



Mondaymemo

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Staff Recognition & Service Awards Program



And a good time was had by all... Faculty and staff were honored for years of service, retirement and special accomplishments during the "supersized" Staff Recognition & Service Awards Program, Thursday, May 3 in the Highlander Lounge.

(Top left) Ola Drake of Financial Aid was so happy to receive her 35-year clock from Pres. Cindy Hess that she couldn't speak, which some noted was a first for her...



Retiree Rich Sprandel, who got a 30-year apple award, couldn't wait for the refreshments. Rich retired from HVAC on Leap Day, Feb. 29.

Greg Hayes of Shipping & Receiving also was one of six 30-year awardees who received red marble apples. Greg's wife cheered him on from the audience.



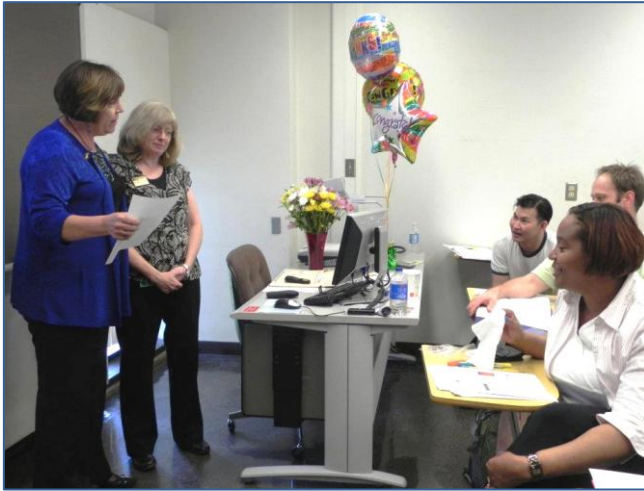
(Middle left to right) Tough guy John Vansaghi, Building & Grounds, didn't want to speak and no one was going to make him. John was one of four 35-year awardees.

Janet Woodworth, Social Sciences, was the first Forest Park employee to reach 45 years of service. Janet's award was a crystal vase, which she

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BACKSTAGE ...



President Hess surprised Sally Polta in class last Monday with balloons, flowers and the announcement that Sally had won the Teacher of the Year award. Sally was stunned; her students were excited and proud.



Even though Dispatcher Bob Wagner (left) and Officer Jim Dixon (right) missed the Staff Recognition program, they were honored at their own retirement party, April 27. By May 3, they were gone: Bob was in Wisconsin fishing, Jim was at the ballgame. Ah, the good life!

filled with flowers from a colleague when she got back to her office. Janet says she'll be back for her 50th award!

Denice Josten, Reading, is retiring June 30, just two months shy of 12 years of teaching at Forest Park. Denice was lauded for her developmental education contributions.

Drum roll....the Teacher of the Year is Sally Polta, Associate Professor of Radiologic Technology. Sally is a 1992 graduate of the program and one of our alumni success stories.

Tom Zant, Political Science, joins the elite 40 club with a captain's clock. Tom is the sixth Forest Park employee to reach 40 years of service. Lou Marion was the first in 2005.

The one and only Tim Tolson, Physical Education/Athletics, almost made it to 45 years. Tim retired in November after more than 44 years of service, most of it as the gym supervisor.

Finally, we saved the best photo for last. Have you ever seen four men more eager to receive an award? Have you ever seen Chief Banahan speechless? It was a day of firsts...

The 2012 Campus Innovation of the Year award went to Campus Police Chief Richard Banahan, Steve Smith, Funeral Service, and Officers Nigel Partee and Kurt Wagner for their leadership roles in developing the "Campus Safety: The Next Generation, An Active Shooter Drill Full-Scale Exercise." There, there, gentlemen, that wasn't so bad!

**Program photos by David Kennedy
Backstage photos by Lynn Venhaus**

43rd Annual Academic & Service Awards Banquet

IT'S AWARDS SEASON!



A processional of flags representing the countries of Forest Park's international students kicked off the 2012 Academic & Service Awards Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the St. Louis Union Station Marriott, Friday, April 27.

