

Citizen of the Year 2010

The 2010 Citizen of the Year Award is sponsored by Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams. We thank them for their support of this award. This year's recipient will also serve as the Grand Marshal for the 2010 Christmas Parade that will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

Of the many nominations that were submitted for the 2010 Citizen of the Year there was one nominee that stood out among all for their dedication to going above and beyond the needs of the community.

This year's recipient demonstrates their dedication to the community, their family & friends, their church, and their profession each day through leadership, a kind heart and their love of helping others.

This year's recipient has spent years teaching, translating and assisting with our Hispanic community to help make employers and our community understand the differences in our cultures. She has been instrumental in the creation of the CVCC Alexander Center for Education. Her devotion to the challenge of translating the rules of "What to do when you are Stopped by the Police" into Spanish, made the project a success. Many hours of work were expended in the making of this bilingual Power Point presentation that is still in use today.

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She is known in the service area for CVCC as "La Maestro". Her years of service for Alexander County and Catawba Valley Community College speak for themselves.

This year's recipient and spouse were instrumental in bringing the Catholic Church to Alexander County where she has served for 17 years as the volunteer Faith Formation Coordinator.

She has had the support of her family during her many activities and labors of love for our community. She has been married for 39 years and has 2 children and one grandchild. She is a native of Texas where she met her husband when he was serving in the air force while in Laredo, TX.

In this, her retirement year, it is my pleasure to recognize and introduce the 2010 Citizen of the Year, Mrs. Sarah Loudermelk.