

BRAVO June 21

Nominator: Stephanie Baron

Peg Basson, Murray Lancaster, Dianne Lapp

I would like to nominate Peg Basson, Murray Lancaster and Dianne Lapp for their work on Degree Audit.

Nominator: Susan Loreen

Claudia Levi

I would like to nominate Claudia Levi for a BRAVO award for organizing the annual Etiquette Luncheon. Claudia has been organizing this luncheon for three years. It is usually held Spring Quarter and students from a variety of Business Division programs eagerly attend. Students get a great opportunity to meet with their peers and at least one table host, eat a delightful, formal, fine dining lunch and think and talk about business etiquette issues. Students not only learn about table etiquette and which side the plate your water glass goes on, but they also learn about conversational etiquette and the importance of being able to actively participate in a business lunch conversation.

Claudia makes all of this happen. She seeks grants to reduce costs. She makes all arrangements with everyone from Culinary Arts to speakers, table host and facilities. She contacts full and part-time faculty to tell them about the event and to ask them to encourage their students to attend. She chooses the menu, writes the program and handles all publicity. She prepares handouts and resources for students and table hosts to ensure the event is academic and helpful for students. She sets high standards and ensures quality in every aspect of her planning, communication and execution. Claudia coordinates the Etiquette Luncheon in addition to teaching full-time and coordinating major Project Management projects on the campus. She has had a major impact on the college through all of her class projects as well as the excellent Etiquette Lunch. Thank you, Claudia.

Nominator: Jim Mulik

Beth Farley, Cinda Lewis, Pat Huffman

Beth Farley, Cinda Lewis, and Pat Huffman really stepped up during spring 2011 quarter to help the college complete its Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) work before the May 18th deadline. Combined they checked, one-by-one, more than 756,000 pencil bubbles on 950 paper surveys. Then, they worked to enter more than 212,000 question responses into an online survey. This work consumed great amounts of their time and was completed after hours and on weekends. They have calluses on their fingers, googly eyes, and many worn out erasers and pencils to show for their efforts .. and all along the way, they completed their work without complaint - as they knew that the data was important for the college as it continues work to better understand how students are engaged in the classroom. BRAVO, Beth, Cinda, and Pat! Your hard work is very much appreciated!

Nominator: David Cordell, ISS

Stacey Cantave and Lucy Quek-Tait

I'd like to nominate Stacey Cantave and Lucy Quek-Tait for Bravo awards for their work in assisting three international students who were involved in a car accident on Hwy 2 this spring. They both were involved in contacting the student's families and in visiting the students after they were taken to the hospital, and helped make arrangements for the parents to come, as well as making sure the health insurance company was notified. They visited the students regularly and checked in to make sure that any needs were addressed; this included helping the parents when they arrived and helping them as needed. The injuries sustained by the students were very serious and one was paralyzed below the waist permanently. Stacey and Lucy handled this emergency situation with care and calm and were the "rock" that everyone needed in this time of need. They responded immediately and took leadership in initiating the contacting of family, faculty and staff. This was a time when I was out of the country and some other office staff members were also not on campus, but they did not hesitate to act. Their work exemplifies what the ISS team is great at...meeting student needs with responsiveness, care and commitment, and following through to make sure that things are done right. Our ISS department staff regularly does this, and the efforts of Stacey and Lucy are the most recent and outstanding example of this-they deserve to be acknowledged for their excellent work.

Nominator: Tom Murphy
Jocelyn Oakley, Americorps

Jocelyn is a full-time AmeriCorps member serving in the Learn and Serve Environmental Anthropology Field (LEAF) School. The LEAF School is a service-learning program in the anthropology department that uses traditional ecological knowledge and skills to solve contemporary problems. Jocelyn leads a peer-to-peer and a college student to youth mentoring program for the LEAF School. Her mentors lead other students through projects such as installing the new Place of Medicine (stolja ali) ethnobotanical garden in Gold Park, ethno-botanical harvest and restoration projects with local tribes and non-profit organizations and wildlife monitoring for local land trusts and government agencies. She has connected college student mentors to Native American mentees in Edmonds School District, assisted with an alternative winter break by taking 15 mentors to Kettle Falls to teach wildlife tracking skills to fourth graders and high school students, hosted a traditional ecological knowledge alternative spring break on Whidbey and Hope Islands for Native American high school students and coordinated volunteers at the Native American Student Association's powwow. By June 30, the end of her eleventh month term, Jocelyn will have served the Edmonds CC community for about 2,000 hours, well above and beyond the 1,700 expected of full-time AmeriCorps members. She has provided outstanding service that will impact our students and community for years to come. BRAVO Jocelyn!

