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Century College Prof Receives National Honor for Online Writing Center

Dr. Brian Lewis of Century College's English Department has been selected to receive a national honor for his work with the college's Online Writing Center.

Lewis will receive a 2009 Diana Hacker Two-Year College Association honorable mention in the category of "fostering student success." Only one first prize and one honorable mention are given in this category for two-year college writing programs nationally each year.

Lewis' submission, "Building Community Online: Discussion Boards in a Two-Year College Online Writing Center," shows "originality, commitment and high standards," wrote TYCA Chair Sandie McGill Barnhouse.

In his submission, Lewis shared how the Online Writing Center has been using discussion boards to build student community.

"We are proud of Brian and grateful for his work on behalf of students," said Acting Century College President John O'Brien. "We believe that the Online Writing Center reflects the innovative spirit of our faculty and is welcomed by students who are looking for more flexible access to our services."

Lewis will receive his award at an event March 14 at the College Conference on Composition and Communication Conference in San Francisco. His achievement also will be acknowledged in *Teaching English in the Two-Year College*, the national two-year college journal, and on the National TYCA website. Also attending the awards ceremony will be Century English professors Laurie Lykken, Chris Weyandt and Gordon Pueschner, who have tutored in the Online Writing Center.