

2006 ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD

Baldev (Bob) Singh

Presented by Dr. David Farrell at May 19th Graduation
Yuba College, Marysville

Baldev Singh represents the qualities we have traditionally sought in selecting candidates for the Alumni of the Year Award. He has been active in the community, has contributed to the college/district in innumerable ways, and has actively sought the involvement and support of other individuals in developing relationships for Yuba College Foundation.

Mr. Singh came to the United States and the Yuba-Sutter area in 1954. He immediately enrolled in Yuba College at its former Marysville High School location. By 1955, he had transferred to the University of Oregon where, in 1957, he completed his Masters Degree in the Social Sciences. After a brief tour teaching in the Punjab, Bob returned to the U.S. and completed a teaching credential at the University of Oregon (1962).

For the next nine years, until 1971, he taught Social Sciences at both the high school and community college levels in Modesto. He then came to Yuba College as a faculty member, where he taught both social sciences and ethnic studies, serving a three-year term as well in the Academic Senate. He retired from this full-time role in 1993, serving thereafter in an adjunct capacity.

As a community leader, Mr. Singh's credentials are superb. In 1972, he was selected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Miami, in support of George McGovern's presidential bid. Since that time, Mr. Singh has participated on dozens of boards and committees, both statewide and in the Yuba-Sutter region.

Additionally, of course, Mr. Singh has served as a member of the Yuba College Foundation Board of Directors (1997-2004) and as President for a two-year period spanning the 2002-03 and 2003-04 academic years.

Aside from establishing the Baldev Singh Scholarship and generously supporting the Cultural Events Series, Bob has been instrumental in encouraging ongoing scholarship support from many members of the East Indian Community.

Baldev Singh is married to Veena, his wife since 1960. He has a recently married daughter, Yasmin Singh, who has a Ph.D. in Toxicology/Pharmacology, and a son Raj (MBA, University of Pittsburgh), who is Vice President of Strategic Planning at Wells-Fargo's headquarters in San Francisco.

I introduce to you Mr. Baldev Singh, Alumnus of the Year.