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Living the Mission

Kathy Brown came to the University of Dayton for a job but found so much more in the Department of Counselor Education and Human Services.

“The people I work with feel like family,” Brown said.

The feeling is mutual as Brown – who has been a valued member of the department for close to two decades – was recently recognized as the recipient of the Sue Federspiel Award. The award is presented annually to a staff member in the School of Education and Health Sciences who exemplifies a commitment to the goals of the School; a dedication to helping others achieve their profession and personal potential; and a commitment to professional growth that enhances the overall quality of the School’s environment.

Alan Demmitt, chair and associate professor of the Department of Counselor Education and Human Services, nominated the long-time administrative assistant for the award.

“Kathy has aspired to live out the Marianist charisms, support students and faculty in their professional endeavors and demonstrated a high level of commitment to the success of the department,” Demmitt said. “She enjoys helping students, student workers, faculty and adjuncts meet their potential, both professionally and personally.”

The award came as a complete surprise to Brown who was recognized at the recent staff retreat.



"It caught me totally off guard, I didn't even know I was nominated," she said. "But I was so happy to receive it. It's nice to know that you are valued and appreciated."

From the physical location of SEHS to the increased presence of technology, much has changed in the 18 years since Brown began working in the department, but that suits her just fine.

"There's not a typical day, especially when you're the only staff member in the department," she said, smiling.

Providing support to faculty in six different graduate programs, offered in two locations – Dayton and Dublin – can be challenging but also rewarding for Brown.

"You really have the feeling that you are part of a team," she said.

And Brown's contributions have not gone unnoticed by her team.

"The way Kathy lives out the Marianist goals for education is an inspiration to the faculty, students, visitors and everyone affiliated with the department," Demmitt said.

Debbie Juniewicz

New Staff Members



JANICE BERKSHIRE

Janice Berkshire is a data specialist in the Department of Teacher Education. She started her role in August 2015 after serving four years at Elizabeth's New Life Center as a nurturing parenting educator teaching low income first time parents how to nurture their new newborns. She received her B.A. in psychology from UD in 1995 and when asked why she chose to work for the university, Jan responded, "I chose UD because I wanted to give back to the university that has given so much to me, and it's great to be back on campus!"

JOSEPH OLIVERI

Joseph Oliveri is program assistant for Upward Bound. He started in the role in November 2015 after graduating from UD in May with a B.S.E. in adolescence to young adult education with concentrations in mathematics and secondary Catholic religious education. When asked why he chose to work for UD, Joe responded, "I chose UD, and apparently continue choosing UD, because of the loving atmosphere of the community and the spark it continues to give to my faith life."



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