Excellence in Education Award

Grace Foster, math instructor and Gamma Beta Phi advisor from 1985 to 1993, has been selected as the NC Gamma Beta Phi Excellence in Education Award recipient. The award recognizes people of outstanding character who have exhibited exemplary service in education. Ms. Foster, who has exhibited exemplary service in education on the local, state and national level, is well respected by her peers and is a favorite among students. Her motto in talking with prospective Gamma Beta Phi members is, “Don’t join unless you plan to serve.” This has been Ms. Foster’s personal motto as well. She is a member of several professional organizations on the state and national level. What’s more, she is an active member serving in leadership roles to benefit the local community. For example, as a member of the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCTM), Ms. Foster coordinates an Algebra I contest held on the BCCC campus each spring.

Her respect from peers is exemplified by the fact that she was selected Teacher of the Year in 1991 by the BCCC Faculty Senate and was also a nominee for the 1991 Award for Excellence in Teaching sponsored by the NC Department of Community Colleges.

Under Ms. Foster’s leadership, Gamma Beta Phi has received the Distinguished Chapter Award for the past eight years. Ms. Foster was nominated by the local chapter and state members chose her as the winner during the National Conference held in New Orleans in March. Ms. Foster was unaware of the nomination and was surprised at the Spring Induction ceremony when the announcement was made by Mandy Jones. Ms. Foster will be recognized at the Gamma Beta Phi State Convention in the fall.

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