

Shaheen Chair for Teaching Excellence

To: Students, Staff and Glen Oaks Community Members

From: Gary S. Wheeler, President of Glen Oaks Community College

Re: Nominations for the E. J. Shaheen Chair for Teaching Excellence

Date: February 1, 2010

The nominating period is now open for the E.J. Shaheen Chair for Teaching Excellence. I encourage you to nominate a faculty member, expressing your knowledge of how the nominee reflects one or more of the teaching excellence characteristics and actions listed below. Additional nomination forms are available in the President's Office or at the Receptionist's Desk.

The Shaheen Chair Award was initiated in 1984 with a generous donation from Mr. Shaheen, one of the original Glen Oaks Board members. Mr. Shaheen, a college professor, lawyer, and business owner, placed a high value on education and spent much of his later life promoting high quality education and educational institutions, including Glen Oaks.

Through the endowment of this award, Mr. Shaheen provided an annual recognition of excellence in teaching. This recognition is presented to one or more full-time faculty members who exemplify high professional standards, demonstrates excellence in teaching, and reflect the value of education to their students. Some of the characteristics that reflect the teaching excellence of an individual might be:

- Makes the difficult learnable
- Is responsive to learning styles
- Creates an environment that is conducive to learning
- Motivates students to learn
- Expresses enthusiasm for learning
- Has an excellent ability to convey knowledge to students
- Encourages lifelong learning
- Challenges students to think critically
- Cares about how all are doing
- Makes connections

Glen Oaks Community College faculty members have a long history of teaching excellence and meaningful impact on the lives of students and the communities served by the college. As a part of the recognition afforded by this award the names and photographs of previous recipients are mounted on the west wall of the E.J. Shaheen Library.

Current or former students, staff, and community members are invited to nominate a full-time faculty member for this year's recognition.

All nominations should be submitted to the President's Office at Glen Oaks prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19th.

The E.J. Shaheen Selection Committee consisting of two GOCC Foundation members, the College President, the Dean of the College, a retired full-time faculty member, and a current Glen Oaks' student, will review the nominations and announce the recipient in April.