

2000 Innovations of the Year

Every year the League honors outstanding innovations that 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.



*Nancy Clifford, Kathy Byrum, Barbara Bostic, Tammy Prado, Dora Johnson, Lindsey Embrey
Central Piedmont Community College*



*Joanne Lewis, Dianne Smith
Cuyahoga Community College*



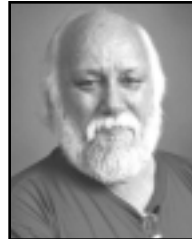
*Shellie Heard
Bill J. Priest Institute for Economic Development,
Dallas County Community College District*



*A. Nadine Burke
Delta College*



*Bill Wright
Foothill- De Anza Community
College District*



*David Stillwell, Rob Bulger, Mike Downes, Shannon Gunn, Humber College of
Applied Arts and Technology*



A team at **Central Piedmont Community College** was honored with the Innovation of the Year award for its Pathways to Employment Program. In collaboration with the Employment Securities Commission and the Department of Social Services, the program combines life skills, basic skills, and job skills. **Nancy Clifford, Kathy Byrum, Barbara Bostic, Tammy Prado, Dora Johnson, and Lindsey Embrey** researched employer needs, developed short-term courses, and are transforming Social Services clients into medical reimbursement specialists, receptionists, customer service representatives, hospital unit coordinators, and medical office personnel.

Cuyahoga Community College gave the Innovation of the Year award to **Joanne Lewis and Dianne Smith** for Positive S.P.I.N. (Strategies for Prevention, Intervention and Nurturing for Peaceful School Communities). The

program aids problem solving in the area of youth violence by promoting policy changes and offering pragmatic tactics to address underlying causes, establish action priorities, and identify resources.

The positive impact of **Shellie Heard's** Cornerstones Database was recognized by the **Bill J. Priest Institute for Economic Development** at the **Dallas County Community College District** as the Innovation of the Year. The new data collection system is a huge improvement for the Institute in its usefulness evaluating performance and assessing quality. Senior leadership uses the charts and graphs to determine performance and hold individuals accountable for program outcomes. Posting the information on bulletin boards throughout the building allows every employee to see the results of their efforts.

Delta College awarded **A. Nadine Burke** the Innovation of the Year award.

Burke was honored for her leadership in the development of online classes. She developed and implemented the first successful online courses at Delta College and went on to teach, nurture, and coach more than fifty faculty in designing and delivering their own classes online for both Delta and the Michigan Community College Virtual Learning Collaborative.

Bill Wright was awarded the Innovation of the Year Award by the **Foothill-De Anza Community College District**. He designed a computer program that addresses record keeping and child safety issues in Child Care Center Systems. The program allows for personal ID cards for each child, "parent mail" which must be read before picking up and/or leaving a child, and child absence tracking for state reporting. It also allows teacher/student ratios to be monitored and tracks required parent/child classroom hours.



*Carolyn Kadel,
Johnson County
Community College*



*Susan Scaffidi, Patti Coffin, John Rodgers,
Walter Packard (not all winners pictured)
Kern Community College District*



*Allan L. Haynes, Dean A. Dunlap,
Charles J. Hinz, David R. Bunting,
Douglas G. McDonald, William D.
Cooper, Kirkwood Community College*



*The winning team from Maricopa
Community College District*



*Jon Kitner
Miami-Dade Community College*

Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology selected **David Stillwell, Rob Bulger, Mike Downes** and **Shannon Gunn** to receive the Innovation of the Year award for their music theory performance-related courses. The Music School courses include a more practical component in place of former theoretical curriculum, consistency and standardization in all sections and levels, and involvement of all teachers in meetings, sharing of resources, class visits, and discussions. The former student failure rate of 20-30 percent in this class has been reduced to three percent.

In order to provide **Johnson County Community College** with a focused intercultural experience within its surrounding community, **Carolyn Kadel** designed The Intercultural Semester and was thus chosen to receive the Innovation of the Year award. Her program includes a nine-credit academic course cluster, thirty hours with a culture and language partner, an internship or service experience in a community agency, and an intensive weekend retreat. Intended for students who can't study abroad, the semester also serves as an orientation for those enrolled in an overseas program.

