to worry less and teach more.

In addition to this, anyone who has discussed Child Development with Meridyth knows that she has a lifelong dedication to her subject. This is clear in her interaction with her students and her work with the Child Development Center.

3. Any additional criteria deemed significant

Above and beyond all these roles, Meridyth volunteers in the community leading workshops on child development and positive parenting skills for local families.

Date: 4/2/2020

Name of nominating faculty members: Brandi Bailes, Gwen Diponio, and

Cheryl DiBartolo

Submit completed form to Meridyth McLaren, mmclaren@craftonhills.edu by 5:00 pm, Friday, April 10, 2020.