MCC'S INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2011   Safe Zone Project
        Don Beech, Marlene Fine, Bess Watts, Julie White

2012   Enough is Enough Campaign
        Amy Greer, Rebecca Herzog

2013   Express Enrollment Days
        Javier Ayala, Kimberley Collins, Charlotte Downing, Kim McKinsey-Mabry, Kate Smith, Laurel Sanger, Kristen Fragnoli, Kate Schiefen

2014   STARS Project
        Jessica Barone, Michael Bates, Jonathan Iuzzini, Vilma Patterson, Ann Topping, Eric Wheeler, Holly Wheeler, Paul Wheeler

2015   Veterans Early Alert System
        Michael Bates, Taine Vinci

2016   Scholars' Day Review
        Sandy Chamberlain, James Cronmiller, Rebecca Horwitz, Margaret Kaminsky, Robert Muhlnickel, Michael Ofsowitz, Scott Rudd, Mark Sample, Mary Timmons, Daniel Tyree

2017   Online College Catalog and Student Handbook
        Robert Reynolds

2018   The Center for Academic Reading: A Thoughtful Design
        Diane Clements, April Daniels, Renee Dimino, Judi Salsburg Taylor, Terry Shamblin

CRITERIA

An innovation should meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. *Quality* — Students and/or staff agree that the innovation increases quality in the course, program, office, or institution.
2. *Efficiency* — The innovation contributes to more efficient processes.
3. *Cost Effectiveness* — The innovation adds value to the institution while containing or reducing costs.
4. *Replication* — The innovation is easy to replicate at other institutions.
5. *Creativity* — The innovation is original and creative.
6. *Timeliness* — The innovation is not more than five years old at the institution, allowing plenty of time for it to be tested.

League Alliance colleges determine their own eligibility criteria and selection protocol and submit one winning Innovation of the Year. Nominations are encouraged from all areas of the college: full- and part-time faculty, administrators, and professional and support personnel; the range of participation is determined by each college.

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ANNUAL INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD 2019

Every year, the League honors outstanding innovations which have been recognized by member institutions as Innovations of the Year. These innovations represent capstone achievements and the continuing renewal of the spirit of innovation and experimentation upon which the League was founded.

**LEAGUE FOR INNOVATION IN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Innovation of the Year Award is designed to recognize League college staff members who have designed and implemented a significant innovation. Each year, the League recognizes Innovations of the Year.

Employees from all staff groups (faculty, administrators, and professional and support personnel) are eligible for nomination.

2019 RECIPIENTS
DWIGHT: A Campus Response to Address Student Food Insecurity
L-R: Julianna Frisch, Ambika Howell, Rebecca Mack, Sylvia Mendez, Betty Stewart, Christine Accorso, Jennifer Caruso

Monroe Community College (MCC) participated in the national Wisconsin Hope Lab survey in 2016 to assess basic needs of community college students. The results revealed a problem larger than imagined for MCC students: 40% reported being hungry and not having money for food; 50% reported eating less than they should because they couldn't afford food.

Using Human-Centered Design, an MCC team developed a creative, cost-effective, de-stigmatizing solution to the problem: **DWIGHT (Doing What Is Good and Healthy Together).** Implemented in fall 2017, DWIGHT is a mobile food wagon that provides: food immediately; an opening for conversations with students who MAY have food insecurities; and information about food pantries and other resources.

DWIGHT is not only a wagon; it is a persona for the wagons and campus food pantries. Each item in the wagon is tagged with: **Grab a Bite…Need More for Tonight? Go to 3-126 and ask for DWIGHT!** Students, faculty, and staff are fully aware of DWIGHT and support the initiative with donations of food and money.

In fall 2018, our Institutional Research Office reported a lift in the persistence rates for students who utilized a DWIGHT food pantry.

PAST RECIPIENTS

1986   Computer Literacy
Mary Pat Pennell

1987   2 + 2 Cooperative Degree Program
Dick Degus, Tony Felicetti

1988   Mini-Computer System
George Fazekas

1989   ECO 103: Personal Money Management and Rochester Products Initiative
Joe Marchese

1990   Development of Innovative Teaching in Nursing
Kay Charron

PAST RECIPIENTS (continued)

1991   CD-ROM LAN—Low Cost, High Speed Access to Indexes
Ann Penwarden

1992   Student Leadership Program
Douglas Brown, Laurence Feasel, Elizabeth Stewart, Evelyn Stewart, Pamela Weidel, Joel Zaar

1993   Construction of MCC's Computer Integrated Laboratory
Thomas DiGiacomo, George Parasida

1994   Student Affairs Division Staff Development Program
Jane Brady, Joan Cavanna, Marcie Faulkner, Marlene Fine, Howard Golove, Mark Humbert, Joyce Smith, Elizabeth Stewart, Virginia Toth, Pamela Weidel, Ann White

1995   Computer Assisted Language Learning for ESOL Students
Suzanne El Rayess, Elizabeth Neureiter-Seely, Pilar Vilar-Glasow

1996   The Integrated Technical Training System
Carol Burritt, Terry Keys, Joan Smith, Robert Teague

1997   Faculty Advisor Workshop Series
Susan Baker, Mary Eshenour, Denise Klein, Susan Salvador

1998   Teaching Online: Asynchronous Learning and the SUNY Learning Network
Michelle Bartell, Elizabeth Fell-Kelly, Marlene Ledbetter, Dale Mallory, Lorraine McHugh, Thomas McHugh, Marion Miller, Chris Otero-Piersante, Craig Rand, Cathryn Smith

1999   Liberal Arts Advisor/Advisee Mentor Program
Kathy O'Shea, Holly Wynn-Preische

2000   MCC Student E-Mail Project
Rob Cordeiro, Joe Gerardi, Terry Keys, Dale Mallory, Donna Pogroszewski, Richard Ryther, Brett Thompson, Tony Wagahoff

2001   Leadership Institute
Shirley Batistta-Provost, Douglas Brown, Jodi Oriel, Karen Ross, Elizabeth Stewart, Pamela Weidel

2002   Rochester Parent Network
James Coffey

2003   Curriculum Forms Data Base
Robert Bertram, Charlotte Downing, Ernest Mellas

2004   Workshops Initiated towards Needs of Students (WINS) Program
Anne Hughes, Betty Smith

2005   Computerized Assessment System
Audrey Bopp, Martha Kendall, Pamela Korte

2006   A Comprehensive Approach to Classroom Technology Support
Stephanie Allen, Yvonne Betts-Gamble, Diane DeHond, Delovis Olaode, Jeff Thompson, Paul Tracy, Sharron Waide

2007   Distance Dental Hygiene Project: A Partnership to Extend the MCC Dental Hygiene Program to Cuba, Dunkirk, and Watertown
Charlene Blanchard, Marsha Bower, Susan Forsyth, David Lawrence, Nancy Rivaldo, Saroj Viswanathan

2008   Women on the Move
Ivan Matthew, Jesica Miller, Corinne Mulhall, Julie White, Patricia Williams

2009   The Sixth Act
Gail Bouk, Maria Brandt, Paul D'Alessandris, Heather Fox, Jeffery Jones, Robert Kashmer, Midge Marshall, Caren Pita, Jim Simmonds, Ann Tippett

2010   Scholars' Day
Matthew Fox, Matthew Hachee, Jeffrey Kiggins, Michael Ofsowitz, Jodi Oriel, Scott Rudd, Christine Schwartzott