



#### Yolanda Carrillo SPECIAL RECOGNITION

In honor of decades of service provided to the surrounding communities, we are proud to honor and celebrate Yolanda tonight. Please join us as we celebrate her dedication and commitment to impacting the lives of thousands of local youth.

Yolanda Carrillo retired as the dynamic Chief Executive Officer of the Corona-Norco Family YMCA on January 15, 2021. She was employed with the Y since 1998. (She was the first hispanic woman CEO for the YMCA's in the State of California). She has always been a highly motivated community builder, hard-working professional with proven administrative and organizational abilities. She is an enthusiastic team builder who enjoys the challenge of researching and analyzing to find vialble solutions to help with the complex problems in the lives of today's children, families, and communities.

Her professional growth and development have taken her through many journeys and experiences that have given her a remarkable understanding of human development and community development. She has worked for the federal government in the Social Security Administration. She has worked as a legal assistant for the National Labor Relations Board. She first ventured into working with children at a local community college, and later for two school districts. She began her YMCA career in 1996 in Redlands. She moved to Corona in 1997 and promptly began employment with the Corona-Norco Family YMCA.

She holds a dual Master's of Science degree in Organizational Leadership and Community Psychology. She graduated with honors. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services. She is a proud holder of a Child Development Program Director Permit. She has taught at a four-year college.

Yolanda built the Corona-Norco YMCA from one program site to today's Y that operates out of twelve program sites. The Y was chosen to take over two other non-profits to save them from closing their doors. The Y assumed both without hesitation. Yolanda helped to secure funding from the federal, state, and local city governments to help with fulfilling the Y's mission to serve as many community members as possible. Yolanda came from very humble beginnings and has become a woman of infulence without a doubt. Yolanda has been one of the most influential women of her time in the City of Corona and in Western Riverside County. She has literally touched, helped, educated, mentored, and modeled for thousands of Y children, youth, adults, and citizens at large.



Yolanda served in many different capacities for her city, county, and state organizations:

- A member of the Corona Woman's Improvement Club
- A member of Corona Rotary Noon Club
- A member of Corona Elks Lodge
- A member of Eastvale Chamber of Commerce
- A member of Norco Chamber of Commerce
- A member of Jurupa Chamber of Commerce
- A member of Every Child California
- A member of an Advisory Board to the Norco College President
- Honorary Commanding Officer of the NAVSEA Navy Base in Norco
- Advisory Board Member of Crystal Roses Helping Women and Children Diagnosed with Cancer
- A member of Navy League Corona-Riverside Council
- A member of the City of Corona Planning Commission for 8 years
- A Corona City Councilmember for 2 years.

Honors:

- Soroptimist International Woman of Distinction Award Economic and Social Development 2000
- United Neighbors Involving Today's Youth Board Exemplary Community Programs 2001
- Nominated as Executive Director of the Year by the Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties 2006
- Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen of the Year 2007
- National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)-Community Bridge Builder
- The Corona Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year 2013
- The Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona Division Honorary Commanding Officer 2014
- Unforgettable Hearts Foundation Biggest Heart of the Inland Empire 2014
- Spirit of Entrepreneur Finalist Social Entrepreneur 2014
- Congregational Beth Shalom Shatuf Tzedek (Business Partner) Award 2016
- State of California Chamber of Commerce Small Business Advocate of the year 2016
- Norco Area Chamber of Commerce Community Champion of the Year 2017
- Hispanic Lifestyle Latina of Influence 2019
- 48th Annual Corona Cinco de Mayo Parade & Fiesta Grand Marshal 2019
  - Corona CHamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Honors -Don Garling Journey of a Lifetime Achievement Award 2021



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#### YMCA YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

#### Wei Wang

This award is given to a local student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and have actively supported Y programs in the areas of Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility. They set an example for other youth through personal conduct at the Y, school and home. They have a professional disposition and demonstrate the YMCA's four core character values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility.



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Every time when I consider who I am, I'd always think it through in my head. Am I a proud son of my mother? Am I a scholarly student? Am I a servant-minded leader? The answer is I don't know, I am just me, myself, and I. Although the above identities hold to be true, they are granted from others to me, not who I am in the absolute beginning. It is the people who see you who define who you are in their hearts, so there could be tens and hundreds of versions of me out there.

My name is Wei Wang, and I'm currently a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Throughout these years of school life, I developed hobbies such as swimming, writing, and playing Badminton. I enjoy the time I spent being productive for myself and others, so I created different clubs such as UNA-USA to provide my fellow peers the opportunities to explore their interests as I did during their school lives.

Most people would only know my "nerdy" side, hardly do they know who I am outside of school. During my free time, I love to create my own songs, such as rap. I'd find a beat that I think suits my vibe, then I would write out the lyrics myself and record it in my room. I also like to play video games such as league of legends with my friends over the weekend. I also enjoy reading different kinds of novels such as time travels, Chinese kungfu, apocalypse, and even love stories. Moreover, recently I started to write my own book online.

In conclusion, as Wei Wang myself, I consider myself a person who cares about their friends, loves their family and loves to explore. I am grateful for the opportunities the Y has given me, and I'm grateful for what I can have today, and humble about what I've achieved throughout these years!

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1996: Calvert Family, Robert <u>Hemborg</u>, Charles Carter

1997: Arlene Watts, Luise VanterMolen

1998: Stan Grube, Beth King

2000: F.M. Doss, Rose Eldridge

2001: Steve Castledine, John Cleghorn

2002: Rochard Gonzalez, Roy VanderKallen

2003: Wayne Keith, Cathy Sciortino

2004: Bud Gordon, Mary Ybarra

2005: Ray Cota, Tom Kenney

2006: Sandy Klein, Jim Pauly

2007: Doug Crouse, Sharon Martinez

2008: Cynthia Schneider, John Couts 2009: Linda Pearson, Karen Spiegel

2010: Dr. Brenda Davis, Kathy Azevedo

2011: Captain James Steiner, Jeff Miller

2012: Leroy & Sylvia Fleming, MaryAnn Sherman

2013: Terry Figueroa, Robert Calsing

2014: Becky Gunow, C.C. Vest

2015: Paula Montanez, Dean Seif

2017: Glen & Kerry Fletcher, Bobby Spiegel

2018: 88 Spirits Corporation, Galleano Winery, H & J Builders, -Monster Energy Company, Norco-College, Thomas Miller Mortuary-

2019: Mark & Cheryl Peabody, Tom & MaryAnn Sherman, Eduardo's Restaurant, Support Sisterz, Cindy Schmitz, Beatriz DeCaro