Kern Community College District selected The Bakersfield College Center for Professional Development as its Innovation of the Year. Under the direction of **Patti Coffman, John Means, Bob Hawkes, Susan Scaffidi, Julie Cooper, Mark Gay, Shonna Shearson, Lynn Orong, Gloria Candelaria, Pam Hall, Jennifer Marden, and Merrilee Bronstein**, this self-funded community education unit must continually devise new and innovative ways to meet the varied organizational development needs of local business, industry, and government, assist 14 regional colleges in serving employers, provide local employers with easy access to basic skills training, and bring value to Bakersfield College. Since 1991, the Center has served over 200 local and regional repeat customers and 600-800 individuals annually. Another 1,800 enroll in community education programs to gain vocational, avocational, or career-related skills and knowledge. In addition, the Center provides Spanish-language proficiency testing for police officers and Kern County employees and offers Job Task Analysis for corporate clients.

Kirkwood Community College selected the following participants in

Kirkwood's Cedar Employment Opportunities Program as winners in the Innovation of the Year competition: **William D. Cooper, Charles J. Hinz, David R. Bunting, Allan L. Haynes, Dean A. Dunlap** and **Douglas G. McDonald**. As a result of their consulting efforts with the original Cedar County Workshop, they helped to create a truly community-based multiorganization center providing a variety of services to the residents of Cedar County, including New Directions (an alternative high school program), Adult Basic Education, a county test center, and office space for organizations such as a Cedar County Chapter of the Red Cross, JTPA, the Workforce Learning Connection, and the Cedar County Volunteer Services Coordinator.

As Innovation of the Year, **Lane Community College** selected the County Undergraduate Teacher Education Program and team members **Shelly Gaudia, Dixie Maurer-Clemons, Brian Moore, Derek Mpinga, Andrea Newton, Ann Marie Prengaman, Gayle Smith, Julianne Stermer, Larry Warford, and Ginger Yamamoto**. The team developed a program to help students transfer to higher education programs for education



Tony Wagahoff, Joe Gerardi, Dale Mallory, Richard Ryther, Donna Pogroszewski, and Brett Thompson (Not pictured: Terry Keys and Rob Cordeiro)



*John Sands, Eric Spengler
Moraine Valley Community College*



*Alice C. Warren, Marsha J. Bonds,
Sandra Williams-Steele
St. Louis Community College*



*Sandra Trevisan, Bob Garber
San Diego Community College District*



*Anne Kress, Suellyn Winkle
Santa Fe Community College*



*Tracy Furutani, member of the
winning team from
Seattle Community Colleges*

degrees. Lane partnered with Pacific University, allowing for a seamless transfer and completion for a bachelor's degree and a teacher licensure with four years of continuous hands-on experience. It is a cost-effective program for students who pay community college tuition for the first two years, followed by generous scholarship and aid support from Pacific. The first graduating class is in its third year, with a 100 percent retention rate and high ratings by their mentor teachers and Pacific University staff. (no photo available)

Maricopa Recruiter has been given the Innovation of the Year award by **Maricopa Community College District**. The Internet accessible, competency-based job search engine was created by a team to support learning in and out of the classroom. Applicants and employers connect through precise skill identification. The program has helped to emphasize collaboration among colleges through technical innovation and has strengthened relationships with businesses and agencies within their community.

Jon Kitner of **Miami-Dade Community College** received the

Innovation of the Year award for his continual work in creating collaborative mural painting courses. The students work together from inception until completion on all levels of design, creation, execution, and installation of one mural per year. The public art works created reflect a team effort that encourages cooperation, patience, and team-building skills.

