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Two outstanding Triton College faculty win separate outstanding state awards

River Grove, Ill. – Chemistry and accounting are not easy subjects for students, but for Triton College Adjunct Chemistry Faculty Mary Romberger and Accounting Faculty Julie Gilbert, it is a challenge worth seeing through to watch their students achieve success.

This passion and commitment to teaching was recognized: Romberger was selected by the Illinois Community College Trustee Association (ICCTA) as the 2014 Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Member; and Gilbert was presented with the 2014 Outstanding Educator Award by the Illinois Certified Public Accountants (CPA) Society, an award of which she was nominated for by her students.

Romberger of Oak Park has been teaching chemistry to students at Triton for the past 38 years with the thrill of “guiding students to discovery.” “What an honor,” she said of the statewide recognition, of which she was nominated for by her peers. “I was in disbelief when I found out.”

Romberger’s contributions to Triton over the years have been monumental: She’s co-authored manuals used in the chemistry labs. She’s been instrumental in providing input for laboratory renovations. And she’s contributed to Triton’s annual STEM Fair and Early College Awareness Program (ECAP) that provides her with the opportunity to teach youth and pique their interest about science.

Gilbert, also of Oak Park, teaches financial, managerial, cost and basic accounting courses at Triton, where she’s worked since August 2006. She spearheaded Triton’s Accounting Club in 2007 and created the Homework Connection program, providing students with one-on-one homework help from knowledgeable faculty.

They both look forward to joining in the celebration of Triton’s 50th anniversary this year.

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