Each year, Sullivan University recognizes a full-time and an adjunct faculty member at the Lexington campus for their commitment to the students, institution, field of expertise and the community. The individuals selected for this honor exhibit the highest standards for teaching and respect for their field. This year’s Faculty of the Year winners are Professor Julie King and Professor Laura Caudill.

Professor Julie King, the full-time faculty winner, has been a member of Sullivan’s Computer Science department for seven years. Currently, she is pursuing her doctoral degree in Computer Science from Nova Southeastern University. Students that nominated Ms. King for the Faculty of the Year honor all mentioned that she is very dedicated and willing to help. One student commented, “Mrs. King is always willing to help with anything. She has helped me and other students with classes that she isn’t even teaching this quarter. She always bends over backwards to help anyone that needs it.”

Another nominee mentioned, “She is very dedicated. She took time out to also help me with other classes. Not once did she ever act like it was a bother to her, no matter what the problem.” Professor Laura Caudill, adjunct faculty winner, has been an English instructor and tutor since January 2006 and plays a key role in the success of Sullivan’s Tutoring and Writing Center. Ms. Caudill earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Morehead State University in English and French. Ms. Caudill has quickly established a reputation at Sullivan University of being a concerned and compassionate instructor that is truly appreciated. One nomination read . . . “She knows English like the back of her hand, and teaches it in a manner that even I could understand (because English is a subject I have never liked). She made English 101 and 102 fun!” While another nominee praised Ms. Caudill for her dedication to students because, “She goes beyond just teaching facts about English. She is an outstanding instructor!”

Congratulations to Ms. King and Ms. Caudill - keep up the good work!

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Really fresh project

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