The MCC Student E-Mail Project from **Monroe Community College** was recognized as Innovation of the Year. Team members **Rob Cordeiro, Joe Gerardi, Terry Keys, Dale Mallory, Donna Pogroszewski, Richard Ryther, Brett Thompson, and Tony Wagahoff** developed a web-based e-mail system made available to all 20,000+ MCC students. Students have access to the system upon registration, and it includes e-mail, contacts, calendaring, and group discussion/chat room features. The four major design requirements and outcomes were: 1) Web-based delivery to provide access, 2) minimal staffing to train students and run and maintain the system, 3) automatic production of distribution lists by class, major, or discipline to facilitate the teaching-learning process, and 4) use of corporate enterprise

software to provide students with specific e-mail skills marketable to employers.

The Cisco Academy CIT '99 Networking Project at **Moraine Valley Community College** was named the Innovation of the Year. It was formulated by **John Sands** and **Eric Spengler** to give students in the Cisco Academy the opportunity to experience on-the-job training with a business partner. With the support of a Cisco Certified Internet Expert and hotel engineers, students designed and installed a permanent Internet network for the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel during the League for Innovation's Conference on Information Technology in October 1999. The students selected the networking equipment, installed the data communications hardware, and provided the ongoing support for the network during the conference.

St. Louis Community College honored the North County CARES (Community Access to Resources, Education and Services) program and its developers **Alice C. Warren, Marsha J. Bonds, and Sandra Williams-Steele** with the Innovation of the Year award. The program is a community-driven network



*Bonnie S. Shane
Sinclair Community College*



*Ernie Libarios, Wally Mitsui
The University of Hawaii Community College System*



that coordinates resources, identifies services, and provides mechanisms for sustainable community growth in North St. Louis County.

The **San Diego Community College District** has awarded the Innovation of the Year to **Sandra Trevisan** and **Bob Garber** for developing a business card CD "Why Miramar?" The CD is the first of its kind to be developed by an educational institution and is an element of a direct mail campaign targeting high school seniors. The PC and MAC-compatible multimedia CD contains recruitment publications, alumni and industry testimonials, transfer information, downloadable admissions forms, and the college catalog, effectively reducing the cost of producing multiple publications.

Suelyn Winkle and **Anne Kress** have received the Innovation of the Year award from **Santa Fe Community College** for developing OFTEN: the Online Faculty Teaching Excellence Network. OFTEN was funded by a three-year grant from the Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education. The project integrates part-time faculty into college culture, using the Internet to deliver information on college and department goals and policies, course pedagogy, and best practices in teaching and learning.

Fourteen members of the **Seattle Community Colleges** (SCC) were

honored with the Innovation of the Year Award for developing the Internet2/Pacific Northwest GigaPop. Through a partnership with the University of Washington, SCC connected to the ultrahigh-performance Internet2 network. This information superhighway has 300 times the capacity of the typical connection between higher education organizations and allows for virtual laboratories, real-time video broadcasts, and videoconferencing. Team members included **John Bailey, Tom Bates, Dennis Colgan, Ross Davis, Larry Fenton, Tracy Furutani, Ron Hamberg, Joe Hull, Carl Miller, David Moody, Paul Picuch, Zijad Saric, Alan Ward, and Harriet Wasserman.**

Bonnie S. Shane received the Innovation of the Year award for her development of a "law office" classroom in the Center for Interactive Learning at **Sinclair Community College**. The Center assists students in developing the technological skills needed in today's workforce.

Leeward Community College in the **University of Hawai'i Community College System** recognized **Wally Mitsui** and **Ernie Libarios** with the Innovation of the Year award for their P.A.T.H. (Perseverance Achievement Transition Heart) Program. The program transitions high-risk teens from the Hawaii Army National Guard Youth Challenge Academy into college or work. P.A.T.H.'s

goals are to help students build positive self-esteem, become more responsible, improve relationships with family members and the community, instill a spirit of life-long curiosity, and embrace the importance of continuous learning through education. Since the program's beginning in 1996, 380 students have completed it and obtained their high school diploma. As a result, 50 percent of participating students now enter a community college.

***Congratulations to
all of the
participants
in the winning
Innovations
of the Year!***