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## Jodi Devine wins top administrative staff award



A stunned Jodi Devine (left) accepts flowers and the Ferrari Award plaque from Nancy Vanderlugt (right), while nominator Heath Diehl (center) looks on.

The Administrative Staff Council recognized Jodi Devine's contributions both to the University Honors Program and to the community on May 12 when it named her the winner of the 2011 Michael R. Ferrari Award.

The top recognition for administrative staff, the Ferrari Award is given to those who not only do an exceptional job but who also promote harmony, have strong relationships with the University community and demonstrate dedication to the growth and betterment of BGSU and its students. Devine received \$1,000 and a reserved parking space for a year.

"For me, joining the University Honors Program was the best experience of my college career. Before the first day of classes, I was a member of a community that shaped me into the person that I am today," according to alumna Jaime Hannan, one of Devine's nominators.

As Hannan and other supporters wrote, it is Devine, associate director of honors and director of the Honors Learning Community, who has perhaps had the greatest impact on making the Honors Program the transformative experience it is today.

Although her duties are quite heavy, Devine never hesitates to give as much time as is needed to special projects, said Acting Director Heath Diehl, who relied heavily on her support when he was new to the position. She always

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## Bressler, Vollmar join roll of 'BG Best'



Scot Bressler with his BG Best award

Scot Bressler and Dawn Vollmar were recognized as among the "BG Best" at the

when he was new to the position. She shows a true understanding that education happens within the academic curriculum and outside it as well, and she continually shows innovation and resourcefulness in creating seamless and meaningful learning experiences for students.

Along the way, the extracurricular learning experiences also benefit others. For instance, she facilitates the program's engagement with children in the Court Appointed Special Advocate program and volunteers her own time as well.

On campus, she serves on several committees and is a team teacher, with Dr. Paul Moore, of the Presidential Honors classes.

"She is a consummate professional in everything that she does and she is without a doubt one of the best assets this University has to offer," Diehl said.

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annual reception hosted by Administrative Staff Council May 12.

Bressler, who recently retired as assistant director of intercollegiate athletics for personnel, is known to many as the "face of the Athletics Ticket Office" in Memorial Hall, said nominator Linda Kidd, Student Financial Aid. But she nominated him, she said, for the difference he made to many student-athletes.

"Over the years he encouraged and listened, mentored and molded these young people into being great leaders and loyal alumni of BGSU. There is no better role model for these young people than Scot."



BG Best honoree Dawn Vollmar (left) is congratulated by (left to right) Connie Molnar, Tina Coulter and Thad Long.

Vollmar is one of the "hidden treasures" among administrative staff, wrote her supervisor and nominator Tina Coulter, associate director for Student Financial Aid. As assistant director of the Program Management Unit of Student Financial Aid, Vollmar and her staff are responsible for the daily awarding, disbursement and reconciliation of \$161.8 million in federal financial aid plus another \$14.1 million in alternative student loans.

Vollmar's attention to detail is such that she has "been known to find and correct a \$1 discrepancy in order to successfully close each year, weeks in advance of the deadline," Coulter said.

"Dawn is truly one of the best at what she does in the financial aid profession as well as what she brings to BGSU in her kindness, contributions and perseverance that in the end results in financial assistance that is much needed by our students in order to attend BGSU."

Bressler and Vollmar are the last to receive "the bird" — the Zuni owl that has long been the gift to BG Best winners but is no longer being produced. A new statuette is being designed, which next year's winners will be presented.