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Biology Professor Receives Professor of the Year Award



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Methodist College is accredited and well known for its excellent faculty, so receiving an award for being the top professor is quite an accomplishment.

This year MC awarded Professor of the Year to Dr. Lysa Marie Hartley the assistant professor of biology on April 3rd at the annual Spring Awards Ceremony. Students and faculty who voted sent letters of recommendation, which became nominations and were taken into consideration by the college. Dr. Hartley was shocked and surprised by the announcement of her award. She shouldn't have been with the overwhelming support and love she has from both her students and coworkers.

"Dr. Hartley has been an asset to the Biology Program. She is a wonderful teacher and advisor and goes out of her way to help her students," said co-worker and friend, Dr. Lori Brookman.

Dr. Hartley is a busy woman from taking care of her husband and two sons, Roland and Richard. She teaches and advises and has extensive experience in the Biology and Ecology world with her previous job from the North Carolina Heritage Program, whose goal was to help conserve natural resources. She

attended North Carolina State College and received her B.S. and Ph. D. from there and her Masters at Duke University.

You can have all the knowledge in the world and still be a bad teacher.

What sets Dr. Hartley apart from those other teachers? For one, Dr. Hartley has the love of her students.

"Dr. Hartley is an awesome teacher because she makes complicated things

simple, she's so funny, she's just great," said freshman Amy Harka who is in her Plant Communities class. The fun quality that Professor Hartley possesses could be the reason for the award.

"I have a lack of taking many things seriously," Dr. Hartley said.

Her students and co-workers feel that it is her exuberant personality, her quirky jokes and her general love for her job and her

students that sets her apart.

Dr. Hartley wants her future students to know, "Don't leave your sense of humor at home, and keep your whining switch turned off." She also added that, "Methodist College is so special because the students that go here are so awesome." The future looks bright for the science department with possible construction of the new science building and a new professor will be hired soon.

Photo by Matt McHale

Dr. Lysa Hartley, a Biology professor was awarded the Professor of the Year award at the Spring Convocation on April 3rd.

Other award winners include: Sabrena Wells won the American Institute Of Chemists Award, Alan Reece Comer won the Delapa Art Award, Eunok Palmer won the Balaez-Ambrose Award, and Richard Bramber won Clark Accounting Award.

Linda Brooke Thompson won the Clark Memorial Social Service, Kyle Deas won the Walter Clark Maximum Effort

Award, Christen Snyder won the Joe Cannata Award, Alison Palmer won the R. Christian English Achievement Award. Kurt Kempfe won the CRC Press Freshman for Chemistry Achievement, Rhyan Breen won the Debater of the Year.

Douglas B. Austin won the Outstanding Criminal Justice Graduate Award, Lawrence Osbourne-Quinnett won the Willis Gates Music Award, Jessica Garner won the Gautam/Business Award, Judith A. Srey won the HCA Award, Christina Robles won the Pauline Longest Award.

Lynn Jakes won the George & Lillian Miller, Eric Douglas won the Marketing Award, Benjamin Bakken won the Methodist College President Award, David Merrill won the Oratorio Singers Award, Anastasiya Carney won the Ott-Cooper Award, Marianne Parker won the Plyler Humanities, Martha R. Cook won the Outstanding Political Science Student Award.

Tiffany Meehan won the Elaine Porter French Award, Will Montoya won the Publisher's Award, Joshua Blizzard won the Pulliam Award, Robert Fritz won the Charles Reeves Outstanding Scholar Award.

Lakeisha Brown won the Social Work Student Award, Enausa Davis-Robinson won the SWK Senior Award, and Christian Ray Roncetti won the Lura Tally Award.

