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**Triton College Adjunct Faculty Catherine Sanders Awarded  
Outstanding Citizen Award by Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police**



*From left to right – Catherine Sanders and  
Marc Maton, vice president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Lemont police chief.*

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College adjunct instructor Catherine Sanders has been awarded the Outstanding Citizen Award by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, which was presented to her at the Triton College Board of trustees meeting on Tuesday, June 20. Sanders, who has been teaching criminal justice administration at Triton for the past 16 years, was nominated for the award by retired Willowbrook Police Chief Ed Konstanty.

Marc Maton, the vice president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Lemont Police Chief, presented the award to Sanders at the board meeting, and noted that the “Outstanding Citizen Award” is a statewide recognition program under the leadership and policy of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. This award is for citizens and police

personnel for their significant contributions to the cause of law enforcement in the state of Illinois.

Maton was personally proud to present the award to Sanders since he is her “police chief” and she resides in Lemont.

“Catherine received this award for her lifetime of professional commitment to public safety as a prosecutor and trainer of policing recruits,” said Maton.

Throughout her years teaching at Triton, Sanders has taught Report Writing, Criminal Law I, Criminal Law II, Laws of Evidence and Administration of Justice. Besides teaching at Triton, she’s also a site supervisor for NEMRT (North East Multi-Regional Training).

Sanders started her career as a high school English teacher at Bremen High School District 228 in Bremen Township for eight years. After making a career change, she held the position of Cook County assistant state’s attorney for 27 years. During that time, Sanders’ friend, who taught at Triton, suggested that she teach an Administration of Justice class two days a week. The class was for high school students allowing them to earn college credit.

“Since I was a certified high school teacher and had extensive knowledge of the criminal justice system, I was hired,” she explained.

Sanders feels that this award is a “great honor.” She’s proud to have worked with the assistant state’s attorney, as an adjunct faculty instructor and as a supervisor for NEMRT.

“I look forward to working with the law enforcement community for many years to come,” she said.

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