

Daniel Holland of Loyalist named winner of OCASA Doug Light Award



The winner of the 2001 OCASA Doug Light Award for Administrative Excellence is an academic administrator who pioneered on-line courses in the Ontario Community Colleges.

Daniel Holland, Dean of the School of Business and Continuing Education, organized the first on-line course offered at Loyalist College. This was a basic computer course that attracted 34 students.

his led to an alliance with Algonquin College for on-line course offerings, and eventually to the formation of Contact South, a consortium of 21 Ontario Colleges.

Contact South currently offers 250 courses, has another 100 courses under development and last year registered enrolment exceeding 10,000.

Mr. Holland joined Loyalist College in 1987 as a Program Development Officer in Continuing Education after nine years with the Bank of Montreal. He was Manager of the School of Continuing Education and Ontario Skills from 1988-94; Dean of the School of Continuing Education from 1994-1999; and in 1999 was named Dean of the School of Business and Continuing Education, a position he now holds.

OCASA was formed in 1995 as a professional organization to advance the interests of college administrators. OCASA sponsors the annual Doug Light Award for Administrative Excellence, recognizing the efforts of administrators in the areas of leadership, contribution to others and excellence of performance. The OCASA Doug Light Award for Administrative Excellence is named after Doug Light, who served the college system in several capacities over 26 years. Mr. Light had been president of both Centennial College and George Brown College and had been supportive during the formative years of the Administrative Staff Association.