

Seneca Dean named recipient of OCASA Doug Light Lifetime Achievement Award



A leader both at her home college and across the province, Susan Savoie of Seneca College has been named recipient of the OCASA Doug Light Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ms Savoie, Dean, Continuing Education and Learning Services at Seneca, was cited for her continuing work both internally, where she took on a leadership role in administrative innovation; and provincially, as board member and twice chair of the OntarioLearn Board of Directors.

The Doug Light Award, which has been awarded 11 times in the past 16 years, honours a lifetime achievement of innovation, contribution to others and excellence of performance. The award is named after Doug Light, who in 26 years in the colleges served as president of both Centennial College and later at George Brown.

In support of Susan Savoie's nomination, Seneca College President David Agnew called her a tireless worker in breaking down "the historic boundaries between full-time and part-time studies." Her nominators cited her innovation at Seneca for "creating flexible delivery and learning offerings: online, hybrid, early starts for in-class, and fast-track opportunities."

She currently serves as one of 14 Directors of the Ontario Online Learning Collaborative and has chaired the OntarioLearn committee evaluating submissions to the Ministry's Shared Course Development Fund. She is also a former chair of the Ontario Heads of Continuing Education, and worked in cooperation with Algonquin College to deliver the Autism and Behavioural Science Ontario Graduate Certificate Program online.

Also nominated for the award this year was John Hardy, Director of Educational Resources at George Brown College who in the early days pioneered the transition of libraries as learning commons with access to computer hardware for students, and as technology advanced, championed testing, tutorial and learning services, and has launched a process embedding librarians into program areas.

The Doug Light Award honours a lifetime achievement in excellence as an administrator in an Ontario Community College. It focuses on leadership (innovation, vision, enterprise, impact, involvement) contribution to others (students, college, college system, community) and outstanding performance (team involvement, achievements beyond job expectations, and recognition by others).

Ms. Savoie will be honoured at the Awards Luncheon June 22 at the annual OCASA Leaders and Innovators Conference at Kingbridge Conference Centre in King City.

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