



There is something very special in each and every one of us. We have the ability to make a difference . . . We must find our starfish and throw our stars wisely and well. – Author unknown

STARFISH NOMINATION

The Staff Development Committee is seeking nominations for the Ventura College Starfish Award. The award is given monthly to a classified staff member, faculty, academic manager, or classified manager or supervisor who has made a positive difference on the college campus by exceeding the requirements of his or her duties, and by example promotes and reflects the College's core values of integrity, collaboration and collegiality. The recipient is acknowledged by a congratulatory message on the college marquee, a gold-plated starfish pin, and a certificate that bears the following story:

An old man sees a younger man throwing beached starfish into the ocean. The man asks why he is doing this. The younger man replies, "If the starfish are left on the beach, they will die." The older man says, "But there are thousands of miles of beach, and millions of starfish. What you are doing couldn't make much difference." As he throws another starfish into the ocean, the younger man replies softly, "But I made a difference for that one."

Please consider nominating a Ventura College employee you feel is making a difference. You may do so by E-mail to amarquez@vcccd.net, or you can print this document and return it to the Staff Development mailbox located in the Administration Building. Whichever method you choose, please be sure to provide all the information requested below.

To: Staff Development Committee

Date:

From:

Nominee Information

Name:

Employee Group: Classified Faculty Academic Manager Classified Supervisor/Manager

Department/Division:

Describe campus activities in which the nominee is involved or has been involved that are above and beyond his or her prescribed duties. Indicate how he or she performs in a manner that reflects the College's core values of integrity, collaboration and collegiality. Give specific examples of the reasons for your nomination.