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PSE awards recognize SVC faculty, staff excellence

MOUNT VERNON — Three Skagit Valley College employees have earned Puget Sound Energy Excellence Awards for their outstanding service to students and coworkers during the past academic year.

Mount Vernon Campus nursing instructor Flora Adams of Anacortes received the \$1,500 PSE Excellence in Teaching Award from PSE manager Cory Ertel during the college's commencement ceremony.

In nominations submitted by her peers, Adams was described as a leader who is deeply dedicated to her students, volunteering her own time to provide extra help to students beyond regularly scheduled classes. She also was noted for mentoring other faculty, making her a leader in the classroom and among her peers.

Skagit Valley College staff members Sindie Howland of Sedro-Woolley and Sherry Walker of Oak Harbor each received a \$500 PSE Staff Excellence Award. They were honored during the college's spring employee recognition celebration.

Howland is the Dean of Student Services administrative assistant in Mount Vernon. She came to SVC in 1997 and has also served as a cashier in the SVC Business Office. Peer nominations said Howland's expertise with commencement and other large group events was invaluable, ensuring beneficial participation by the college and the community. She was praised for demonstrating a strong commitment to students and identifying positive solutions for the entire student services area.

Walker is the Whidbey Campus vice president's administrative assistant in Oak Harbor. She began working part time in 1994 at SVC and moved to full-time in 1999. Peer nominations noted Walker's high level of professionalism in performing clerical and administrative tasks. She was described as the "go-to" person at the campus, possessing exceptional knowledge of its operations and programming.

SVC Foundation Director Carl Young said Puget Sound Energy's partnership with the college is appreciated. "PSE's support of excellence has helped us recognize our colleagues for their commitment to students," Young said.



Adams



Howland



Walker