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## **Niagara College Finance Director wins OCASA Distinguished Administrator Award**

An administrator at Niagara College who has earned praise from her colleagues and from the Niagara area community has been named winner of the 2008 OCASA Distinguished Administrator Award.

Teresa Quinlin, Director of Financial Services at Niagara College, will receive the award June 24 at the 2008 OCASA Professional Development Conference at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa.

OCASA is a voluntary professional association of college administrators in Ontario that advocates professionalism, excellence, and learning for the betterment of the community college system.

The award honours a college administrator who combines leadership, professionalism, effectiveness and support for the objectives of OCASA.

In nomination for the prestigious award, colleagues praised Ms. Quinlin for her proactive leadership, and her willingness and ability to help colleagues achieve goals through creative problem-solving.

In her position at Niagara College as Director of Financial Services, Ms. Quinlin has elevated the professionalism of the department, improving performance to provide more complete and fuller monthly financial reports. At the same time, she provided leadership by example, completing her MBA with honours through Niagara University.

Recently, she was a member of the Provincial Consolidation Committee, and at Niagara presented a two-hour seminar on *Budgeting for the Non-Financial Manager* at the College Management Academy. She is a member of Toastmasters' International, and was instrumental in

the formation of the college Toastmasters' Club. Also at the college, she served for several years on the board of directors of the Student Administrative Council.

Ms. Quinlin has been an active member of OCASA since its inception, and is currently treasurer of the executive of the Administrative Staff Association at Niagara College.

Her leadership skills were recognized by the members of Niagara community when she was one of two Niagara College managers involved in the regional "Leadership Niagara" initiative. In conjunction with other community participants, she helped develop a toolkit and DVD to help raise awareness to students of the importance and "how to's" of volunteering. This toolkit, including curriculum and activities, was distributed to teachers in Grade 10 'Careers and Civics' classes in the Niagara Region.

Teresa is a native of Hobart, Tasmania, in Australia. In her spare time she likes to swim and read.

Also to be honoured at the June 24 Awards ceremony will be Jeanine Buss, Registrar at Fanshawe College, London as Honourable Mention, Distinguished Administrator; and Linda Trott, Manager, Part-time Studies and Corporate Training, at Georgian College in Barrie who will receive a Volunteer Recognition Award for activities with the organization.

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