



Humber College administrator named winner of Doug Light Award

Anne Bender, a Dean and an Associate Vice President at Humber College, was named winner of OCASA's Doug Light Award for Administrative Excellence for 2002.



She became the fourth winner of the annual award, and was honoured February 17, 2002 at the ACAATO Conference in London, hosted by Fanshawe College.

The Doug Light Award honours a college administrator for leadership, excellence in administration and contribution to others. It consists of \$1,000 in cash, a framed certificate, and payment of OCASA membership fees for a year. The award has been presented annually since 1999. The Ontario College Administrative Staff Association is a professional association of administrators in Ontario Colleges.

Ms. Bender was the founding president of OCASA and held the position for three years. She became President at the time of the Association's formation in 1995.

Ms. Bender is also active in professional and community organizations, and has been previously honoured by Humber College for her leadership.

Other nominees for the award were: Sandra Bassett, Director of the International Education Centre at Algonquin College; Mary Preece, Director of the School of Academic Studies at Centennial College; and Rod Cameron, Chair of the Motive Power Technology Division at Fanshawe College.

The OCASA Doug Light Award is named for the late Doug Light who served 26 years as a college administrator, including terms as president of two colleges, Centennial College in Scarborough and George Brown College in Toronto. The award was first presented in 1999.

Bender has been a leader: in education, nursing, and the community.

During a 30-year career, Anne Bender has been a nurse, an educator and a college administrator.

Her performance has consistently demonstrated leadership and excellence in as many fields.

As a college administrator, she has been a recipient of the Robert Gordon Leadership Award from Humber College's Board of Governors.

At Humber, Ms Bender is now Associate Vice President, Quality Assurance, where she is responsible for academic program and operational reviews college wide, and chairs the Learning Assurance Council, a multi-disciplinary team to identify, develop, implement and monitor quality assurance at Humber. As Dean, School of Health Sciences, she oversees nearly 60 full and part-time programs, including a collaborative degree program in nursing.

In her professional field, she has been a director of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (1981-85), and in 1998 was the only nursing educator on the Ontario Nursing Task Force.

She has served as member and chair of the Advisory Committee on Nursing Manpower for three years, and from 1994 to 1997 served as Co-Chair of the Provincial Committee on the Future of Nursing Education.

The Province of Ontario will require all new nurses entering practice in 2005 to have a nursing degree. Ms Bender was an early proponent of the requirement for a degree for nursing graduates, and developed the collaborative program with the University of New Brunswick, which is offered at Humber.

She has been a director of the Ontario Lottery Corporation from 1987-1996, and in 1999-2000 was Chair of the Board of Directors of Bellwoods Centre for Community Living Inc., a community-based non-profit organization providing services for physically disabled adults.

Ms Bender also worked with other provincial administrators to achieve formal recognition for college administrators, and was elected founding president of the Ontario College Administrative Staff Association. During her term as President she was a driving force behind the creation of AdmiNEWS, a newsletter for OCASA members.

She holds a Masters Degree in Education from Harvard University; a B.Sc. in Nursing from St. Francis Xavier University; and a Masters Degree in Education from Central Michigan. She is currently working on doctoral studies in adult education at Michigan State.