



R. Hall, R. Lomax, F. Weeks, L. Meador (front), R. Krieger, D. Royal, A. Strohm (back), pose for a photo for the Foundation annual report.

## Foundation rewards teacher excellence

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Since 1986 the Foundation of Wayne Community College has awarded the George E. Wilson Excellence in Teaching Award to 7 WCC instructors.

Robert Krieger, the first instructor to receive this award and chair of the Engineering Department, has been employed at WCC for about 19 years.

Krieger said that he believed his major strength in teaching was his concern for his students.

"Student concern is paramount to good teaching."

Faye Weeks, accounting instructor, and 1987 winner of the award, said, "It was the most exciting achievement--I thought there had been a mistake!"

She, like the other recipients, was reluctant to speculate on

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why she was chosen; she believes many teachers are deserving of the recognition.

She said it is rewarding to see students acquire a skill and become successful in their jobs, adding that 7 of her former students have become CPAs.

She looks forward to retirement when she can travel and engage in missionary work.

Rosalyn Lomax, English instructor and co-editor of "Renaissance," (WCC's writers' and artists' magazine), received the award in 1988.

She said about receiving the honor: "I was so moved I was on the verge of tears."

She felt she was recognized because of her obvious love for her students and what she teaches.

The thing she enjoys most about teaching is seeing her students get excited about learning.

Allen Strohm, an instructor at WCC for over 28 years, said receiving the award was probably the "highest high" he'd ever had.

Strohm used the \$1000 reward money for a honeymoon since he had recently been married.

Rachel Hall, nursing instructor for 20 years, received the award in 1990.

Hall stated that all teachers put special effort into teaching and that it was a great honor for her to be recognized.

"Motivation (for teaching) comes from the students themselves," Hall said.

"This is a very rewarding profession."

The 1991 award recipient was Elizabeth Meador, English and journalism instructor, advisor to the WCC "Campus Voice," and co-founder and former co-editor of "Renaissance."

"I was absolutely flubbergusted," she said, "I walked up to receive the award in a daze."

She bought herself a new pair of eyeglasses and paid bills with her award money.

She felt as though her revitalization of the WCC newspaper (abandoned for 13 years prior), and her initiation of "Renaissance" were contributing factors in her selection.

Meador enjoys watching students make discoveries, as well as discovering things herself through teaching.

Doug Royal, chair of the Science Department and biology and microbiology instructor, was the most recent award recipient, receiving the award in May 1992.

"I was stunned--I had no idea at all," he said.

He used his award money to help pay for a daughter's summer tuition at Barton College.

Royal attributes his selection to the nomination by the fine group of people in his department, and to his perseverance.

He likes teaching because he enjoys working with students, getting to know them and watching them "blossom."

He feels the lab experience is conducive to knowing students on a one-to-one basis and for students to get to know each other better.

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