

## **2023 Western Region Continuums of Service Awards**

The following Awards were presented at the 2023 Western Region Continuums of Service Conference! Congratulations to these outstanding awardees!

### **Engaged Scholar Award**

**David M. Donahue, Professor of Education, University of San Francisco**

David Donahue is a passionate advocate and practitioner of community engaged teaching and research. Currently, he is Professor of Education and from 2015 to 2020 served as Director of the McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good at the University of San Francisco. Before coming to USF in 2015, he was the Interim Provost and Associate Provost at Mills College in Oakland, California, and worked there for more than twenty years as a professor of education where he taught and advised doctoral students, teacher credential candidates, and undergraduates. He is the author of numerous articles, chapters, and presentations on service learning and community engagement as well as two books. Most recently, he is co-author of *The Student Companion to Community-Engaged Learning* (2018) with Star Plaxton-Moore and *Democratic Dilemmas of Teaching Service Learning: Curricular Strategies for Success* (2011) with Christine Cress.



### **Community Engaged Professional Award**

**Ellen Shortt Sanchez, Director of the Center for Community Based Learning and Action, The Evergreen State College**

Ellen Shortt Sanchez has served as the director of the Center for Community Based Learning and Action (CCBLA) at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington since 2006. CCBLA is a Public Service Center and home to Gateways for Incarcerated Youth. Ellen develops and oversees Community-Based projects for the college, cultivates campus/community partnerships, and supports faculty to design curriculum and participatory research projects. Ellen lives in rural Mason County, Washington and has a background in popular education, literacy work with immigrant learners and with incarcerated adults. Prior to her work at Evergreen, she worked with a school district family literacy program supporting low-income and immigrant families. She has served as the Volunteer Coordinator for a local literacy program, and as an ESL Instructor at community colleges. She received her BA and MPA degrees from The Evergreen State College.



**2023 Western Region Continuums of Service Advancing the Field – Distinguished Leader Award  
Jennifer Hine, Executive Director of Washington Campus Coalition for the Public Good**

Jennifer Hine has been the executive director for Washington Campus Coalition for the Public Good at Western Washington University since 1995. She believes that by engaging students in communities and building campus/community partnerships, we can improve the social, environmental and economic challenges we face now and into the future. She holds a BA and MA in Psychology and an MBA. When not working, you can find Jennifer swinging a tennis racquet, pickleball paddle, or skiing during the winter months. She just recently became an empty nester. After raising three daughters, she is looking forward to new adventures.



### **Student Civic Leader Award**

**Sherimae Murro, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

Aloha mai kākou! My name is Sherimae Murro, the proud daughter of Imelda and Asher Murro. I am a current student of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, studying Public Health and working as a Program Coordinator for the YMCA of Honolulu, Atherton Branch. I also served as the Atherton Student Board President and led our branch in creating programs focused on professional development and volunteer opportunities for college-aged adults. This past summer, I coordinated a week-long college access experience for high school students from underserved communities across Oahu. It has been a privilege to support my students in pursuing higher education and provide them with the necessary tools and resources to make going to college a reality! Mahalo nui loa for recognizing my work in the community and selecting me to be a recipient of this prestigious award. Unfortunately I have to miss the conference due to being on a Service Trip in the Philippines! Mahalo!



### **Engaged Presidential Leadership Award**

**James T. Harris, III, President, University of San Diego**

Dr. James Harris' leadership in the field of community and civic engagement has been evident throughout his career. He has served as board chair of Pennsylvania Campus Compact, on the boards of Campus Compact and CUMU, and currently serves as the board chair of LEAD California. President Harris began his tenure at University of San Diego (USD) by centering community engagement as core to the university's mission. In his inaugural address he said – "To be a great global university, you have to be a great local university." In 2016, he included the goal of becoming a leading anchor and community engaged institution into USD's strategic plan. "USD is in a strong position to address significant societal issues, and the centers on campus such as the Mulvaney Center for Community, Awareness and Social Action and our designation as an Ashoka U Changemaker Campus provides us with a great framework for moving forward." President Harris and his wife, Mary, have been married for over 30 years and have two sons, Zachary and Braden.



**Community-Campus Partnership Award**

**Every Neighborhood Partnership**

**Andrew Feil, Executive Director, Every Neighborhood Partnership**

Every Neighborhood Partnership, a non-profit in Fresno, CA, has been developing volunteer team partnerships from local churches, businesses, universities and residents for the last 14 years. ENP's work falls in two primary buckets - Neighborhood Development and School Support. Our Neighborhood Development team seeks to build the capacity and leadership of local community members and groups so they can advocate for the change they want to see in their neighborhoods. Our School Support team trains and equips volunteers to support children's literacy, recreation, and well-being through on-campus tutoring, mentoring, after school reading intervention, and Saturday recreational programs. Campus Partner: California State University, Fresno.



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**Engaged Campus Award**  
**University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) is the largest of the ten-campus UH system, inextricably linked with surrounding communities, from those in nearby *ahupua'a* (traditional land divisions) to those spanning Oceania. As a Carnegie R1 (RU/VH) land-, sea-, space-, and sun-grant university, UHM works to improve the lives of the peoples, businesses, non-profit organizations, and *'āina* (land). Recognizing its colonial history, UHM aims to become a Hawaiian Place of Learning by working towards redressing underrepresentation of Native Hawaiian students and faculty, and foregrounding Hawaiian values of *kuleana* (place-based responsibility and privilege), *mālama* and *ho'omalu* (taking care, across generations).

