



Thunder Bay Educator wins coveted Doug Light Award for Administrative Excellence



A college administrator from Confederation College in Thunder Bay has been named fifth winner of the OCASA Doug Light Award for Administrative Excellence.

Donald J. Bernosky, Academic Director, School of Engineering Technology at Confederation, was selected winner of the award by a special committee appointed by the OCASA Executive.

The award honours one of the more than 1,500 administrators in Ontario's rapidly expanding Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology.

Other nominees for the prestigious award included Sandra Bassett, Director of the International Educational Centre at Algonquin College in Ottawa; and Sandy Lawrence, Director of Purchasing at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough.

OCASA – the Ontario College Administrative Staff Association – is a professional association of college administrators with members at each of the 24 colleges.

The Doug Light Award honours nominees for leadership, excellence in administration and contribution to others. Award to the winner consists of \$1,000 in cash, a framed certificate, and payment of OCASA membership fees for a year.

Mr. Bernosky has held progressively responsible leadership roles since joining the faculty of Confederation College in 1981.

In 1987 he became Chair of the Industrial and Motive Power Department, supervising 25 full-time staff in several college programs. In 1994 he was named chair of Industrial and Corporate Training; in 1996 he chaired the College Venture programs; and he has since held leadership responsibilities in Industrial and Electronics Technology and Aviation and Engineering.

Mr. Bernosky has also held a variety of professional positions in the Pulp and Paper Industry sector and on provincial bodies in the Ontario Colleges.

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 will be presented at the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (ACAATO) Annual Conference, to be held this year in Toronto, Ontario, February 23-24.

Last year's winner was Anne Bender, Dean and Associate Vice President at Humber College. Other winners have included: 2001, Daniel Holland, Dean of the School of Business and Continuing Education at Loyalist College; 2000, Dr. Terry Boyd, Chair, General Studies at Fanshawe College; 1999, Dr. Katharine Janzen, Director of Seneca College's Centre for Professional Development.