

Everglades University Faculty Member Receives National Award
Career College Association bestows Annual Achievement Award for Most Innovative Best Practices

Sarasota, Florida— May 14, 2009 – Everglades University is proud to announce that Cathy Colford, a Construction Management faculty member, has won the Career College Association’s award for the Most Innovative Best Practices/New Program. Colford’s novel teaching techniques made her the overwhelming choice in this category for the Career College Association. The best example of what helped her win was during the 2008 school year at Everglades University which was building out the second floor of their Sarasota campus. This was a large construction project that spanned many months and all aspects of commercial construction methods. Colford held lectures onsite and allowed her students to review the construction methods first hand. She then had them incorporate what they had learned into class projects, which they presented to their class in order to gain valuable experience on presenting as a project manager or construction professional in a real work environment.

“Receiving this recognition for my teaching methods is quite an honor,” shared Cathy Colford. “Incorporating collaborative learning and real life job experiences and projects into my curriculum helps to keep the students engaged in the learning process.” Colford holds a Master of Science Degree in Engineering from the University of Central Florida and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. Her master’s thesis and current doctoral work are focused on sustainable energy practices. Aside from her position at Everglades University she is currently employed as a Construction Project Manager with the Florida Dept. of Transportation and has won several awards for her roadway projects.

The *Most Innovative Best Practices/New Program Award* recognizes institutions and/or organizations that have contributed to the private, postsecondary career school sector through successful implementation of innovative methods that benefited an institution, student, the career school sector, or the community at-large during the 2008 calendar year. The awards will be given out in June at the Career College Associations 2009 Convention & Exposition, which is being held in Orlando.

Everglades University is a private, not-for-profit university offering Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in majors such as Business, Construction Management, Alternative Medicine and Aviation. Everglades University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302, Arlington, Virginia 22201). It is also licensed by the Commission for Independent Education, Florida Department of Education. The main campus is located in Boca Raton with branch campuses in Sarasota and Orlando.

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