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Secretaries Snyder and Anderson honored with annual awards

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Secretaries Diane Snyder and Patty Anderson, each of whom have more than 19 years of service with SUNY Fredonia, shared the spotlight as recipients of two coveted awards at the SUNY Fredonia Secretarial/Clerical Professional Development Group's Annual Fall Conference Oct. 7.

The Barbara Saletta Meritorious Service Award, given annually to recognize a secretarial or clerical employee with outstanding service attitude, was presented to Ms. Snyder. A Dunkirk resident, Snyder was hired in 1992 in the Accounting Office as a Calculations Clerk I. She was later promoted to Calculations Clerk 2 in 1994, and then Administrative Aide in 2000.

Sandy Noble, Director of Accounting, described Diane as "... an outstanding example of [SUNY Fredonia's motto] 'Where success is a tradition.' She has a tremendous internal drive to do a good job and pay our vendors in a timely manner. Diane's 'Fredonia pride' is evident to anyone who comes in contact with her..."

Snyder has been a volunteer during the United Way Week of Caring and is a SEFA solicitor. She is also an active member of the SUNY Fredonia Administration Team at the Relay for Life.

The Poummit Secretarial Award in Memory of Janet Marks, a former secretary to the president of SUNY Fredonia, was presented to Ms. Anderson, who has worked as a secretary for over 35 years — first hired by SUNY Fredonia in 1976 as a Stenographer. She was promoted to Keyboard Specialist I in 1987, to Clerk II in 1998, and then to Secretary I in 2008. She has spent her entire career in the Financial Aid Office.

Jeremy Corrente, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, said Patty "...has done an outstanding job and remains one of the pillars of this office." He added, "Day after day and year after year, Patty has handled this staggering volume by answering one question at a time and ensuring that both students' and parents' needs are met."

Both awards are established through the Fredonia College Foundation and honor secretarial / clerical staff members for an outstanding service attitude, creativity and resourcefulness, demonstrated team effort and personal integrity and leadership. The recipients received a framed certificate and monetary award from SUNY Fredonia President Dennis Hefner.

Nearly 70 staff members attended the conference, held at SUNY Fredonia's College Lodge in Brocton.



Pictured from left are Ace Everett (brother of the late Barbara Saletta), Diane Snyder (the 2011 Saletta recipient), Sue Engberg (Ms. Saletta's sister) and Patricia Anderson, recipient of the Poummit award.