

## **COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFESSORS HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE**

California Community College Board of Governors confers honor upon four faculty members for superior service on their campuses.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—March 2, 2009—The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges is proud to announce the 2009 recipients of the Hayward Award. Four faculty members were selected from across the state for their commitment to professional excellence in their field, as well as their contributions to their community.

Elizabeth Waterbury is an instructor of Vocal and Choral Music at Shasta College and conducts five choirs a year. She also co-founded the Latin American Music Festival on campus in 2003. Through her years of teaching a diverse student population, she has learned how important education is in building a balanced, thriving society.

When discussing her relationship with her students, Waterbury said, “They credit me with giving them that first vision of how fascinating and rewarding life in music might be. I credit them with showing me how rewarding life as an educator might be.”

Andrew Fraknoi is an Astronomy instructor at Foothill College who has spent his career improving the accessibility of Astronomy to students and community members being served by Foothill College. When Fraknoi is in the classroom, he strives to use everyday language and can sometimes be found doing a moon-revolution or pulsar-beam dance in front of his class to help his students understand the concepts he is presenting.

“I believe that an understanding of our place in the wider universe and the methods of science are part of the birthright of everyone living on our planet...My philosophy is to show students that science is engaging, human, and part of our cultural heritage,” Fraknoi said.

Christos Valiotis is a Physics instructor at Antelope Valley College (AVC). His passion for helping his students succeed led him to completely revise the Physics and Physical Science programs at AVC to improve the education students receive. Valiotis helped his college make vast improvements in Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), ultimately helping his school be recognized as a model of how to complete the newly required SLO report at an accreditation training.

“I believe that students can reach heights they never dreamed of if they are encouraged to challenge themselves. I can help them accomplish that by promoting collaborative learning of challenging subject matter, and by designing learning activities that are both hands-on and minds-on,” Valiotis said.

As a counselor at Golden West College, Stephanie Dumont has shown tireless dedication to the students she works with through her use of comprehensive counseling. Dumont ensures that students’ needs are always first. She influences students’ sense of self-worth by helping them overcome attitudes and self-defeating behaviors that impede them.

Additionally, Dumont has authored and co-authored a number of professional articles and has made numerous presentations across the state on how to effectively counsel students.

“My calling is to serve. It is my belief that successful student service begins by striking the delicate balance between providing students with the necessary comprehensive support and the duty to model and teach self-responsibility,” Dumont said.

For more information on these programs, please visit the Hayward Award page on ASCCC’s website at <http://www.asccc.org/LocalSenates/Awards/Hayward.htm>

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