

Eye on Campus

Students honored at spring convocation

Honors and community service lauded; faculty members saluted

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On a warm spring evening on Thursday, April 14, faculty, students, staff, and family scurried to the John D. Vairo library to honor Penn State Delaware County's finest.

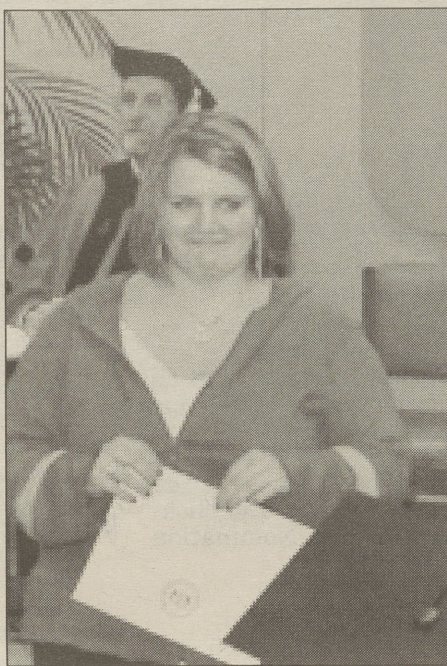
All arose from their seats as the honors students walked proudly to the sound of the music, sinking into the seats designated for honors only.

There were many awards presented.

The categories consisted of academic as well as community-service awards granted to students of all shapes, shades and sizes.

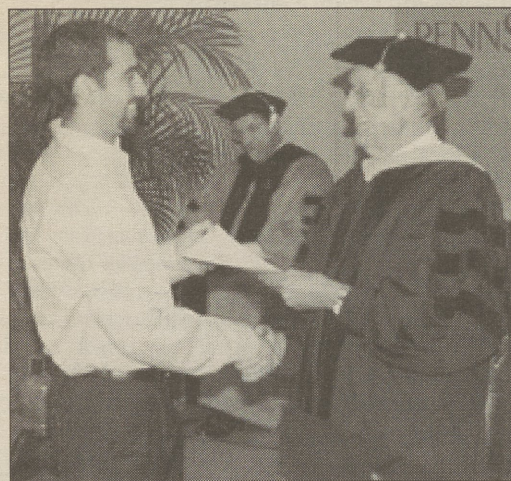
The student body glowed with diversity, with many cultures and ethnicities sat side by side.

The honorees consisted of ethnicities that brought much color and flavor to the event.



The 2005 winner of the Madlyn Hanes Faculty Award was Dr. Elizabeth "Jo" Buckmaster, one of the original faculty members still teaching at Penn State Delaware County. Buckmaster is an assistant professor of English.

The Madlyn Hanes Faculty Award is awarded to a full-time faculty member of Penn State Delaware County who has, according to the school's Web site, "made outstanding contributions to the campus community through exceptional achievement in teaching, research, scholarship, creative activity, or service."



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Left: Dr. 'Jo' Buckmaster is recognized with the Madlyn Hanes Faculty Award; lower left, Hisham Rhami receives an award; middle, Jackie Varisano smiles as she shows off her award; right, students proceed into Vairo Library; bottom, Dr. Tomezsko, addresses the audience.

As the evening progressed, each student sat in his or her, anticipating the moment to shine.

The awards ceremony honored and recognized the Schreyer and Cooper Honors participants, Academic Achievement, the 2005 Freshman President's award recipient and the Delaware Constituent Society honorees.

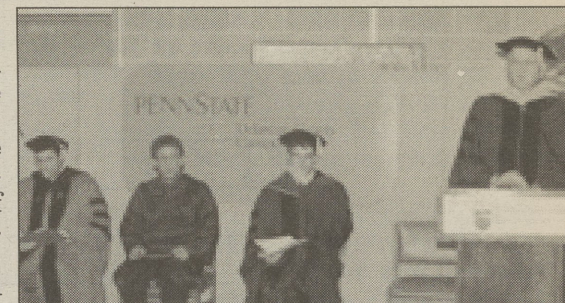
But that wasn't all. There were several memorial awards beginning with the Evan Pugh Scholar award, the Dr. Randall S. Stout, the Eric A. and Josephine S. Walker, as well as the John S. Egli Scholar-Athlete award.

There were smiles of joy, laughter and giggles among the crowd as each student arose to receive their award.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, nearly 200 students, faculty, and staff received academic and community-service awards.

The evening ended with

the singing of the school's alma mater as voices sang of praise and of joy to Penn State Delaware County's finest.



Penn State Delco announces its award winners

Schreyer Scholars

Julia A. Hagan, College of Communications
Jane E. Cooper Honors Scholars

Danielle N. Carapucci, Commonwealth College

Anthony J. Cascone, College of Engineering

Shana T. Goldson, Commonwealth College

Jin-Chen Jou, Division of Undergraduate Studies

Joseph F. O'Keefe, College of the Liberal Arts

Anya T. Takos, College of Communications

Michele C. Tessmer, Smeal College of Business Administration

2005 College and University Award Winners

Ivan Esparragoza, Assistant Professor of Engineering, Penn State Engineering Society

Paul Greene, Associate Professor of Integrative Arts, George W. Atherton Award for Excellence in Teaching

Laura Guertin, Assistant Professor of Earth Sciences, Commonwealth College Award for Excellence in Teaching

Jeanette Rieck, Administrative Assistant, Academic Affairs, Commonwealth College Award for Outstanding Support Staff

Djuradj Stakic, Associate Professor of Human Development & Family Studies, Commonwealth College Award for Distinguished Faculty Service

The 2005 President's Freshman Award

Leah M. Semmelhaack, Division of Undergraduate Studies

The 2005 Evan Pugh Scholar Award

Allison Showalter, Commonwealth College

The Eric A. and Josephine S. Walker Award

Stacie M. Mann, Commonwealth College

The John S. Egli Scholar-Athlete Award

Hisham A. Rahmi, Commonwealth College

The Dr. Randall S. Stout Memorial Award

Lindsay C. Kershner, Commonwealth

College

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society

Melissa A. Ciccarelli, Commonwealth College

Robert K. Hyers, Commonwealth College

Stephen G. Watson, Commonwealth College

The Penn State Delaware County Constituent Society Award for Academic and Community Effectiveness (ACE)

Matthew J. Kelly, College of Communications

Laura Lubrano, Commonwealth College

Hisham A. Rahmi, Commonwealth College

Anya T. Takos, College of Communications

Jaelyn C. Varisano, Commonwealth College

The Lion's Eye would like to congratulate all the award recipients.