



ANNUAL
INNOVATION
OF THE
YEAR AWARD
2007

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.

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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 employee groups (faculty, including part-time; administrators; and support personnel) are eligible for nomination.

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 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-Preishe
- 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 Batista-Provost, Douglas Brown, Jodi Oriell, 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 J. Bopp, Martha Kendall, Pamela D. Korte
- 2006 A Comprehensive Approach to Classroom Technology Support
Stephanie Allen, Yvonne Betts-Gamble, Diane DeHond, Delovis Olaode, Jeff Thompson,
Paul Tracy, Sharron Waide

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2007 RECIPIENTS

DISTANCE DENTAL HYGIENE PROJECT: A PARTNERSHIP TO EXTEND THE MCC DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM TO CUBA, DUNKIRK, AND WATERTOWN

MCC Dental Studies Faculty: DAVID LAWRENCE, (Program Director); SUSAN FORSYTH, (Department Chair), CHARLENE BLANCHARD, MARSHA BOWER, NANCY RIVALDO, and SAROJ VISWANATHAN

The Dental Hygiene faculty at MCC have partnered with Jefferson Community College in Watertown, NY and Jamestown Community College in Jamestown, NY to provide MCC's Dental Hygiene program in three rural communities with acute unmet needs for a larger Dental Hygiene workforce. This innovative project has not only enlarged MCC's sense of community, but has brought tangible improvements to aspects of the on-campus Dental Hygiene program.



L to R: Marsha Bower, Nancy Rivaldo, Charlene Blanchard, Saroj Viswanathan, David Lawrence, Susan Forsyth

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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. Evidence of quality may include student ratings or letters of support from colleagues. “Quality” is difficult to measure, but the committees might want to wrestle with criteria that define quality in their colleagues.
2. **Efficiency**—There is evidence that the innovation contributes to a more efficient way of doing things. Student ratings, perceptions of outside consultants, and pre- and post-comparison of time involved are examples of evidence.
3. **Cost Effectiveness**—There is evidence that the innovation adds a value to the institution while at the same time containing or reducing costs. Cost data will serve as evidence.
4. **Replication**—The innovation selected can be replicated in other institutions with a minimum of difficulty.
5. **Creativity**—The innovation should be as original as possible or the adaptation should be creative. The description of the program or letters from experts are examples of evidence.
6. **Timeliness**—The innovation should not be more than five years old in the institution, but it must have been around long enough to have been tested so that it meets most of the criteria.

Each of the League members will announce the Innovation of the Year Program. It is recommended that each League member create a committee to establish criteria and select the award winner. Applications should be encouraged from all areas of the college: instructors (including part-time), administrators, and support personnel; the range of participation is to be determined by each college.