

## Nomination of Edward J. Szumski, Streetsboro High School Class of 1968, for The Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Award



Ed Szumski earned an **Associate of Arts degree** in Electronics Communications Technology, class of 1976, at San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) and then earned **Bachelor's and Master's degrees In Education** at California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB). He taught electricity and electronics at SBVC as an adjunct from fall 1981 until he was hired full time in January 1985. He retired as a Full Professor in May 2013. At the San Bernardino Valley College annual awards celebrations, he received the **Outstanding Service Award five times** 1996, 2001, 2005, 2012, and 2013. He also received the **Honored Retiree Award** twice 2014 and 2015.

He served over 20 years in the U.S. Air Force active duty and reserve from 1968 until 1989. He was assigned to the 63rd Avionics Maintenance Squadron as an electronics technician. During that time he was selected as the **Norton Air Force Base Airman of the Month** in February 1970. He was selected as **Maintenance Man of the Quarter** three times and **Maintenance Man of the Year in 1976**. MSgt. Szumski was moved from maintenance duties to unit training supervisor overseeing the scheduling of training requirements of the 204 assigned personnel in 1978.

Mr. Szumski was nominated and then selected as an **Outstanding Alumni of California State University San Bernardino** in 2000.

Mr. Szumski served as the **President** of the SBVC Faculty Association (the social organization, not the union) from 1988 through 2012. During this time he has done more to insure that others on this campus are recognized through special events than any other person on campus. For **19** years, he organized the "**Retiree/Member Appreciation Day**" luncheons and for **17** years had provided or asked our Chef and her culinary arts students to bake Birthday Cakes in the SBVC Sun Room to celebrate "**Everybody's Birthday**" where everyone who eats a meal in the SBVC Sun Room restaurant gets free birthday cake for dessert. For **17** years, he organized the recognition of the SBVC secretaries during "**Administrative Professionals Week**" in April of each year. For **21** years, he wrote the majority of the **FAN Mail**, (**F**aculty **A**ssociation **N**ewsletter **M**ail) the newsletter of the SBVC Faculty Association with announcements of news and personnel celebrating birthdays during the month. For **22** years, Ed has sent **birthday cards** to personnel on campus, the district, Crafton Hills College, and to the **180** retirees and others celebrating birthdays. For **4** years he has organized **11 "Meet and Greet" New Employee Breakfasts**.

He also served as **President of the Academic Senate** (1989-90), and **President of the SBVC Alumni Association** (2004-06). He currently serves on the SBVC Foundation Board as the SBVC Alumni Association representative. He was selected and honored as one of the 90 **Distinguished Alumni** of San Bernardino Valley College in October 2016.