

## 1999 Seneca leader named first winner of annual Doug Light Award

Dr. Katharine Janzen, Director of Seneca College's Centre for Professional Development, was named first winner of the Association's Doug Light Award for Administrative Excellence.



She was presented with the award at the annual ACAATO conference in February, 1999.

In receiving the award, Dr. Janzen said she was thrilled to be honoured by her colleagues "who are the people who work with you every day who recognize what is good and also what is not so good."

She also said she appreciated that the award recognizes the leadership and leadership styles of administrators.

"This award will help enormously in valuing the work of all administrators in the colleges, she said.

In naming the winner, Dr. Terry Boyd, president of OCASA, praised the quality of candidates for this first award.

"Pity the poor judges," Dr. Boyd said. "To have to choose between six such excellent candidates."

He said that administrators are the people who make the system work. "They are the directors, set designers, stage managers, box office and promotion managers – sometimes all rolled into one," he said.

Dr. Janzen, a staff member at Seneca College for twenty-four years, has held positions as a professor, a coordinator, and an academic chair. Since 1992 she has been Director of the Centre for Professional Development.

She holds an Ed. D. in Higher Education, an M.Ed. in Educational Administration and B.Sc.N. in Nursing, all from the University of Toronto. As well, she acquired her R.N. through the Mack School of Nursing in St. Catharines. She is a resident of Pickering, Ont.

Dr. Janzen is the author of numerous papers and publications and is much sought after as a presenter of workshops and seminars. She initiated The College Quarterly, a journal that addresses educational issues impacting on the colleges and continues to be the publisher and Senior Editor. Other awards include: Seneca College Employee Excellence Award for Innovation in 1994, the 1995 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Excellence Award from the University of Texas at Austin, The McGraw-Hill Ryerson Education Innovation Award in 1998 and The CONNY Award for Education Excellence in Distance Education in 1998.

"This award acknowledges for the first time the work of administrators," Dr. Terry Boyd, president of OCASA, said in a press release to the media. "The future of the college system will be guided by the administrative staff. It is important that there be public acknowledgement of their contribution."