

## Durham administrator honoured with distinguished service award



Her 25 years at Durham College as a professor and administrator, combined with dedicated community service, have earned Judy Spring a salute from her peers.

Spring, Dean, School of Business, IT & Management, Durham College, has been named recipient of the OCASA Distinguished Administrator Award 2011.

In her career at Durham, Spring has filled a variety of roles from classroom professor, academic administrator, while at the same time contributing in significant ways to the community of Oshawa and Durham Region.

In addition, she has served and in some cases headed committees at the college, and for the past two years has been the administrative representative on the Durham College Board of Governors.

The OCASA Distinguished Administrator Award is presented to administrators at an Ontario college who have demonstrated distinguished administrative performance at the local or regional level, including outstanding leadership, professionalism, accomplishments, and support for the mission and strategy of OCASA.

Her community involvement included six years as inaugural Chair of the Board of Trustees at Lakeridge Health, where she oversaw the amalgamation of several existing area hospitals into one corporation structure. She held this position for six years, from 1998 to 2004.

As a member of Oshawa City Council in the 1990s, she chaired the Public Works Committee, was vice-chair of the Planning and Development and on served on the Transit Commission and Committee of Adjustment.

In her involvement in the Association of Canadian Community Colleges she was a member of the national board and chaired the Ontario Caucus. She also served as a President of the Robert McLaughlin Art Gallery in Oshawa, and has been a director of the Oshawa YWCA – by whom she was named in 1994 as Woman of Distinction.

In her administrative role at Durham she has developed articulation agreements in a number of ground-breaking areas with University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Trent University, Athabasca University and more recently with Davenport University in Michigan.

For the past three years she has served on the Durham College Board of Governors, and has been involved in a significant number of college committees in a leadership role, including that of liaison between the Academic Leadership Team and the Human Resources Committee of which she is currently chair.

In congratulating Judy on the award, Durham College President Don Lovisa said: "In each of her various roles, Judy continues to provide exceptional leadership and always accepts her professional responsibility and team accountability. She always places the success of our students foremost in all decision-making and truly demonstrates leadership in action. Judy is truly a deserving winner who possesses the personal and professional calibre that symbolizes the values of this prestigious award."

Spring was a member of the OCASA Board of Directors from 2007 to 2010, is a former member of the Awards Committee, and currently is involved as a member of the PD Conference Committee. At Durham, she actively recruits new members, and acts as liaison between the college president and administrative staff.

The award will be given during the OCASA Awards Banquet during the OCASA Annual PD Conference, June 21 at the Blue Mountain Resort.

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