

MCC’S INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 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 Tippet
- 2010

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

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.



Monroe Community College

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ANNUAL  
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OF THE  
YEAR AWARD  
2015

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.

MCC’S INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

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.

2015 RECIPIENTS  
VETERANS EARLY ALERT SYSTEM  
TAINÉ VINCI AND MICHAEL BATES



The Veterans Early Alert System was created and implemented to assist 800+ veteran/military students achieve academic success and maintain VA benefits. Faculty completed an online survey twice a semester; feedback received was used to inform students and connect them with individualized targeted support services, including counseling, accommodations for a disability, Blackboard online support, weekly group study skills and test-taking strategy workshops, and Go VETS: Veterans Educational Tutoring Services. The process is fully automated, uses existing software and campus resources, and can be easily replicated. Data shows an extremely high faculty response rate and a significant impact on student GPAs, retention, and completion. During this first year of the program, there was a 13.4% increase in overall GPAs and no veteran/military student did a complete withdrawal from the college in either semester.

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 1986 Computer Literacy  
Mary Pat Pennell
- 1987 2 + 2 Cooperative Degree Program  
Dick Degus, Tony Felicetti
- 1988 Mini-Computer System  
George Fazekas

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PAST RECIPIENTS (continued)

- 1989 ECO 103: Personal Money Management and Rochester Products Initiative  
Joe Marchese
- 1990 Development of Innovative Teaching in Nursing  
Kay Charron
- 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