

## Lambton administrator is also a community leader



A former head of the Lambton Police Service, and current chair of the Bluewater Health Board of Directors in Sarnia will be a recipient of the 2009 OCASA Distinguished Administrator Award.

Dr. Jim Elliott, Dean, School of Business and Sports Administration, School of Liberal Studies, is one of two college administrators who will receive the prestigious award June 23 as part of the OCASA Professional Development Conference in Collingwood. The other recipient is Judy Robinson, Vice-President Academic at Durham College in Oshawa.

Dr. Elliott began his career at Lambton as a teaching master and in the intervening years has been involved in most committees at the college in growing areas of responsibilities before becoming Director of Learning Technology and Information Systems in 1996. Since then he has been involved in a number of committees at the college and has held responsibilities of dean of a growing number of post-secondary programs. Since 2002 he has held the position as Dean, School of Business and Sports Administration, School of Liberal Studies.

At the same time, he has maintained a significant presence in the community through active involvement not only in the Lambton Police Service and Bluewater Health (and their predecessor organizations), but also as president of the Sarnia and Sarnia-Lambton NDP Riding Associations, membership in school councils, and as a commissioner in a two-pitch baseball league.

Dr. Elliott developed the Quality Assurance process for Lambton College programs and services and has operational responsibility for the audit team at the college. As well, he successfully developed an Office of Institutional Research at Lambton to provide the College with data it never had before. As part of this, Dr. Elliott chairs the Research Ethics Committee at Lambton. He has been responsible for a number of collaborative university degrees, most notably the delivery of the University of Windsor's Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Lambton College, and for the development of more than 10 new programs at Lambton.

In presenting his nomination for the Distinguished Administrator Award, a colleague, Rob Kardas, Associate Dean, praised his leadership: "Dr. Elliott embraced the role of mentor and to have had the opportunity to work for someone with his wisdom and integrity has been and will always be the highlight of my career."