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## **ALICEN VERA NAMED 2021 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR BY CA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**VALLEY GLEN, CA** – Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) employee Alicen Vera is named by the 2021 Classified Employee of the Year by the [California Community College's Board of Governors](#). She is one of 5 recipients in the state.

“Congratulations to Alicen on being recognized for her tireless commitment to fostering student success at Los Angeles Valley College,” said Dr. Barry Gribbons, LAVC President. “From organizing activities to help those in most need to inspiring her colleagues to achieve their goals, she always put others first.”

As a CalWORKs SFP Technician/Coordinator at LAVC, she helps students achieve their academic, personal and career goals, earn degrees, and transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Vera also teamed up with EOPS, CARE, TRIO, DRC, and Umoja programs to develop best practices to help students receive services and the latest resources.

She has been instrumental in establishing the Helping Hands Project with the college’s foundation to supports LAVC students with food insecurities or are homeless, including organize fundraisers, wrote grants, and collected food and donations.

Beyond assisting students, Vera has mentored and encouraged CalWORKs staff to continue their educational and career paths. “Alicen's positive outlook and life mission continuously influence everyone around her to reach their highest potential, increase their motivation and inspire them to always take steps toward reaching their ultimate goals,” said Ellie Rabani, LAVC CalWORKs Program Director.

Vera began her community college career as a CalWORKs student worker before earning her degrees and has over 20 years career as a classified staff member. She is also a mother of four children.

“It really is an honor, but I really have to share this achievement with my colleagues at LAVC because we came together to assist students in need!” notes Vera. “So proud of our campus and what we do for students!!”

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**About Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC)**

LAVC is a public two-year college located in the heart of the San Fernando Valley. Established in 1949, it offers opportunities for students to complete certificates, degrees, and transfer requirements, continuing education, and personal development. The college has approximately 200 full-time faculty and more than 400 part-time instructors serving approximately 20,000 students. For more information, visit the [LAVC Website](#).