SDCC PROFESSOR THERESA M. SAVARESE NAMED OUTSTANDING BUSINESS EDUCATOR POSTSECONDARY

Congratulations to Computer Business Technology Professor Theresa (Terri) Savarese for being named the Outstanding Business Educator Postsecondary by the Western Business Education Association (WBEA). Theresa received her award at the annual WBEA Conference in Scottsdale, AZ May 22-24, 2015.

This award is given for contribution to business education through classroom involvement, curriculum development, professional and student organizations, administrative responsibilities, and/or publications.

Theresa M. Savarese

The WBEA lauded Savarese for her recent contribution with the Regional Advisory Committee where she worked with Deputy Sector Navigator Rose LaMuraglia updating curriculum and implemented a Business Information Worker Certificate of Achievement. This certificate is now being used as a statewide model as part of the Information Communication Technology sector.

Theresa also helped write CTEA (Career and Technical Education Act) grant proposals for the past several years at City College while serving as department chair for the Information Technology Department. She is also responsible for hiring faculty and staff, budgeting, departmental reports, and with her kind heart and warm personality, she represents the College at various events.

About earning the award, Savarese shared, “Being recognized by one’s peers is truly a humbling experience. With the conference held in Scottsdale, where I started my teaching career nearly 40 years ago, I was able to reflect on my career as a whole and realized what a wonderful profession I chose in being able to help students build the self-confidence they needed to succeed in the business world and life.”
A professor in the Department of Information Technology-Computer Business Technology, Savarese has taught business and technology related classes at San Diego City College since 1990. With a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's in business education from Arizona State University, Savarese taught sixteen years in Phoenix at the high school level and as an adjunct at Phoenix College prior to coming to City College. She is certified as a Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Master Instructor, an IC3 (Internet and Computing Core Certification) Authorized Instructor, and holds an ICDL (International Computer Driving License)--international certification for computer literacy. She teaches both on campus and online in Microsoft Office, Office Administration and Computers in Business courses.

Since 1990, Theresa has been an active member of several associations, including CBEA, WBEA, NBEA, BESAC and ABEA. She has held several board positions and facilitated at national conferences within these organizations. Theresa has a love for learning that leads her to attend several national conferences to increase her knowledge on the latest business and technology happenings. Savarese was also named the 2008 Outstanding Post-Secondary Educator of the Year by the California Business Education Association (CBEA).

City College President Anthony Beebe said, “Professor Savarese earns accolades for her teaching and professional involvement because she believes in her work, her students and her ability to make a positive change. City College is so fortunate to have Professor Savarese as role model for our students.”

About San Diego City College: Founded in 1914, San Diego City College celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2014. Serving as the educational cornerstone of downtown San Diego, City College offers more than 200 degrees and certificates, and 1,900 day, evening, weekend and online courses. City College is part of the San Diego Community College District, comprised of City College, Mesa College, Miramar College, and Continuing Education. For more information, visit: www.sdcity.edu.

About WBEA: Western Business Education Association, as an affiliate of the National Business Education Association, seeks to share educational experiences that will prepare individuals to excel as consumers, workers, and citizens in our economic systems and understand the workings of and opportunities to excel as they function in our competitive global economy. WBEA endeavors to support the link between business and technology instructors and partners with education, provide leadership and support for instructors of business and technology, encourage a strong alliance among all business and technology educators, and support education for better business practices. www.wbea.org

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