



Classified Senate Board Meeting Report April 2026

Good evening, President Chabaan, Board of Trustees, Dr. Garcia, and college community. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Classified Senate. And how exciting it is to be at Roseland Campus!

I'd like to start with congratulations to Nikki Soto on Employee of the Month award for April. It's easy to see why student support is at the core of everything she does. She has become an essential part of the Fire Technology Program, from streamlining operations, supporting reaccreditation, to going above and beyond for the students she (and her family!) serves every day. Congratulations Nikki, well deserved!

We had a very successful Recognition Awards Dinner and Silent Auction last Friday, with approximately 150 guests in attendance celebrating our community. I believe this is the largest turnout our annual dinner has seen. The auction is always a favorite, and the evening was full of fun, including corn hole and karaoke, both welcome additions to the event. It was wonderful to see our guests enjoying themselves throughout the evening.

I'd like to take this time to announce our winners here, as the evening goes by so quickly and they deserve full recognition

Our "Unsung Hero"

Georgia Pedgrift, Administrative Assistant III, Public Safety

For the Caring Campus Initiative

Carri Katonah, Social Worker Basic Needs Liaison, Student Services

Outstanding Supervisor of Classified Staff

Beatriz Camargo, Director, Student Outreach, Onboarding & ISP, Student Outreach

Outstanding Faculty Member

Tony Carrancho, Law Enforcement Training Unit, Public Safety

The new Sankofa Leadership Award

D'yonna Johnson, Administrative Assistant I, Intercultural Center

Outstanding Classified Staff Member by the Academic Senate

Milena Kalagorgevich, Science Labs Coordinator, Chemistry
& Lisa Stagnoli, Science Lab Instructional Assistant, Chemistry

Above and Beyond Award by The Management Team

Regina Mahiri, Coordinator, Black/African American Student Support Center

Unfortunately, we do not yet have our Pat Tognozzi Student Scholarship award winners to announce. Unfortunately, due to the Banner transfer, the selection process was postponed. We hope to release those names soon.

Our theme of ROOTED IN SERVICE, STRONGER TOGETHER was evident throughout the evening. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. A huge shout out goes to my Events Pillar Lead, Jenne Arden, for her coordination of the evening, Shone Farm, our custodial crew, and Media Services for all their support in bringing the night together. Thanks to all our guests who came out in the rain to celebrate and support our Classified Colleagues. And thanks to Trustees Battenfeld, Fishmann and Bailey for attending. Your support every year means so much.

This week is also Classified Professionals Appreciation Week! We celebrate the dedication, hard work, and commitment our colleagues show every day. Several treats are planned throughout the week to show our appreciation of our Classified colleagues. We want to encourage everyone to take a moment to let the classified staff you work with know how much they are valued.

We have a new challenge for our community; the Happy Paws Challenge runs from April 13th through May 4th. We are encouraging everyone to get out and walk as much as they can! It's not a competition with each other, but it is simply a way for us to challenge ourselves to increase our weekly steps.

And its a great excuse to get outside and appreciate the beautiful work our Grounds department has done across our campuses. We hope to see you out walking!

As always, thank you for your time and support. Have a good evening.