

Rachel Lee awarded Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award

Description

Please join me in congratulating Rachel Lee, Acquisitions Assistant in the Acquisitions Unit in the Bancroft Technical Services division for being awarded the UC Berkeley Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award (COSA).

The Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Awards are coordinated by the Chancellor's Staff Advisory Committee. COSA awards are presented to individuals and teams from our staff community who, in addition to performing their normal job duties with excellence, demonstrate exceptional initiative in contributing to the Berkeley campus community. These awards are among the highest honors bestowed upon staff by the Chancellor.

The [announcement of the award on the COSA site](#) reads as follows:

Rachel Lee, Acquisitions Assistant, Bancroft Library / Library

Rachel works in the Bancroft Library's Acquisitions Unit, one of five units that comprise the Bancroft Technical Services Division. When the Bancroft Cataloging Unit was left short-staffed, Rachel volunteered to assume the role of student supervisor for Cataloging to provide daily guidance and supervision, and to ensure the continuation of critical workflows. Student employees are vital to behind-the-scenes library operations: they perform physical processing of special collections materials to make them available for research by students, faculty, and scholars from around the world. Rachel's efforts demonstrate her willingness to go above and beyond to support the Bancroft's ability to accomplish its mission. She also streamlined training, coordinated onboarding, and provided patient and valuable supervision, support, and mentorship to the student employees. By ensuring the Technical Services Division's provision of timely access to specialized library resources, Rachel enhances the Bancroft Library's reputation and mission, and Berkeley itself as a center for learning and research.

Many congratulations to Rachel for a much deserved recognition of her outstanding work!

Thanks to Amelia Grounds and Randal Brandt for putting together the successful nomination.

Edited excerpt of email Mary Elings sent to library staff

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