

NORA COMPTON
Yuba College Alumna of the Year
2010

Since 1990, it has been the pleasure of the Yuba College President to award recognition to a member of our alumni who has, in some special way, earned distinction for professional, civic or personal accomplishments. In an era when people are likely to change employment approximately every five years, it is unusual to find someone who worked an entire career - 55 years in this case – for a single employer.

Tonight we hereby recognize Nora Compton – Class of 1954 – who has recently retired from Yuba College after serving this institution since July 1st of 1955. Since Nora’s most recent position at Yuba College was that of Administrative Assistant to my office, I thought I’d check to see how many presidents had come and gone from Yuba College during Nora’s affiliation here. It turns out that Nora’s affiliation with Yuba College as a student and employee has spanned that of every President except founding President Curtis Warren. Over this period, Nora has reported to eight administrators, has had her office moved seven times, and has navigated through countless storms, including the Kennedy and King assassinations, a couple major floods, 9-11, and, let’s say, some “interesting” personalities. She also was part of the group that physically “moved” Yuba College from Marysville High School to its present location, a dusty and mindboggling process that set the start of the Fall 1962 Semester back by almost a month.

Tonight, Nora plans to share with you some of her own thoughts about her years at Yuba and may throw in some tidbits of wisdom and history that will entertain and inform you. It is therefore with great pleasure that I hereby formally pronounce Nora Compton as 2010 Yuba College Alumna of the Year.

Presented by Dr. Kay Adkins
Yuba College President
Yuba College Awards Night
May 19, 2010