The Second Professor Magda Vasillov
Distinguished Educator of the Year Award 2009-2010

The Professor Magda Vasillov Distinguished Educators of the Year are the ones who most closely mirror the characteristics of Professor Magda Vasillov which have been captured by the Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Council.

Professor Magda Vasillov always served as a compassionate, respectful, and nurturing mentor to faculty colleagues, staff, and students in her own department and college-wide.

Further, in all endeavors, she employed a philosophy of collaboration and commitment. As a good listener, Professor Vasillov was open to new ideas and made herself available to hear inquiries and engage professionally inside and outside of the classroom. She did not shy away from new innovations, but rather embraced change as a means to improvement. She was knowledgeable in her discipline and engaged in her practice with integrity and courage.

As a professional, Prof. Vasillov was a pioneer. Her passion to stay current with new research and teaching pedagogy prompted her to intentionally make her classroom a multidisciplinary environment during which students would study and relate to one another and to the content in various ways: tactually emotionally, spiritually, individually, and collectively. Being a leader, she was among the first to explore and create new online learning environments for the Hostos students.

Professor Vasillov was a founding mother of the Center for Teaching and Learning. Her vision helped shape the establishment and use of the professional teaching portfolio which has become a critical component in the reappointment, promotion, and tenure processes. Her presence continues to be evident in the efforts taken to help shift the culture of faculty engagement and scholarship on-campus. Her vision helped establish the Center for Teaching and Learning as a collaborative body of faculty working within and across academic departments and divisions.

As an educator, Professor Magda Vasillov was a visionary. She always engaged in new endeavors with a sense of wonder and hope. Her actions embodied the understanding that education is a life-long process during which the teacher becomes the student and the student becomes the teacher. She exercised excellence in teaching and learning; the act of doing being critical to the process.

For Prof. Vasillov no job worth doing well, was going to be easy. Professor Vasillov was an inspiration as a professional and as a person. Her continuous support offered during the hard and easy times, and her support, guidance, and access to endless resources was priceless. Her spirit of inquiry and love of learning will guide the vision of the Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Council now and in the future.

These are the characteristics with which the nomination for the Professor Magda Vasillov Distinguished Educator of the Year should be made.
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Nomination Process

• Nominate a full-time faculty member (no minimum years of service) or adjunct (minimum of 5 years of service) faculty member whose character reflects the description of Professor Magda Vasillov.

• Nomination must include the following: a one page profile of the candidate to justify the candidate’s nomination, a headshot of the candidate, and the candidate’s campus address, phone, and email.

• Nominations must be typed using 10 or 12 size font using Times New Roman or Arial type.

• Submissions should be sent electronically to the Center for Teaching and Learning email at ctl@hostos.cuny.edu by Friday, April 23rd, 2010

Voting Process

• From all of the nominations received, one full-time faculty member and one adjunct will be selected as finalists from each department.

• An electronic link will be sent to the Hostos and student distribution lists for voting. Each member of the Hostos community is granted one vote in each category. The two categories are: 1) Professors (including lecturers and instructors); 2) Adjuncts.

• Voting will be open from Friday, May 14th to Thursday, May 20th, 2010

• The full-time and adjunct members who receive the most votes will be awarded the Professor Magda Vasillov Distinguished Educator of the Year Award.

Award Process

• One full-time faculty and one adjunct will be selected to receive the Professor Magda Vasillov Distinguished Educator of the Year Award. The winners will be announced at the end-of-year faculty achievements celebration scheduled for May 26th, 2010. Save the Date!