

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards

The State Board will receive the names of the five finalists for the 2009 North Carolina Community College System/R.J. Reynolds *Excellence in Teaching Awards* at the October 18, 2009, meeting. This program, initiated by the State Board of Community Colleges in 1985, recognizes faculty who exemplify the highest standards of instruction.

The *Excellence in Teaching Award* winner will receive an \$8,000 cash award, a plaque, and statewide recognition. The winner's college foundation will receive a \$2,000 cash prize. All other finalists will receive a \$500 cash award, personal plaque, and the college plaque. These awards will be presented in the fall 2009 at a time, date, and place to be determined.

Forty-five community colleges nominated an outstanding individual from their full-time faculty. Five reviewers from community colleges and the System Office selected ten semi-finalists. The semi-finalists were interviewed by representatives from the NC Association of Community College Instructional Administrators, the NC Association of Community College Presidents, a past Excellence in Teaching Award recipient, and the System Office staff for the recommendation of five finalists. Ms. Naomi Dags (Chair), Mr. Chester Middlesworth, Dr. Linwood Powell, Mr. Eddie Madden, and Treasurer Janet Cowell (represented by Ms. Pam Wortham) have been named to the State Board Excellence in Teaching Award Selection Committee. They interviewed the five finalists and selected the 2009 winner and four runners-up on September 17, 2009.

Jennifer Brown, faculty member at Central Carolina Community College, was awarded the 2008 *Excellence in Teaching Award*.