Nominator: Heather McKnight, TRiO
Allison Paytosh, TRiO

I would like to nominate Allison Paytosh for a BRAVO award. Allison began working in TRiO last August as

the AmeriCorps Retention Project Student Engagement Specialist. This is a full-time volunteer position with the goal of creating opportunities for first generation students. This year Allison has developed and implemented a peer mentoring program for TRiO participants, created a partnership for Edmonds CC with Sciber Lake Alternative High School to provide college students to tutor and mentor high school students, and she has coordinated various service projects for TRiO and other students. These projects included an Alternative Spring Break trip, a drive to benefit the Center for Families, and a sock drive to benefit Socks for Japan to assist those affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Allison has created wonderful community partnership and represented Edmonds CC extremely well but has also created partnerships within the campus and for students. She has trained the TRiO tutors on the concept of mentoring and has worked with them to develop additional skills to be able to assist the students they work with. Not only has Allison done an excellent job in her position she has also been a wonderful team member within the TRiO department. She is always willing to help other staff when needed and has even taken on additional responsibilities within the department this last month when another staff member was working out of another area. All of the work Allison has done this year has benefited not only the TRiO department but also the campus community. She is very deserving of recognition for her hard work this year!

Nominator: Marisa DuBois
Rosie Hancock, Americops

I would like to nominate Rosie Hancock for a BRAVO award. She is completing her 2nd year as an AmeriCorps Retention Project Member and has worked full-time in the ABE ESL Advising Office for the past two years. One of Rosie's main projects has focused on creating a peer-mentor program. The program has matched current ESL students with former ESL students that are now enrolled in college-level classes. Both mentors and mentees have commented on how valuable the experience has been. Creating the program has been a significant amount of work and Rosie has laid a very strong foundation for future mentoring to continue. She has also helped plan service-learning activities including an event at Lifelong AIDS Alliance, a College Access Day for ABE ESL and TRiO students, and helped organize this year's Celebration for Service-Learning. Rosie has been an integral part of the Advising Office and assists many students in registering for classes and answering student questions. She has also helped facilitate the Talk Time conversation group and also provides excellent tutoring to students one-on-one and in several lab classes. Thank you Rosie for your service to Edmonds Community College!

Nominators: Maureen Little and Kanchana Kularatne
Carrie Allen Bemis - Dev. Ed. Division

The Dev. Ed Division would like to thank Carrie for her excellent efforts towards the development, contribution and success of the Dev. Ed Division within the last year, especially for her efforts in developing the curriculum for the SAT Workshop, training the instructors involved, and connecting with the Hispanic community through the Edmonds School District to make the workshop such a huge

success. She has been an excellent International HS and EdCAP Advisor. As a teacher she is amazing and truly remarkable as we see her commitment with students everyday as a co-worker, advisor, mentor to her students and friend. Carrie has far exceeded her dedication and commitment to the department by practicing everything we are all about in the Dev. Ed. Division. She truly emphasizes the core themes of college in her actions "Foster Student Learning; Provide Access for Educational Opportunities; Support Student Success; Provide a Positive Place to Work and Learn; Support Community and Civic Engagement; Be Fiscally Accountable."

Nominator: David Ryneerson

SDS: Jon Miller, David Voogd, Jason Mondares, John Boline, Tuan Pham, Steven Ater, Derek Mondares, Cory Kiser

Helpdesk: Rita Blanchette-Smart, Ryan Graham, Sean Robinson, Scott Farrand, Peter Pham

ACS: Carl Hurley, David Winney, Kyle Burns, Josh Madakor

During a recent campus outage the following people came together in a display of team work that showed humility and the ability to put aside any differences for the goal of the departments. I admire each and every one a little more after seeing the dedication of work performed without complaint. Each person displayed unique talents that helped the campus recover from its catastrophe. Thank you so much.

