

# Six at College at Brockport Receive Chancellor's Awards

Brockport, NY -

Six members of The College at Brockport, State University of New York, faculty have been recognized for outstanding accomplishments with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence.

Established in 1970, the Chancellor's Award was created to honor distinguished performance within the State University of New York system. Each award winner received an inscribed certificate and a cast bronze medallion. Members of The College at Brockport faculty and staff recognized this year include:

## Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching

Melissa Waite, PhD, associate professor, Department of Business Administration and Economics has been a member of The College at Brockport faculty since 1996 and specializes in the area of human resource management. She is regarded as a superb instructor and dedicated mentor whose teaching style emphasizes teamwork, communication, flexibility and innovation with the goal of developing each student's critical thinking, written and oral communication skills.

Luz Cruz, EdD, associate professor, Department of Physical Education and Sport, a member of The College at Brockport faculty since 1997, is regarded by peers and students as an exceptional teacher and mentor. Her areas of expertise include teacher education, curriculum development and elementary physical education.

## Chancellor's Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity

Sanford Miller, PhD, professor, Department of Mathematics, and a member of The College at Brockport faculty since 1971, received the Chancellor's Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity. Miller's research, much of it in collaboration with Petru Mocanu, professor of mathematics at Babes-Bolyai University in Romania, opened a new field of mathematics known as differential subordinations. He has published 54 research articles and received more than 30 travel and research grants, including five Fulbright awards, seven National Academy of Sciences awards and two National Science Foundation awards. He also received \$1.23 million from the National Science Foundation to fund scholarships for needy, academically deserving mathematics, computer science and physics students at The College at Brockport.

## Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

Linda Balog, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Health Science and member of The College at Brockport Faculty since 1982 is recognized as a productive scholar and an effective teacher. She is recognized nationally as an expert in the area of childhood stress management. She founded the Child and Adolescent Stress Management Institute, the first of its kind in the US to help young people and their families identify and address the impact of excessive stress on family life.

## Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship

Robert Gilliam, associate librarian, Drake Memorial Library, is head of the Interlibrary Loan program at The College at Brockport. His work is critical to the academic environment, providing faculty support to both the production of teaching materials and to scholarly research as well as helping students develop and organize their research.

## Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service

Michele Hofstra, director of facilities services in the Office of Facilities and Planning, has been a member of The College at Brockport community since 1981. She is responsible for a wide range of service functions that directly affect the quality of day-to-day campus activities. They include mail service, central receiving, property control, event set up, signage and fleet vehicle management.

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## Editor's Notes:

" Waite resides in Spencerport, NY, and is a graduate of the University of Buffalo (PhD and MBA) and SUNY Plattsburgh (BA).

" Cruz resides in Brockport and is a graduate of The Teachers College, Columbia University (EdD and MEd), the University of Maryland (MA) and Hunter College, CUNY (BA).

" Miller resides in Rochester, NY, and is a graduate of the University of Kentucky (PhD), Washington University (MA) and MIT (BS).

" Linda Farrah Balog resides in Brockport, NY, and is a graduate of the University of Maryland '69/'71 and the University of Pittsburgh '78.

" Gilliam resides in Brockport, NY, and is a graduate of Columbia University (MSLS), McMaster University (MA), and St. Mary's College (BA).

" Hofstra resides in Brockport, NY, and is a graduate of SUNY Empire College (BS). She is the daughter of Joseph and Carol Ashley of Morristown, NY.

## face to the name

### Hon. Stephen T. Miller



The Hon. Stephen T. Miller was elected to the Rochester City Court in November, 2005. As a Rochester City Court Judge, Judge Miller is committed to ensuring that everyone that appears in his courtroom seeking justice is treated with fairness, dignity, and respect. Judge Miller presides over misdemeanor cases, trials, and hearings, oversees the preliminary stages of felony cases, resolves tenant/landlord cases, and civil lawsuits.

Judge Miller currently serves as an Acting Monroe County Court Judge, where he presides over felony arraignment and sentencing of cases involving

murder, rape, robbery, and other crimes.

Before his election to the Rochester City Court, Judge Miller served the people of Monroe County as a Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Major Felony Bureau, where he was responsible for the prosecution of the most violent crimes that occurred in Monroe County.

Prior to serving in the District Attorney's Office, Judge Miller taught as a New York State certified teacher in the Rochester City School District at his alma mater Joseph E. Wilson Magnet School.

Judge Miller understands the importance of being visibly active and involved with the community that he serves. He serves on the Pastoral Staff and as a teacher for all ages at the Church of Love Faith Center. From 2004 until 2007 Judge Miller served as a tutor with the "Lawyers for Learning" Program at Adlai E. Stevenson School #29. In addition to his City Court responsibilities, Judge Miller participates with the Rochester Teen Court, which honored him for his service in 2006 with its Rochester Teen Court "Hero" award.

In addition to speaking to students at area colleges who have an interest in the field of law, Judge Miller is also a frequent speaker to students at schools within the Rochester City School District and suburban schools, encouraging them to achieve academic and life success for themselves, their families, and their community.

In 2006, Judge Miller was honored by Wilson Magnet High School as a Distinguished Wilson Alumnus for success in the Rochester community, and his continued support of the Rochester City School District. He was also recognized in 2006 by the Democrat and Chronicle as one of Rochester's "Emerging African American Leaders". In 2007, he was honored by the Austin Steward Foundation for his service and commitment to the Rochester community.

Judge Miller is a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School where he earned his Juris Doctorate. He also earned a Masters of Science in Education from Nazareth College, and achieved his Bachelor of Arts in history and psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He is a member of the Rochester Black Bar Association, and over the years he has served on various boards, and committees in our community.

Judge Miller was born and raised in the city of Rochester. He currently lives in Rochester with his wife Tracey, and their two daughters, Rachel, and Camille.

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