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LHU professors receive Peer Choice Awards



President Michael Fiorentino Jr. (second from right) with Peer Choice award recipients Dana Washington, Nicole Burkholder-Mosco and Paul Ballat.

At Lock Haven University's 2011 Founder's Day Convocation, three professors received Peer Choice Awards.

These awards are sponsored by the Linda J. Emanuel Teaching and Learning Center. Presenting the awards was Dr. James R. Bean, professor of psychology.

Peer Choice awards are given every year at convocation to recognize outstanding instructors, mentors, and advisers. Unlike many teaching awards given at colleges and universities that are based on student voting, these awards are based on the judgments of peer instructors who are often in each other's classes. LHU does have a Student's Choice award as well. Several instructors over the years have won both awards.

The Peer Choice awards carry stipends of \$300 to be spent on teaching-related travel or materials.

Dr. Nicole Burkholder-Mosco, associate professor of English, received an excellence in teaching and mentoring award for her creative teaching methods and ability to challenge students to

achieve their potentials in writing. Dr. Paul C. Ballat, professor of Health and Physical Education, received an award for excellence in teaching because of his ability to role model effective teaching to students who themselves will become teachers, and for his untiring support for his colleagues. Dana Washington, assistant professor of English, received an award for excellence in advisement because of her emphasis on the development of her students as whole persons.

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