

Glenda Nicke, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education at Black Hawk College, recently received the Illinois Workforce Partnership Individual Leadership Certificate of Recognition.

"I appreciate this very kind recognition by the Illinois Workforce Partnership. I am very fortunate to work for Black Hawk College, an institution that gives me and my team of very talented professionals the opportunity to do meaningful work," Nicke said.

Nicke joined the Workforce Development Board of Rock Island, Henry, and Mercer Counties in October 2001. The board oversees Partners in Job Training and Placement, the organization that nominated her for the recognition.

"She understands the literacy and workplace issues that affect youth and adult learners and the budget and management issues relating to the operation of grant-funded programs," her nomination states.

As the college's dean of adult and continuing education, Nicke oversees adult education programming at the college's facilities in Aledo, East Moline, Kewanee and Rock Island as well as the college's Business Training Center and the Professional and Continuing Education Department.

Nicke initially coordinated the Optional Education program, working with youth who had dropped out of traditional high schools. Over time her role in the workforce system widened to include adults and dislocated workers who were returning to school with lower basics skills.

In 2011, Nicke participated in a city of Rock Island project to assist refugees and immigrants. As a result, the Quad City Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees - a



Glenda Nicke (left) was presented the Illinois Workforce Partnership Individual Leadership Certificate of Recognition by Cathy Bizarri, Workforce Development Board staff member, and Mark Lohman, executive director of Rock Island Tri-County Consortium/Partners in Job Training and Placement.

clearinghouse for residents' services - was formed.

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