

News Release

Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center Receives the 2007 BSCTC Cultural Diversity Recognition Award

Big Sandy Community and Technical College has launched a Cultural Diversity Recognition Award Program. In her introductory remarks, BSCTC Director of Cultural Diversity, Bernadette Tiapo, indicated that the award is “designed to recognize community organizations and individuals for their contributions in promoting diversity and global awareness in BSCTC and the surrounding community.”

The 2007 award was presented to Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center on August 1, 2007 during the BSCTC All College Meeting. The nomination of the Job Corps Center was unanimously approved by the Award Selection Committee. In a statement from the Award Selection Committee read by Janie Beverley, the Job Corps Center was hailed for encouraging diversity and cultural pluralism in the Big Sandy area.

Dr. George Edwards, President of BSCTC, presented the award to the Center Director, Mrs. Deborah Burchell. Also representing the Job Corps Center at the ceremony were: Lisa Marie Moore, Business Community Liaison; Sandra Collins, Career Development Services Director; and LouAnne Bowen, Career Preparation Phase Supervisor.

President Edwards thanked the Center Director for her leadership and hoped for a continuous, fruitful, and long lasting relationship between BSCTC and the Job Corps Center. Mrs. Burchell on her part thanked BSCTC on behalf of the staff and students of Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, underscoring the importance of collaboration, diversity, and mutual acceptance: “It is a great honor to have received this award ... it is true that when we know each other only then can we learn to accept and appreciate each other...”

The BSCTC Cultural Diversity Recognition Award is an annual program. Each year the program will recognize a community member/agency/organization for the diversity and exemplary contributions made to BSCTC and/or the surrounding communities.



Photo Caption 1: President Edwards presenting the award to Job Corps Center Director, Mrs. Deborah Burchell