Welcome Melinda McCall

Melinda McCall recently joined SCTD’s staff as full-time head librarian. Her vision for the library includes “continuing to build and grow the collection, assuring that it strongly supports all of our degree programs. I would love to get students interested in using the library for more than just the computers. More space is always good and it would be great to expand again, provide the students with more computers (maybe some MACs) and quiet, enclosed areas for group study/projects. In my wildest dreams, we would have a coffee bar!”

Ms. McCall has implemented Saturday hours for the library on weeks five (mid-terms) and ten (finals preparation) to allow students more access to materials and information necessary for study and/or project completion.

She is also implementing the new library expansion. Recently the college added a 286 square foot extension which now houses worktables, an additional computer and display areas.

Check out SCTD’s library for the available technology and print resources.

Dr. Sheree Koppel receives prestigious national award

A technology program is only as good as the person in charge. At SCTD, that person is Academic Dean, Dr. Sheree Koppel, and she was recently awarded the 2011 Outstanding Technical Education Achievement Award by the American Technical Education Association (ATEA).

What does that mean?

According to the ATEA, “The purpose of ATEA’s Outstanding Technical Education Achievement Award is to recognize an individual who has made the highest meritorious contribution to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of postsecondary technical education and ATEA.”

What it means to SCTD is that Dr. Koppel’s dedication to the school is unsurpassed. Here is a list of her many accomplishments:

• She became involved in the Tech Prep movement, now known nationally as PRIDE IN OUR FACULTY & STAFF

At Sullivan College of Technology and Design, we encourage our faculty and staff to increase their education and skills so that they can continue to provide our students with the best education possible. Here are some recent achievements:

Robert “Mitch” Mitchell
Beth Gnadinger
Charles Wayne Wood
Kirsten Clodfelter

CADD instructor Robert “Mitch” Mitchell has completed his second master’s degree at Sullivan University, the Master of Science in Managing Information Technology.

Beth Gnadinger, General Education adjunct instructor, has completed two master’s degrees at Sullivan University, the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and a Master of Science in Managing Information Technology.

Charles Wayne Wood, Information Technology instructor, recently renewed his A+ certification. Mr. Wood teaches Computer Essentials and Troubleshooting, the course at SCTD that leads to A+ certification for his students. He feels that his achievement will help him prepare students better for the A+ certification exam.

Kirsten Clodfelter, an adjunct instructor in the General Education department, recently had her short, lyric non-fiction essay, entitled “There Was a Moment to Turn Back” published in the January edition of Brevity magazine. You can check out Kirsten’s piece at http://www.creativenonfiction.org/brevity/

Tom Bendorf, an adjunct instructor in the CADD department, recently obtained his Certified Architectural Drafter (CADD) from the American Design Drafting Association (ADDA).

Tim Brown, instructor in the Graphics department, recently passed the AutoCADAssociate certification exam. Mr. Brown teaches AutoCAD/Traditional Drafting, the course at SCTD that leads to the AutoCADAssociate certification.

Stephanie Burton was recently promoted to Associate Director of Admissions. Finally, IT Administrator Manuel Figg recently completed three certifications in the IT field; the MCSE (Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer), SCNS (Security Certified Network Specialist), and the SCN (Security Certified Network Professional). Way to go, Manue!

Robert Mitchell
Beth Gnadinger
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“No one has ever taken as much time to work one-on-one with faculty members to improve their teaching skills.”

Mike Bryant, General Education Department Chairperson, who nominated Dr. Koppel for the award.

Career Pathways, in 1989. Her work, documented in Chapter Nine of The Pathway from Baghdad to Tech Prep: A Success Story, by Dr. Ahmed Sabie, focused on linking secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs. She served as Director of Curriculum Development and Externally Funded Programs at Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Koppel received the Kentucky SkillsUSA Post-secondary Advisor of the Year award (2009). She presents at numerous conferences at the state, regional and national levels.

Dr. Koppel currently serves as Secretary to the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) and is a member of ACTE, the national affiliate.

Dr. Koppel is a member of ATEA’s membership committee and has assisted SCTD in the past four years with achieving the ATEA Outstanding Technical Program Award (Computer Graphic Design, 2009 recipient) and the Silver Star of Excellence Award (Zappo’s, Inc, 2010 recipient).

She is currently working to expand the number of bachelor’s programs offered for students at Sullivan College of Technology and Design.

Congratulations, Dean Koppel.