



CONNIE ROWLETT NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Kudos and congratulations go to February's Classified Employee of the Month, Connie Rowlett in Science. Representatives of the Classified Professional Development Team joined staff in the Science Building Lab to present Connie with the Employee of the Month award. Connie was hired at Lane on April 7, 1980. She has been solving problems creatively and proactively in Science for the past 27 years. She has worked with (and trained) almost every Science Division chair that the Science Department has had. Colleagues gave numerous examples to justify her receiving this award. To name just a few, Connie brings both the wisdom of experience and the wisdom of high values to her advice and problem solving. She considers how decisions will affect student access to courses, staff workload, and college goals, always with an eye to the "smooth sailing" of our large and complex Division. With each new process the college rolls out, she is an early adopter, looking for ways to make work processes more efficient and useful for everyone.

Connie's outstanding customer service is exemplified in part by her amazing responsiveness, on a daily basis, to the changing needs and demands of every instructor in the Science Division. Connie is a walking encyclopedia of information about all of the challenges the Science Division has faced over the years, and how those challenges have been addressed. Whenever a problem is brought to her (and that is quite often), she can quickly analyze the situation, compare it with her vast reservoir of knowledge and experience, and propose one or more innovative and helpful paths for exploring likely solutions.

She is a multi-tasker extraordinaire, with a holistic view for solving problems. Connie always puts students first, and in that way, puts Lane first in her work. She is simply the best.

"Need something, ask Connie. Need an answer to a complicated LCC question, ask Connie. Need to know who to ask or where to go at LCC, ask Connie. Connie is the cornerstone of the Science Division. People come and go, but Connie is always there for all of the faculty, staff, and students. When all else fails, go ask Connie."

When you see Connie, congratulate her for doing a terrific job and celebrate her nomination as February's Classified Employee of the Month. And remember that, you too, can help us to recognize exemplary classified employees by nominating them for this award by the 15th of each month. Nomination forms are available on the CPDT website at <http://www.lanec.edu/cpdt/eom.html> or from Elaine Marsh, IRAP, marshe@lanec.edu