

# Faculty and Staff Recognition

**PennState Harrisburg Awards and Recognitions Presentation, March 29, 2001**

The Faculty and Staff Recognition Program was very well attended by students and faculty. For the most part, recipients adhered to form, thanking fellow faculty members, family and friends, and expressing gratitude for their fortune.

Robert Bressler, who is retiring at the end of this semester, made a touching tribute regarding his experience at PSH and the transitions that have affected the school — and him personally.

Dr. Madlyn Hanes, PSH dean and provost, acted as master of ceremonies for the presentation,

handing out plaques and lavish praise for the recipients of the university's 25-Year Service Chairs. After each new chair was awarded, Hanes admonished the group to "rock" in their seats, which they obliging-

ly did to the audience's amusement.

Gloria Clouser was the most enthusiastic honoree; she raised both arms victoriously in the air as she received her award. Omid Ansary received two prestigious awards for Excellence in Faculty Service and Excellence in Research. Ansary humbly attributed his success to God and his family.

Valerie Duhig was honored for her efforts on behalf of women's issues at the college.

Dr. Margaret Rose Jaster shared a story about Sister Placid, who encouraged her to go into teaching. Jaster also jokingly referred to her early career dilemma: having to decide between becoming a teacher or a rock star. Not to be outdone, Hanes responded, "It's never too late. We

can still start a band."

The recognition ceremony celebrated the comradery of faculty, staff and students and showed the campus' appreciation of those who so richly deserve it.

**Other recent awards:**

Marylou Martz, R.N., PSH coordinator of health services, received an Achieving Woman Award during the Commission for Women's *Women in Leadership* spring banquet on March 19. Martz has served as chair of the Capital College Liaison Committee which sponsored a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and several fundraisers to support the committee's programs.

**Visiting scholar honored:**

Ivana Takacova, December 2000 graduate, has been named the recipient of the Sue Samuelson Award for Academic Excellence in American Studies. Takacova was a visiting scholar from Slovakia and will be returning to PSH from the University of Presov to receive her award during the April 29 award ceremony.

**Twenty-Five-Year Service Chairs**

Gloria Clouser  
 Judy K. Coble  
 Peter J. DeHart  
 Jacob DeRooy  
 Michael J. Kalbaugh  
 Joseph F. Kepp  
 Samruai Ruengsiyanant Leto  
 Terry Majzlik  
 Joanne E. Meinsler  
 Robert Munzenrider  
 Troy Thomas

**Retirees**

Ali Behagi	1986
Robert J. Bresler	1969
Robert J. Lesniak	1969
Joanne E. Meinsler	1975
Robert A. Scott	1986
Pauline S. Smith	1986

**Awards**

- Cynthia Leach  
*Staff Service Award*
- Omid Ansary  
*Excellence in Faculty Service*
- Margaret Jaster  
*Excellence in Teaching*
- Omid Ansary  
*Excellence in Research*
- Valerie Duhig  
*Kathryn Towns Women's History Month Award*



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