Emcee Extraordinaire Keith Sayles presided over an evening of awards, smiles and hugs for more than 500 honorees, their families and Forest Park faculty and staff. The annual banquet is expertly coordinated by Campus Life Manager Philishea Ingram and staff.

Registration volunteers from Admissions looked like they were sitting in a garden. (Left) Cassandra Hudspeth, Angie Grosch, Phyllis Cromwell and Cecilia Hyde with Campus Life's banquet guru Patricia Jones.



Human Services Club President Donta Hall-El (left) accepted the "Outstanding Club of the Year Award" from SGA Pres. Derrick Varner.



SGA's husband & wife team Rhonda and Randy Hannah were multiple award winners.

PTK VP of Scholarship Olivia Brady was nominated for the \$30,000 Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, shown with advisor Sandra Knight.



Business Club President Nancy Gage-Washington not only received a Master Class medallion, she gave one to advisor Angelic Cole (left). The medallion logo was designed by Kristen Heard (right), shown with Sandra Osburn.

SGA President-elect Duane Logsdon, another multi-honoree.



Auto Tech students Lacey Smith (left) and Zachary Poggemoeller were lauded by Professor Mitch Walker for winning the Grainger Tools for Tomorrow \$2,000 scholarship.



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Math Chair Seth Daugherty (above right) presented the John Bunn Memorial Math Achievement Awards to (left) Gyan Gurung, Hyungsun Park, Bikram Sitoula, Shalece Johnson and Alnita Smiley.

(Left) Financial Aid nominated Marchelle Lester for the Hat's Off Award for earning two TANF Student Hall of Fame Awards and two TRIO program awards.

Chef Casey Shiller honored Brittney Cobb (right) and Alexa Tarwater (center) for their excellence in Baking & Pastry classes, and earning internships and employment at Jilly's Cupcake Bar & Café.

Isaac Cherry received the "Emerging Leader Award" for exemplary work with Campus Life Programming.

International Student Club members included (left) Khadaega Thabet and her sisters, Karema and Maryam, with Shadi Zarghami. Khadaega was a multi-award winner, including the All-Missouri Academic Second Team.

SGA Treasurer Janet Kagoda was another multi-winner, shown here with Patricia Forester, Library (left).

The ladies of the President's office nominated student worker Susan Hayden for a Departmental Service Award for excellent customer service. (Left) Audrey Hunter, Hayden, Pres. Hess and Kelli Watkins.



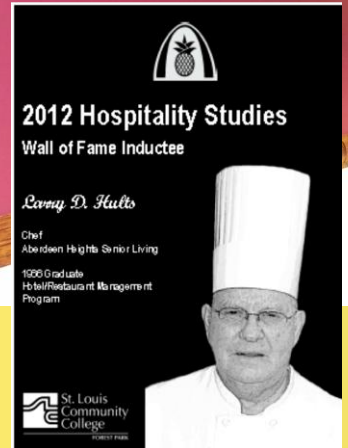
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Hospitality Studies Graduate & Alumni Reception

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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO CHEF
LARRY D. HULTS
2012 Wall of Fame
Inductee**



Chef and Forest Park Alumnus Larry D. Hults became the 15th honoree inducted into the Hospitality Studies Wall of Fame, Thursday, May 3.

A 1966 graduate of the Hotel Restaurant Management program, Hults was one of the first three HRM graduates, attending Forest Park Community College night classes at Roosevelt High School.

After a distinguished career in St. Louis and Colorado, he became the chef for Aberdeen Heights Senior Living in Kirkwood in 2011.

Hults was presented the award by long-time friend and colleague Chef Thomas Elkin (top left), who filled in as a chef instructor at Forest Park this year. Chair Ellen Piazza presented Elkin a plaque of appreciation for his services.

Photos by Lynn Venhaus



Also enjoying the reception:

(Top right) Alum Margaret Grant, a 2011 graduate who was one of four student commencement speakers.

(Left) 1972 Alum John Kirkpatrick and 1975 Alum Anna Hall.

(Right) Chef Jeffrey Ivory and Brenda Delaney, Hospitality Studies.