Nominator: Susan Park

Eileen Weldon: Event Host, Edmonds Conference Center

Eileen is often praised by clients purchasing the services of the Conference Center. Her dedication to excellent customer service creates an experience that promotes the services of the Center. The importance of great customer service in the area of fiscal accountability should not be underestimated and Eileen exemplifies the kind of service that can increase revenue. In addition, her positive attitude and "can do" spirit enhance the work environment for all. I highly recommend her for the upcoming Bravo award.

Nominator: Raelyn Castro, Monroe Head Start

Shannon Cunningham

I would like to nominate my parent services specialist, Shannon Cunningham. We work in the Head Start program in Monroe. Shannon works with the 32 sets of parents in our classroom at monthly home visits. 90% of our families are Hispanic. Her role is to assist and educate the parents on the importance of medical, dental and nutrition health as well as education, housing and job opportunities. She is very creative in teaching healthy nutrition practices for the children and families, both individual and in group settings, making it a fun, desired topic for the parents. Since her work complements what we do in the

classroom, the children remember the lessons and positive changes occur.

Shannon also promotes field trips to the public library to teach parents how to use the system and become more literate in the home. Children share their library experiences in the classroom by talking about their new books and consistent reading at home begins to happen which is celebrated monthly at school. The children's vocabulary and English skills increase dramatically. Shannon also enjoys teaching simple literacy projects to the parents and children. I feel privileged to be partnered with Shannon for the education of my classroom children and parents.

Nominator: Larry Breslauer
Jeremiah Roland, Writing Center

When it was apparent that my 8:30 a.m. Culminating Project class had a number of students that would benefit from Writing Center assistance during Friday's class time, Jeremiah immediately, without me requesting it, added tutors to be available to my students. This act played a big part in making it possible for these students to receive their high school diploma this Spring.

Nominator: Ronee Zurdo
Angel Vogt, Dawn Burgett, Haneen Ali, Tessa McIntyre, Kayce Stedman

Angel Vogt- This nomination is well overdue, going back to numerous years of hard, focused work. Angel is a hands-on professional, with exceptional skills in taking her team to success. I have worked on the EdCC Career Fair with her for over 5 years. We co-chair the Host Committee. I am a true believer in Marcus Buckingham's teachings, Know Yourself and build from your strengths and ignore your weaknesses. For this team Angel is the Administrative strength. She will tell you I am passive/aggressive and I will tell you she is anal. I am very lucky to have her as a partner. Employers, students, alumni and community always praise the career fair and sometimes believe I'm the one who does it all, I tell them every time not without my group and not without Angel...

Dawn Burgett- I would like to think of Dawn as a little mini me, but I know she will not allow this. Dawn did a kicking job on bringing in hiring employers to the fair. I can't say how relieving this was for me. Known for thinking outside the box, she developed fantastic leads on qualifying employers and took initiative, developed ideas, and managed the database project to completion.

Haneen Ali – The Strategic thinker, leveraging her analytical skills with an in-depth understanding of employers needs and the hiring process best suited for our student body. She is a natural leader, I have witnessed her energetic team member skills, especially in delegating tasks effectively; her quite manner ever so dynamic and present.

Tessa McIntyre – I wonder how that small frame can hold so much enthusiasm, innovation and work ethic. Each time I approached Tessa, she was already shaking her head "yes" even before she knew what I was going to ask. One of the projects she worked with took on numerous changes before we got it straight (too many opinions) and she produced wonderful work under extreme time pressures and

deadlines, beautifully .

Kayce Stedman – Little Miss Thrive on Challenges, great for me. I was very lucky to have Kayce on the team for the time we had, and that Kayce's hands-on work style and eye for detail provided the team with numerous successful results. Her organization, creativity and resourcefulness was very present even after she left the team, she devoted numerous personal/off hours to the project and her voice was present every time at every meeting.