

YCCD (Yuba College) Foundation
19th Annual Alumni of the Year Award
2009 Awards Night – May 20, 2009

Mary Robinson

Every year since 1990, Yuba College Foundation has named one recipient for its Alumni of the Year Award. This award recognizes outstanding achievement both as a professional and as a community member.

This year's recipient, Mary Robinson, studied under several current and former Yuba College faculty members, some of whom are with us tonight. (Introduce John Flaherty, Ken Gaal, Steve Klein, Lauren Syda). Mary began her Yuba

College studies in X-Ray Technology. With encouragement from many of the faculty here tonight, Mary set her sights on a 4-year engineering degree. She completed her A.S. at Yuba in 1980, went on to U.C. Davis for her baccalaureate degree in Mechanical Engineering, to San Jose State for an MS in Engineering, and completed corporate and graduate work at Carnegie Mellon, UCLA and Santa Clara.

She spent the first three years of her career at Westinghouse, where she was awarded a patent for a portion of the MX Missile Shock Isolation System – yes, a rocket scientist.

Her last 24 years have been with Lockheed-Martin where she has progressed through many engineering and leadership assignments toward her current role as Director of Quality Assurance for classified government satellite programs. One week ago, Mary was honored as one of thirty-six Silicon Valley executive women to earn the prestigious YWCA's "Tribute to Women" Award. Mary is also a recipient of the Society of Women Engineer's Technical Excellence Award for Silicon Valley.



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Mary's outside interests have centered upon putting her musical talents toward the benefit of her local community. She is a flutist with the Newark Symphonic Winds, a group dedicated to preserving music education in elementary and junior high schools. This month, her group raised \$27,000 for band education during a musical telethon broadcast to the local community.

Mary resides in Fremont, California with her husband Larry. Their daughter Chelsea lives in Indiana. Larry is with us tonight as well as her mother Dorinda Ralph and her sister Liz Ralph.

So Congratulations to Mary Robinson, Yuba College's 19th Annual Alumna of the Year.

Comments read by Dr. Kevin Trutna
Vice President, Yuba College