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Century Professor Wins National Leadership Award

Prof. Michele Neaton of Mahtomedi, the director of the Center for Teaching and Learning at Century College, has been awarded the Helen Burnstad National Leadership Award by the North American Council for Staff, Program and Organizational Development (NCSPOD).

This award is given to a person who has made significant contributions in writing, research, leadership or advocacy to promote the goals of staff, program and organizational development at the national or international level.

Neaton received the award at a ceremony in Vancouver, British Columbia, in October.

Neaton is the coordinator of the nationally-recognized Teaching Circles at Century, a development program that was a finalist for the national Bellwether Award in 2005 and also won the League for Innovation's Innovation of the Year award in 2005. In 2007, Neaton won the Minnesota State Colleges and universities Board of Trustees Excellence in Teaching Award.

Neaton has been teaching at the college level for more than three decades in the communication field. She has been at Century College since 1986, where she has been active in faculty development since 1998. As director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, Neaton is the principal planner and coordinator for faculty development at Century, which includes such programs as the New Faculty Institute, Teaching Circles and Peer Consultation.